

NSAD Co-Ed Rules

NSAD wants to make clear that the Co-Ed tournament is recreational during our annual NSAD Tournament.

NSAD has set the rules for the Co-Ed tournaments only.

Note: Co-Ed rules are not under NSAD's bylaws.

1. TEAM COMPOSITION:

A team can play up to 12 players in a game. On defense, a team must field a minimum of 9 players or a maximum of 10 fielders. On offense, a team may bat 9, 10, 11 or 12 players. Any player that bats but does not play on defense will be considered as an EH (extra hitter).

The batting order must alternate gender until it is no longer possible. (I.E. a team is batting 6 males and 4 females. The first 8 batters will alternate gender. The last 2 batters will be males.

The EH can be inserted anywhere in the line-up, but males and females must alternate.

The first batter in the line-up may be either male or female.

In the event of an injury, if a team cannot replace the injured player with another player of the same gender, that team will not be penalized. The missing player will be skipped in the lineup. If a team is left with 8 players or less, the game will end and the team that is shorthanded will have to forfeit.

LEGAL LINEUPS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 9 players: minimum 3 females, maximum 6 males, all fielders bat, the missing 10th batter will be an automatic out when it's the 10th batter's turn to bat.
 - 9 players: minimum 4 females, maximum 5 males, all fielders bat, no out will be awarded.
 - 10 players: minimum 4 females, maximum 6 males, all fielder bat.
 - 11 players: minimum 5 females, maximum 6 males, all fielders bat. The one player not playing defense is EH.
 - 12 players: minimum 5 females, maximum 7 males. When batting 12 a lineup of 6 females and 6 males may be used. Normal line up is 7 males and 5 females. All fielders bat, the 2 players not playing defense are the EH's. The EH's **MUST** be 1 male and 1 female OR 2 females. The EH **cannot** be 2 males.
2. **TOURNAMENT BALLS:** Men will hit the 12" ball and women will hit the 11" ball. If the wrong ball is hit, the offensive team will have the option of taking the play as it stands, or returning the batter to the batter's box with the last ball and strike count prior to the play.
 3. **GRACE PERIOD:** There will be no grace period for any scheduled games unless the Tournament Director, Commissioner and Umpire-in Chief grant to have a grace period.
 4. **HOME AND VISITOR:** It will be determined by a coin flip.
 5. **GIVE A WALK TO MALE BATTER:** With less than two outs, if a male batter is walked (intentionally or not), he is awarded second base, (he must touch the first base before going to second), the next batter, (female), must bat. If there are two outs the male batter is still awarded second base, and the next batter, (female), has the option to bat or walk to first base. The option is given before the next legal or illegal pitch to the female batter. Once a pitch is made, there is no option and the batter must hit.
 6. **HOMERUN LIMIT:** The "over the fence" home run rule: after the initial one (1) male home run and one (1) female home run "over the fence home run, all other" over the fence" hits will be outs. If it is **the third time**, the inning will end.
 7. **TIME LIMIT:**
 - a. Game length is seven innings or when the 65-minute time limit has expired.
 - b. All games tied at the end of a regulation game during robin round games, it will be a tied game except for the elimination tournament (it will be played to completion using Kansas City Tie Breaker Rule except for the championship game).
 8. **KANSAS CITY TIE BREAKER RULE:** If the score is tied after seven innings or the time limit expires, the offensive team will place the last official batter from the previous inning on second base. The next batter in the lineup will start with a full count (one pitch). The procedure is repeated until a winner is declared.

