

ADULT SOFTBALL

RULES AND REGULATIONS

We would like to welcome you as a participant in the Adult Leagues of Sealy Softball Program.

Please read the rules at your first opportunity to familiarize yourself with our league's rules and regulations.

Wishing you and your team a very enjoyable and successful season.

ROSTER INFORMATION

All Teams must submit rosters at the time of registration. Team rosters must include first and last names of all players. Teams are allowed to have a max of 16 players (this is including any subs).

Players full names must appear on the registration roster on file with the Adult Leagues of Sealy. Substitute players may also be picked up from other teams. All players/subs must fill out a waiver before entering the field.

TOURNAMENTS: Teams are allowed one male and one female that are not on the official team roster.

Umpires will not decide the player(s) eligibility.

Penalty: If a protest is lodged against any offended team and it is verified by staff, a forfeit of the game shall be declared for incomplete roster or ineligible player.

TEAM NAME

Team names are subject to approval by staff. Inappropriate and/or vulgar names are not accepted and may be modified by staff.

LENGTH OF OFFICIAL GAMES

50 minute – finish the inning.

DURING A TOURNAMENT

In the event of a tie: 1 more complete inning will be played giving both the offense and defense equal opportunity. If the score remains tied, there will be a modified extra inning(s). Each player will get one pitch, ball is a walk, strike is an out.

In case of rain, light failure, etc. the completion of thirty (30) minutes constitutes as a completed game.

The fifteen (15) run rule will be in effect after three (3) innings, or ten (10) run rule after five (5) innings. There will be a 5 run per inning limit. Walks are issued. Lead off and stealing bases is prohibited.

**Championship game is 7 full innings, no time limit. The 5 run rule will be in effect for the first 6 innings. The 7th inning runs are open (no run limit).

SCHEDULES/SCORES

Schedules will be sent out via text message to the team manager on a group managers text. It will be the team managers responsibility to make sure each team member has their schedule. It will also be the team managers responsibility to send their teams scores into the same managers text each Friday night.

FORFEIT TIME

Teams must have 9 players present to start the game. Coed must have a minimum of 4 females and 5 males. If a team has only 3 females, they may start the game and take an out for the 4th females batting position. If for any reason your team can not make a game this will be considered a forfeit resulting in a loss for forfeited team and a win for opposing team.

RAINOUT INFORMATION

Team managers will be contacted via managers group text or phone call regarding any weather cancellation of games. Depending on season status and field scheduling these cancellations may or may not be able to be made up. There is no refund of registration due to weather cancellations.

PLAYER CONDUCT

Team managers are responsible for leading the example for the conduct of their players and fans, before, during, and after all games. Poor conduct towards any person involved in Adult Leagues of Sealy including harassment of officials, players, and staff will not be tolerated at any time. Harassment or misconduct of any kind may result in player and/or team suspension from the league with no refund. Fighting will not be tolerated. If any player or team is suspended for any of the above inappropriate behavior at any time during the season, no refund will be given, regardless of how many games are left. Commissioners/board reserve the right to suspend any player/team for an entire season (including full upcoming season based on season status at time of infraction) based on severity of misconduct. Commissioners also reserve the right to suspend any player/team indefinitely from the league based on misconduct. Upon any suspension, commissioners do **not** have to give a written notice.

ALCOHOL/DUGOUT & FIELD EXPECTATIONS

Alcohol is permitted but must be concealed. NO alcohol is permitted in the dugout or field areas. Glass bottles are prohibited from the entire park, this is a City of Sealy ordinance. It is each managers responsibility to make sure that the dugouts and field area are completely picked up of all trash and equipment at the end of each game. We also ask for all players and fans to help keep the bleachers and exterior of fields picked up of trash. The entire park should be left as clean as when players arrive. Failure to comply with any of the above-mentioned expectations may result in the entire league suspension from the City of Sealy.

PLAYER INJURIES

The City of Sealy nor the Adult Leagues of Sealy organization are responsible for any injuries to any participants of the program. ALL participants are playing/spectating at their own risk. All players should be aware that softball can be a hazardous activity and by voluntarily participating in this activity there are numerous dangers and risks involved.

GENERAL RULES

A: Games will be played in accordance with ASA rules and regulations, as always umpires/officials have the final say.

B: Equipment -

Bats – The umpires/officials have sole discretion to remove any bat they deem is unsafe for play by rule.

Official softballs will be provided by league...

MENS:

.52 Cor/300 Compression

12”

Yellow optic cover/red stitch

ASA Logo

WOMENS:

.44 Cor/375 Compression

11”

Yellow optic cover/red stitch

ASA Logo

C: Uniforms –

For league play, uniforms are not required and are at the team's discretion. Exposed jewelry, which is deemed by umpire to be dangerous, must be removed and may not be worn during the game. Steel or metal cleats are NOT allowed, this is a park regulation. Any player found wearing said cleats is subject to ejection from game.

D: Players –

All players must be 18 years of age or older to participate in the Adult Leagues of Sealy softball program. Umpires/officials/commissioners reserve the right to request valid identification at any time for age verification.

E: Teams at Bat –

While your team is at bat the only people on the field should be current batter, on deck batter, and base coach. Every other player is to be in the dugout. This is a safety issue and umpires reserve the right to stop the games and/or could result in interference calls if teams are not compliant.

F: Dugout –

Roster players are the only people allowed in the dugout. For safety concerns there are no children allowed in dugouts or on the fields. The City of Sealy nor the Adult Leagues of Sealy are responsible for any accidents/injuries.

COED MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 9 PLAYERS TO START A GAME

POSITIONING:

Ten (10) players that include either (4) females and (6) males OR (5) females and (5) males with the following field requirements...

Pitcher and catcher positions must be alternating male/female. Example if a male is pitching a female must catch, if a female is pitching a male must catch. The infield must consist of at least 2 females (no position requirements). The outfield may consist of 3 or 4 players with males and females alternating positions.

For example, 2 males and/or 2 females must not be next to each other. The batting order must also alternate sexes. Team must have at least 9 players to start game. If a team has only 3 females, they may start the game and take an out for the 4th females batting position.

COURTESY FOUL:

All batters (male and female) begin with a 1 & 1 count (one ball & one strike) before they enter the batter's box. One extra foul on the 3rd strike will be allowed. The 2nd foul is an out. (Example: Batter begins with 1 ball and 1 strike, they foul off 2 pitches and the next foul is an out).

COURTESY RUNNER:

Any eligible player on the official lineup may be used as a courtesy runner. You may have 1 courtesy male and 1 courtesy female runner per inning.

HOMERUN RULE:

In park homeruns are allowed. Out of park homeruns count on Fields 1 and 5. Out of park homeruns on Field 2 (short field) by a male player will result in a single base, all base runners will advance 1 base regardless of force or not. Out of park homeruns on Field 2 by a female player will result in a homerun.

