

## Renton Co-Ed Softball Rule Highlights

Official USA Softball Rules shall govern league play, with the following exceptions stated in the “City of Renton Supplemental Softball Rules and Regulations”.

Teams must start and finish a game with a minimum of eight players (minimum of four males and four females). If at any time during a game a team has fewer than 8 players participating, the game will be considered a forfeit. Players may only participate on one City of Renton co-ed softball team per season.

Only legal defensive roster combinations: 4m & 4f / 4m & 5f / 4m & 6f / 5m & 4f / 5m & 5f.

A game will be considered complete if one team leads by ten (10) runs after five complete innings (4 ½ innings if home team leads).

There will be unlimited substitution of all players listed in the batting order (up to 20). The batting order must alternate between men and woman. Players arriving before the first pitch of the third inning may be added to the bottom of the batting order. Players arriving after the first pitch of the third inning may be substituted per USA substitution rules.

If a male batter is walked without receiving a strike (he will automatically be awarded a double and must go to second base), the female batter following him will have the option to walk or bat.

Each team may use one courtesy runner per gender. The courtesy runner must be the last same-sex out. If more than one courtesy per gender is needed, the opposing team must agree, otherwise it reverts back to the rule above. Courtesy runners should be disclosed at the pre-game meeting. Injuries that occur during the game may require additional discussions for approval.

A player will start their turn at bat with 0 balls and 0 strikes. No courtesy foul; if a player has two strikes and hits a foul ball, he or she is out.

A game cut short for any reason will be considered a complete game if five (5) innings have been completed.

No new inning may begin after **1 hour and 5 minutes**.

Games cannot end in a tie. If the game is tied at the end of the 1 hour and 10 minutes time limit and/or at the end of 7 innings we will play out the tie by applying the International Tiebreaker Rule. Start the inning with no outs and the batter scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.

A ten (10) minute grace period will be allowed for the first game. For double headers: A twenty (20) minute grace period will be allowed for the second game of the double header from the scheduled start time of the first game of the double header.

Progressive home run rule is in effect. One (1) progressive for all leagues applies to balls hit untouched over the fence in addition to the home runs identified in the ground rules. An out will be the penalty for each home run that places a team two (2) home runs ahead of their opponent.

Stepping into a batter’s box with an illegal bat will be an out. The player is not ejected. Refer to USA Softball illegal/banned bat list.

Stealing will *not* be permitted.

USA Softball encroachment rules do not apply. Players (men or women) may encroach or field balls within another player’s defensive position. USA Softball defensive positioning rules do not apply. There are no defensive position restrictions or requirements for men and women playing in the field.

# Ground Rules for City of Renton Adult Softball Leagues

## Highlands Park

- Right Foul line to Right Center field white fence post untouched over fence, ground rule double.
- From Right Center white fence post towards center field over fence, home run (progressive HR rule applies).
- Any ball that rolls or bounces (travels) into tree area or gets lodged under fence to right field foul line, ground rule double.
- On the fly into trees, home run (progressive HR rule applies).

## Philip Arnold Park

- On fly into left field bushes, home run (progressive HR rule applies).
- Any ball that rolls or bounces (travels) into left field bushes, ground rule double
- Right foul line to center field, live ball

## Little Liberty Park #1

- Over right field fence, home run (progressive HR rule applies).
- On the fly over side walk from LF to end of right field fence, home run (progressive HR rule applies).
- Rolls or bounces (travels) across path, ground rule double
- Progressive HR Rule applies to home runs hit into basketball court and parking lot.

## Thomas Teasdale Park

- There are no outfield obstructions, any ball hit into outfield considered live ball.
- Progressive HR rule does not apply.

## Cedar River Park

- On the fly into left field parking lot, home run (Progressive HR rule applies).
- Rolls or bounces (travels) into left field parking lot, ground rule double
- Live ball Right field fence, Progressive HR rule applies if hit over right field fence.

## Kiwanis Park

- Live ball except if ball rolls into or flies into Right Field tree or center field playground, ground rule double