

# ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

## 2022 ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL RULES

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1. The **2022 A.S.A. rule book** will be used with a few exceptions. Each manager, coach, and player should realize it is your responsibility to know the rules. With that said let's remember we are out here to recreate, get some exercise and have fun! You can find an electronic copy of the rulebook at: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/>
2. **Alcohol and tobacco are not allowed on school property. Since games are on school property, smoking and drinking are not allowed. This also includes the field of play and dugouts.** Teams and/or individuals who do not abide by this rule may be removed from the league schedule, forfeit tournament at the end of the season, and no refund of team fees will be given. If use continues entire league may be cancelled. It is the manager/coaches responsibility to make sure their team abides by this rule.
3. The men will bat with a wood SOFTBALL bat. The bat must be ASA/USA Softball stamped. Broken or cracked bat must not be used. Women can either bat with an aluminum bat or a wood bat. Everyone will bat with an 11" ball. Home team will provide two 11" game balls (one new and one back-up) to the umpire before the start of the game. The league will provide one wood bat and new game balls to each team as part of their registration fee.
4. Please check the game schedule to find out which team is the Home team. The home team, will be the official scorekeeper, and will take the field to begin the game.
5. **The ASA rule book denotes that the slow pitch strike zone is that the pitch that is one thrown with an arc between 6' to 10' high and travel thru the strike zone** (if watching from behind home plate, the pitch should definitely go above the pitcher's head),. If the ball hits home plate at all, it will be considered a ball.
6. Teams can have as many players on their roster as they want. Each team is allowed two players under 18, but they must be at least 16 years old. All other players must be 18 or older. All players must have signed the roster before playing. Ideally defensive teams should consist of 5 men and 5 women. They can play any position they want in the field. A team can never have more men than women on the field at any time. (Teams can play with 8 players, 4 men and 4 women.) *Teams may bat as many players as they want but can never bat two men back to back.* Rosters cut-off date is July 31<sup>st</sup>, players need to be added to your roster by this date in order to be eligible to participate in the end of season tournament. **\*\*Since some players play on more than one team during the season, for the end of season tournament players need to pick one team to play on, once that team loses they are done playing in the tournament.**
7. Substitutions may take place at any time. However, re-entry must be made in the same spot in the batting order.
8. Pre-game warm up will be allowed if there is time. No infield/outfield practice will be taken.

9. It is recommended that catchers/pitcher wear face protection. Shoes must be worn at all times. It is also recommended that teams have matching jerseys.
10. **When the male player walks he goes to second base, after touching first, and if there are less than 2 outs the female player has to bat. With two outs the female player has the option of walking to first base or batting, but this must be reported to the umpire prior to her getting into the batter's box.**
11. Sliding is optional (see exception below). Headfirst slides are not recommended. Players must not intentionally try to break-up a double play. The runner will be called out if they interfere with a fielder who is attempting to throw or field the ball. If one is not comfortable sliding, one must take the out.
  - A) **To avoid collisions at home plate**, there will be a commitment line drawn between third base and home plate. The line is halfway from third base towards home plate. As soon as the runner passes the commitment line on the way to home plate the runner cannot return to third base. The runner must cross the area directly behind the catcher and in front of the umpire before the ball and catcher reaches home plate. The play will become a "FORCED" out instead of a "TAG" out. The base runner will be called out if they step on homeplate (this includes home runs.)
12. **With a play being made to first base, from an infielder, the batter baserunner must run to the orange portion of the base** (the runner will be called out if this rule is not followed). **On a base hit to the outfield the runner may use the white bag.**
13. If a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the fifth inning, the game is officially over at that time. If both teams would like to continue, they may as long as they stay within the time limitations.
14. No **new** inning shall start after 1 hour and 15 minutes of play. There are no lights at Island View Rotary Field; therefore we must stay within the time limitations. Please hustle on and off the field between innings to help out!
15. The team that is winning may only score 7 runs more than the team they are playing. The losing team can tie the score, and also score 7 more runs in their half inning. *\*\*In a league such as ours where there can be great disparity in team ability levels. This rule helps to keep games moving. Especially when teams have trouble getting a third out. – NO 7 RUN PER INNING RULE WILL BE USED DURING THE END OF THE SEASON TOURNAMENT.*
  - A) Home Run Rule: **2** Home Run Progressive. Once a team hits a home run they cannot hit another one until the other team hits one. *\*\*If they do hit a home run before the other team does, it will be counted as a ground rule single. (Players on base will only advance one base, whether they are forced or not.) "Hit & Go get it" rule. If you hit a home run you then you have to go get the ball you hit out. *Players that hit home runs (that count as a HR) and any base runners need to round the bases and pass the scoring line. Do not touch homeplate.**
16. Courtesy runners are allowed, and are defined as:
  - \*Any player injured during the game may have a courtesy runner. A player of the same gender who registered the last out that his/her team made will be the courtesy runner.
  - \*One courtesy runner may be named prior to the start of a game. The courtesy runner in this instance will also be the player of the same gender who registered the last out that his/her team made. If at the

start of the game with no outs for a particular gender, the player of the same gender at the bottom of the batting order will be designated the courtesy runner.

17. Please refrain from using profanity the **Washington State Casual Profanity Rule will be used (After the first warning the next offender will cause the following batter to be called out and NOT BAT)**
18. **On all overthrows the ASA rule book says that the players will be awarded 2 bases from the release of the ball, i.e. If the batter baserunner has touched first and the ball is then released and goes out of play the batter baserunner will be awarded third base..** Everything within the fence is in play at Rotary Field.
19. In the event of a rainout or inclement weather, team captains/managers will be notified via email or text of any game cancellations. If it begins to rain during a game, both teams and the umpire must agree as to whether to finish the game or not. Please be aware that playing a game in the rain can impact the field! Umpires will include this factor in your decision process. Rainouts may or may not be made up (depending on field availability).
20. For safety, metal cleats are not allowed. (This includes football or soccer cleats that have rubber covering the metal portion.)
21. Base distances are 70 feet, and the pitcher's mound is only at 50 feet. This means the pitcher should always be ready to cover his/her face and/or get out of the way reasonably quickly!
22. Removing all jewelry is recommended; however if worn, it is at the risk of the player. This includes wrist watches.
23. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS A RECREATIONAL LEAGUE! Do not yell at the umpires; it will not be tolerated. Do not run over people in the base paths, do not block the **base**, etc. We all need to work together to make this league work and fun for all. If you have comments, concerns, etc., please call Dustin South at APRD to eliminate problems before they become a major concern. Please contact Dustin at 360-299-1948 or email [dustins@cityofanacortes.org](mailto:dustins@cityofanacortes.org) *The game schedules may be changed as the season goes along. Please check the field book for revised copies.*

## "Just for Fun"