

## **OREGON ADULT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION RULES**

### **GENERAL**

1. Whereas rule not covered in OASA rules, ASA rules will preside.
2. No drinking of alcoholic beverages by any manager, player or umpire on the field during the game or bringing any glass in the dugout or leaving any garbage in the dugouts. Any team reported violating rule will receive warning. Subsequent violations will result in automatic game forfeiture.
3. **Manager's responsibilities:**
  - **Submit roster waiver signed by each player before they play a game in the league & league fees.**
  - **Have team present and ready to play at scheduled time and fully aware of the rules.**
  - **The first home manager on each diamond to play at night are responsible for bringing out the job box with balls, mat, scorecards, and safety helmets.**
  - **The last visitor manager are responsible for putting the job box of equipment away, turning lights on/off and locking fieldhouse.**
  - **Submit league dues by May 17<sup>th</sup> for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday leagues.**
4. **If a manager does not follow rules during league or demonstrates that they have not informed their team of the rules or the team violates the rules the whole team will not be able to participate in tournaments as the cost of rule violations at those events is detrimental to the rest of the league members as a whole.**
5. **Complaining about this association or its volunteers or officers severely hurts the association's ability to find help and has become intolerable. If you want to change things you need to volunteer to help not just complain and whine.**
6. Both team managers in a game are responsible for filling out the score card with total runs scored in the upper right corner. The home team manager will be responsible for turning the score card in after the game. Failure to do so may result in the home team taking a loss for that game.
7. Diamonds will have 60-foot bases. The pitchers mound is to be 50 feet from home plate.
8. There are no time limits on league games **but all games will start at the time scheduled on Thursday unless the game is tied.** If the prior game is running long the managers will not start the next inning past the scheduled start time of the next games.
9. Rain-outs will be posted on the website [oregonadultsoftball.com](http://oregonadultsoftball.com) after 6pm the day of the game.
  - a.) A game called because of rain shall be regulation if five or more complete innings have been played, or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in four or more innings than the other team has scored in five or more innings.
  - B.) Games not considered regulation shall be resumed at the exact point where they stopped. This includes regulation ties.
10. **Each manager is responsible for informing their players of these rules as to avoid conflict during the games.**
11. **Player eligibility: players must be 18 years old.**
12. A game will be considered forfeited if a team does not have enough players 5 minutes after scheduled game time. Managers are responsible for calling the game a forfeit. If a game is forfeited a score card must still be filled out indicating which team forfeited the game.
13. Men's leagues (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) may have split seasons when possible.
14. **A player may only be on one roster in each league. A player cannot play on more than one team in one league unless the opposing team is aware of it and allows the player to make it a game rather than a forfeit. A player may play in multiple leagues.**
15. **Only players on the team shall be on the field during game play.**

### **EQUIPMENT**

16. **Composite bats are illegal and cannot be used by any team participating in the OASA leagues. Also, any other bat considered illegal by the ASA may not be used by any team participating in the OASA leagues.**  
**Any team using an illegal bat will result in forfeiture of the game illegal bat was used in. Only bats labeled with OASA sticker may be used for play.**
17. Official softball is 11 " for women and 12" for men & co-ed.
18. **No metal spikes. A player caught wearing metal spikes is suspended from remainder of game and team is placed on probation for remainder of season. Any future games during the season that any player is caught wearing spikes on a probation team, results in forfeit of that game.**

## PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

19. A team shall consist of ten players in the field with a 15 person roster.  
For men, eight players must be present at game time to start or a forfeit occurs.  
Teams with eight players will have a catcher furnished by the opposing team if opposing team has more than ten players. Catcher will not make plays.  
For women, seven players must be present at game time or a forfeit occurs. Teams with eight or less will be furnished a catcher by the opposing team if opposing team has more than ten players. Catcher will not make plays.
20. Late arrivals can enter the game up until the end of the third inning and must go to the bottom of the batting order. After the third inning new: no players may be added, even if team is short of ten players.
21. **All players must play at least one inning in the field in each game played.**
22. No re-entry for batter that is substituted for in the batting order.
23. Player leaving game (injury on non-injury) that is not substituted for, is stricken from the lineup and skipped in the batting order for rest of game with no penalty.
24. Players must be on the roster prior to playing their first game.
25. Roster moves/ changes must be approved by the league organizer.
26. The senior league is for players 35 years and older. Players must be 35 by the end of the league year (December 31<sup>st</sup>).
27. Courtesy runners will be the last out made on the injured player's team but only if the player is on first. If a player runs past first no courtesy runner is allowed. The injured runner may re-enter the game.

## PLAYING RULES

28. **Games shall be 7 innings. A 15 run mercy rule is in effect anytime the 5th inning. A 10 run mercy rule is in effect after the 6th inning. A 10 run rule for the women's and co-ed league after 5 innings.**
29. The ball is to be pitched at a moderate underhand speed, with an arc to be at least above the pitcher's head upon release of the ball.  
Unlimited maximum arc for men's and women's league. An illegal pitch shall be called a ball, unless struck at by the batter.
30. **Three warm-up pitches for first 3 innings, one pitch warm-up after 3 innings. No practice balls to the field after 3 innings.**
31. The batter is entitled to two strikes of any kind. Three balls constitutes a walk.
32. A base runner may advance on a caught foul ball at his/her own risk.
33. Base stealing is not allowed. Leading off is not allowed. The base runner may leave the base only when the batter makes contact with the ball. There is no courtesy step. If the runner leaves the base without batter contact with the ball (fair or foul), the runner is out.
34. The batter is out if he/she intentionally bunts or chops the ball downward.
35. If the ball is overthrown and goes out of play, the runner is entitled to the base being run to, plus one base. The runner advances at their own risk if the ball is not out of play.
36. **Infield fly rule: a fair fly ball, not line drive or bunt, which can be caught by a player on the infield (dirt portion) with ordinary effort, when there are runners on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> and less than two outs shall be called an "infield fly" by the umpire. The batter is automatically out, runners may advance at their own risk.**
37. If ball hit into any tree that encompasses playing field the ball is considered foul.
38. A ball hit into the centerfield net is in play, unless the ball becomes stuck in the net, in which it is ruled a ground rule double. A ball caught after touching the net or the poles is not a fly-out. A ball hitting the outside poles for the nets and clearing the right or left field fence is a homerun.
39. Each team will begin extra innings with a baserunner at second base. The runner shall be the batter whom made the last out in the previous inning.
40. **Runner has home plate mat or plate if no play at the plate, catcher has the plate. NO UPRIGHT COLLISIONS BUT INCIDENTAL SLIDING CONTACT IS ALLOWED. Runner must be tagged out on a non-force play to be called out.**