9. **FLIP/FLOP RULE:** In the inning when the Run Rule for that particular game is exceeded and the Home Team is losing, the Home Team will remain at bat and become the Visiting Team. If the Team (new visiting Team) does not score enough runs to reduce the Mercy Run Rule, the Game is over. If they reduce the Mercy Run Rule to below the Run Rule then the new Home Team will bat. If they subsequently score enough runs to exceed the Mercy Run Rule the Game will be over. If they do not, the Game will continue under the format. If the situation reverse, the Teams would flip/flop again.
 - a. 20 runs in the end of 2nd inning the Flip/flop in 3rd inning.
 - b. 15 runs in the end of 3rd inning the Flip/flop in 4th inning.
 - c. 10 runs in the end of 4th inning the Flip/flop in 5th inning.
 - d. The home team is down in the end of 6th inning then Flip/flop in 7th inning.
10. **BALL-STRIKE RULE** starts the count; 1 ball and 1 strike on all batters with **no courtesy foul** after the batter has 2 strikes on him/her.
11. **STRIKE ZONE:** 5' to 12' arc pitch from ground will include any black part of home plate include back parts of the plate and the black mat attached to the plate. If the pitched balls hit on the black mat, a strike will be called.
12. **COURTESY RUNNER:** Courtesy runner guidelines are as follows. Courtesy runners must be 1) male for male or 2) female for female or male. Teams must declare a courtesy runner to the umpire before he/she assumes base running responsibilities.
 - a. One per inning, a base runner may replace with a courtesy runner. Both will be exempt from the re-entry rule.
 - b. Legal courtesy runners are as follows and must be used in this order.
 - i. The player who was the last out.
 - ii. The player farthest away in the lineup from the runner.
13. **MERCY RUN RULE:** The "Mercy Rule" will go into effect after **3rd inning** if the margin is greater than **20** runs, in the **4th inning** if the margin is greater than **15** runs and in the **5th inning** if the margin is greater than **10** runs.
14. **PLAYER STATUS:** Any female player on Women's team or any male player on Men's team playing at their division team at NSAD tournament are not allowed to play for Co-Ed team at NSAD tournament.
15. **CODA/SODA RULE:** Allow 2 CODA/SODA male players and 2 CODA/SODA female players to participate on a COED team. Note: The SODA player must play with his/her deaf sibling on the team.
16. **BATS:** Approved by USSSA and ASA (note: watch out for the update of banned bats.)
 - a. All bats must be marked with the words. "Official Softball" and should be marked with a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.20 or less. If the bat is not marked with BPF then the bat is illegal.
 - b. A player in violation (using an illegal bat alas shaved bats) will be ejected from the **tournament**. Also his coach will be ejected from the game. An out is called and all action is nullified.
 - c. **Next year**, Coed teams **may** use the NSAD approved bats (single wall only, no composite barrel, and no multi-wall bats). Some bats with composite handles are allowed. Any bats that have 'shell technology', 'exterior shell', 'double wall' or similar wording are multi-wall bats are not allowed. The NSAD Adult Co-Ed Softball Approved Bat List will be posted next year.
17. **TECHNICAL OUT:** A sanction against those teams or individuals, whose behavior is unacceptable, be the umpire judges the ejection is too severe a penalty; the umpire may involve the technical out against the offending team.
 - a. **OFFENSE:** If the team at bat is guilty of unsportmanship-like conduct the umpire may enforce an out against team. If this is the first or second out of the inning, the game continues with batters and base runners unaffected; an additional out is simple added to the team's total. If the technical out is the third out of the inning, the next inning will resume with a fresh one and one count.
 - b. **DEFENSE:** If the team in the field is guilty of unsportmanship-like conduct the umpire may invoke the technical outs may be not assessed against the same team. At least one

pitch (legal or illegal) must intervene. An ejection for any unsportmanship-like behavior or must be accompanied by the charging of an out against the offending team.

18. **UMPIRES:** Verbal or physical abuse by players, coaches, and spectators will not be tolerated! Umpires may call forfeiture of game if players, coaches or spectators are out of control.
 - a. The judgment call will not change at all. Only the umpire's ruling and why it was incorrect then you may correct with your protest before the new pitch.
 - b. It shall be responsibility of the coach to control the actions of his/her players and fans. Only team members on the NSAD team registration form are permitted on the team bench.
 - c. A player ejected from a game for misconduct may be subject to following minimum penalties: (coach will be notified with length of player suspension).
 - i. 1st Ejection- he/she cannot play that game.
 - ii. 2nd Ejection- he/she cannot play the whole tournament.
19. **UNIFORMS:** Teams are required to wear like jersey shirts only.
20. **PETS:** No pets of any kind are allowed in the ballpark.
21. Besides our optional rules, we will also follow the different softball associations (USSSA, ASA, NSA and ISA). This year we will use ASA rules in Portland.