



2010 Chaska Co-Rec Softball Rules



A.S.A. Softball rules will be followed with the addition of the following Chaska rules.

1. **Minimum age is 18.**

2. Rosters are limited to 20 in number. Anyone participating must be on the roster. Changes can be made until July 2nd, NO EXCEPTIONS. **Both teams are required to exchange lineups before the game begins.**



3. Team managers must have a current team roster at all games - regular season and playoffs.

4. A game can be played with 8, 9, or 10 players. The number of men cannot exceed the number of women. Would be 9th or 10th players are not to be indicated as automatic outs.

5. On a bobbled fly ball in the outfield, the runner may leave the base as soon as the fielder makes contact with the ball.

6. The 3 ball, 2 strike format will be used. A second foul ball on a batter with 1 strike is recorded as an out.

7. No new inning will begin after the 1 hour scheduled game time. You must finish the inning you are in. Games may end in a tie. However, during playoffs, you may put the last person out on 2nd base and each team automatically has one out. If necessary, five innings will be considered a regulation game.



8. A 10 run rule after 5 innings will be in effect.

9. Only regulation ASA softball bats and balls are allowed. For a list of certified equipment please see their website at www.asasoftball.com.

10. Players removed from the game must re-enter in the same batting order as they were and not as a pinch hitter. They must re-enter the field. Exception to the rule would be if there was an injury and no replacements are available.

11. Teams will be allowed to pitch from a distance of 40' or 46'.



12. A pitched ball must have a minimum of 6' arc and a maximum of **10'** from the ground. Teams are reminded that this is a recreational co-ed activity and that every player should make every effort to play their representative position to make it an enjoyable experience for all participants.

13. Men and women must alternate in the batting order. A walked player automatically gets 2nd base and the next batter has the option to bat or walk to 1st base.

14. No defensive player may play in advance of an imaginary line connecting first base to second base to third base.

15. Courtesy runners will be allowed, men for men and women for women, but only in the event of an injury, and this must be the person who made the last out.

16. **You must start the game at the scheduled time.** There will not be a grace period for late teams.
17. No bunting allowed. No leading off is allowed. Sliding is allowed.
18. An imaginary arch made from a 90' radius measured from the pitching rubber toward the outfield will be that line which all outfielders, including the short fielder, must remain behind until the bat makes contact with the ball. **The exception to this rule will be when the game is being played on Field 2.**
19. Unsportsmanlike conduct and unnecessary roughness will not be tolerated and an offender is subject to immediate removal from the game. As an example when a woman is covering a base for either a force or tag situation a man must not run into her "STANDING" up for the purpose of jarring the ball loose or hook slide into a bag for the sole purpose of TAKING HER OUT OF THE PLAY.
20. Co-Ed defense positioning shall include 2 males and 2 females in the outfield. 2 males and 2 females in the infield and 1 male and 1 female in the pitcher-catcher positions. Exception: If there are more women than men, women may play any position. You do not have to alternate man/woman, man/woman. Men cannot take the women out of the play. **Players must remain in the same defensive position for the entire inning.** Example: A man running right in front of a woman to steal the ball from her.
21. Runners coming home must either slide or attempt to avoid a collision with the catcher. The runner may not crash into the catcher in an attempt to dislodge the ball. Any such interference will result in an out to the player. If the runner is coming home and the ball has not been thrown, then the catcher must move out of the way of the runner. This applies to both the women and the men.
22. The pitcher can back up the catcher, but cannot take the catcher out of the play. If this occurs, all runners are automatically ruled safe.
23. Casual Profanity Rule – pertains to expletives uttered by a player, coach/ manager frustrated with himself/herself, a teammate or fan. Penalty is an out being declared against the offending team.
24. Each team is allowed 4 over the fence home runs. Each home run after that will be an automatic out.
25. If a team forfeits 3 times, they are automatically out for the season. The umpire will mark it on the scorecard by circling the team that did not show.



26. During the regular season, if you have less than 8 players when the game is about to begin, you can pull in a player from another team as long as you have the opposing teams approval. The person that you pull in must be from the same division as your team. During playoffs, this rule will not be in effect.



27. The winner of the lower division regular season and playoffs must move to the upper division the next season.