



CALDWELL CITY RECREATION

CO-ED SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES Revised 4/18

- 1) Game times are 6:30, 7:45, & 9:00 pm. There will be a 10-minute grace period for the 6:30 game only. Games are limited to 1 hour and 15 minutes. No new inning will start after 1hr and 5 minutes
- 2) League play will be Tuesday & Thursday nights at Armory Ball Field.
- 3) Each team will furnish a new regulation 11" (women's) and one 12" (men's) USSSA softball at the beginning of each game.
- 4) Bats MUST have official USSSA stamp. Bats can be dual stamped.
- 5) 15 run rule will be implemented after 4 innings and 10 after 5.
- 6) **Homerun rule is 3 and progressive. After a team has 3 home runs they may not have more than 1 homerun than the opposing team. This will result in an out if they have 2 more than the opposing team.**
(MEN ONLY – WOMEN ARE ALLOWED UNLIMITED HOMERUNS)
- 7) Every "At-Bat" will start with a 1-1 count. **NO COURTESY FOUL!**
- 8) All players must be on and have signed team roster to be eligible to play.
Rosters will freeze on June 7th!
- 9) Players must play in at least 3 regular season games to be eligible to play in end of season tournament.
- 10) Teams must have a minimum of 9 players to start. A team may begin batting with 8 players providing the 9th player is there when they take the field, otherwise the game is a forfeit. Each time the 10 spot comes up in the order, it is an out until 10th player arrives, he or she must occupy that spot in the order.
- 11) Home team will be the official book, please mark down start time.
- 12) No alcohol will be allowed in a team's dugout. Player's are prohibited from drinking alcohol during their scheduled game. Failure to comply will result in disqualification for the night.
- 13) **NO STEAL CLEATS ALLOWED!**
- 14) In reference to a walk of male batter, any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. The exception to that rule is with two outs the female hitter has the option to walk or bat.
- 15) Players must be a minimum of 16 years old to participate with a signed parental consent form attached to league roster if a minor.
- 16) Foul language used by a player will result in an out to the offending player's team. If the team is in the field when the Language is used the out will applied to the team's next at-bat. Sportsmanship is at a premium and unsportsmanlike acts will not be tolerated.
- 17) A courtesy runner may be used. Must be a player of same gender who made the last out or scored a run ahead of the person need a courtesy runner. 1 per gender per inning.
- 18) Home team please email your results daily to jwilliamson@cityofcaldwell.org
- 19) Will use secondary scoring plate, all outs at home are forced. 10 ft. commit line on 3rd base line, once you cross you must commit.

- 20) **If ball hits power line and ball lands in fair territory, ball will be ruled a fair ball (Armory Only).**
- 21) **Pitchers masks are required for play, Caldwell Rec will have two masks that can be borrowed if needed.**

Protest procedure

COMPLAINTS: As we all know, officials can miss calls. It is just a part of being human. Please try to handle these issues like adults. This year we are implementing a 12 hour rule. If there is a discrepancy on the rule or call on the field, you must wait 12 hours to voice this to me. If you feel that after that “cool down” period, the issue is still worth voicing, please contact me. This is meant to slow down some of my “after hours” calls/texts/facebook messages. I want to be an open book for everyone BUT certain things can wait until I’m back in the office at 8am.

- 22) **Protests on player eligibility must be as follows: The protest must be in writing with a copy of the original scorebook (which umpires have signed or initialed) to Recreation office. A full description of the player in question must be provided including full name and number when possible... The protest must be brought to the attention of the Recreation Department within 48 hours of the game in question except for City Tourney, see below.**

(Exception: In tourney play protest must be done prior to 12:00 the next day. If during Championship game, ruling will be done immediately by Tourney Director. Once postseason awards have been given out, a protest shall not be honored.

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Thanks for your cooperation & good Luck!!!