



# Arena Softball Rules



Players may only play on one team, no exceptions! Each participant must sign a roster prior to playing in any game.

**All teams may bat 12 players and play 11 in the field.** All teams may start with 8 players, with no penalty. The other players may be added to the bottom of the line-up as they arrive, up to the 12<sup>th</sup> batter.

Teams may only have 1 catcher and 1 pitcher at any time; all other defensive players must either be infielders or outfielders.

Mixed Teams may bat with 8-12 players. Batting lineup must be alternated with male and female players. Teams should have a minimum of 4 female players, however teams can have more. **Teams can start with either a male or female in the batting order.**

Official score will be kept by umpire. Any team may keep a game score (score sheets available from field supervisor Tony Dawson, Chad Zanotti, or Josh McGinnis).

Only Granbury stamped softballs are allowed to be used.

There will be one pitch only to each batter (3-2 count). Pitch ball: 3'-release to 10' max applies.

Any struck ball that hits the batter while he/she is still in the batter's box is ruled a strike. The batter will be ruled out.

All batters must take a full swing at the ball, **no bunts or chops!** Anyone turning in the batter's box to hit a pitched ball backwards will be called out and ejected from the league.

**There are no foul balls in the league; the ball is always in fair territory as long as it does not leave the playing field.**

The batter is out if he/she hits the ball and it leaves the field of play on the fly, i.e. any ball over the backstop or over the fences.

Any ball that bounces over a fence or is touched by a fielder and goes over a fence is ruled a ground rule double. No four base errors.

All offensive players, unless a team wants bases coaches must remain in their dugout. If any batted ball touches an offensive player/coach before a defensive player has the opportunity to make a play the ball will be declared dead, the batter is out and all baserunners must return to their base.

If a close play is occurring at home plate, the runner must either slide, or give themselves up. Any collision caused by the runner at home plate will possibly face ejection and suspension from league.

Any player ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct must be replaced with a legal substitute or that team will forfeit that game.

The league director and/or supervisor have the right to rule on anything not covered on this rules sheet or in the USSSA rulebook.



## PARTICIPANT'S CONDUCT POLICY



1. Any player involved in any type of unsportsmanlike conduct, including both physical and verbal fighting, inappropriate language, and/or violating park rules will be ejected from the game.
2. Any player who verbally abuses an umpire(s) or any other player(s) will be ejected from the game. Any spectator who verbally abuses an umpire(s) or any other player(s) will be escorted from the softball/baseball complex by GPRD staff and face possible suspension.
3. Any player who forcefully throws a bat or equipment in an unsportsmanlike like manner will be automatically ejected.
4. Any player ejected from a game must leave the playing area immediately and the softball/baseball complex within 2 minutes, or they will cause the game to be forfeited. Any player ejected may be suspended from the following game and/or league and charges may be filed depending on the offense. All ejections will be notated in the official scorebook by the scorekeeper/umpire with the inning, count, player's number/name, and reason. Following the game, the umpire(s) will fill out an incident report form. All ejections may be subject to review by a GPRD Softball Committee.
5. Any intentional contact with a player to separate the ball will result in an automatic out. During a play at the plate the runner will be called out if the umpire determines that the runner has used excessive force and can warrant a possible ejection.
6. Only designated coaches will be allowed to protest a call to an umpire.
7. All teams are responsible for removing trash in their dugouts. Teams and spectators are responsible for removing trash from the bleacher area. Verbal warnings will be issued to teams that disregard this policy. Please help keep your park clean.
8. NO alcohol or illegal drugs on the premises.\*

**\*ALL PARK REGULATIONS  
WILL BE FOLLOWED.**

**\* ARTICLE 1.04, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF GRANBURY**