

Summer 2009 Co-Ed Softball Rules

Official Rules Governing Play:

Official rules adopted by Euclid Sports Commission shall govern play under the jurisdiction of the Euclid Recreation Commission. **Any rule in the co-ed rules and regulations not covered by the basic rules of the league will refer to the 2009 amateur softball association (A.S.A.) rules.**

Entrance Procedure and Fees:

The entry fee for the co-ed league is \$500.00. This fee includes the following:

Break-Down of Fees	
League fee	\$336.00
A S A. Registration.....	\$ 25.00
2 dozen balls	\$ 90.00
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Total Entrance Fee \$500.00	

Eligibility and Roster:

Any player who will have reached his sixteenth (16) birthday before September 1, 2009 is eligible to play. Any player under the age of eighteen (18), MUST have a parent/guardian signature along with their own and the managers contract card. The official roster for each team will be limited to twenty (20) players. This limit includes managers/coaches that will be playing. However, it does not include non-playing managers and coaches.

Residency Requirements:

All teams participating in the Euclid Co-Ed League will not have residency restrictions for the 2009 season.

Additional Players and Releases:

Players may be added up to July 1, 2009, but at no time may the player limit be exceeded. All released players must be properly released in writing to the League Director. **TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS, A PLAYER MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FIVE (5) REGULAR SEASON GAMES.**

NO PLAYER SHALL BE ADDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AFTER JULY 1, 2009 UNLESS SPECIFIC APPROVAL IS GIVEN BY THE EUCLID SPORTS COMMISSION.

If a player wants to be released and the manager refuses to do so, the player, if he has a valid reason, may appeal in writing to the Euclid Sports Commission for the release. If approved, a player must wait one calendar week before he can play on another team.

Medical Services:

The Euclid Recreation Department will not assume any responsibility for injuries or medical fees. It is recommended that each player carry their own medical insurance.

Contract Cards:

Any team which forfeits a game will pay the umpire and scorer fee for both the forfeit team and the non-forfeiting team. If the money is not paid on the field, it must be paid before the next scheduled game or the team will be dropped from the league.

Office Hours:

The Recreation Department is open from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

Postponements:

There shall be no postponing except in the case of rain or changes deemed necessary by the league director. In case of wet grounds, teams are to call the Recreation Office (289-8121 –hotline) between 3:45 – 4:45 pm to see if the game is on or off. In case of rain after 5:00 pm the umpire will use his own judgment in calling the game at the field. **We will be under a partial no make-up policy; some open dates will be left in the schedule for the make-up games. When these are used up, no other games will be made up except on a night when a partial schedule has been rained out.**

Time Limit on Games:

No new inning will start after the one hour and ten minutes of playing time in all games except the last game of the night. THAT GAME WILL HAVE THE PARK CURFEW OR A CAP OF ONE HOUR AND TWENTY MINUTES AS ITS TIME LIMIT. Tie games will be counted as ½ win, and ½ loss. A game stopped by the time limit will be ruled an official game.

Expedite Rule:

After 4 ½ or 5 innings, if the team coming up to bat leads by 12 or more runs, the game will be over and the lead team will be declared the winner. If the home team reaches the 12-run spread during its half of the inning (after 4 ½ innings), the game will end at that time. Also, after the first inning, a pitcher shall have one warm-up. No infield practice between innings. **A mandatory mercy rule will be in effect for all games – that is, if a team trails by 15 runs or more after three and one-half or four innings, the game will be ended.**

Number of Players:

A team may start the game with 9 players (5 male – 4 female, or 4 male – 5 female or 3 male – 6 female only) and finish with 9 players. All nine players will bat, however the #10 spot in the line up will be an automatic out.

A team may also start with 10 players (6 female – 4 male) NOT (6 male – 4 female) No out will be given, because 2 females are batting in a row in this situation. However, as soon as a male gets to the game he must be inserted in the line up for the extra female player. There is an EH (extra hitter) rule, however, if you use it you must have a twelve (12) players batting, all alternating. You may use the EH with 11 actual players but the 12th spot in the batting order is an automatic out.

Batting will be as follows:

1. You must alternate all the way through the line-up
2. If a man walks, it is now a two-base award. The man will go directly to second base. Any runners on second or third will be forced in indicated by what happens. The female must bat. They no longer have an option, the exception is with two outs, if the man is walked either intentionally or unintentionally the female then has the option.

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Park Curfew Rule:

No new inning may start after 10:55 pm. If a tie is not broken by this time, the game will be counted as ½ win and ½ loss. There will be no time limit on any playoff games.

Trophies and Awards:

The Euclid Recreation Department will provide a team trophy, plaque or tee-shirts and individual trophy, tee-shirt, or plaque to all active eligible players on the Championship team. A team will have the option of taking \$100 off of next season's entrance fee in lieu of trophies or plaques.

Vacations:

Teams will not be permitted to withdraw from the league play for a vacation. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!!**

Alcoholic Beverages:

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in Memorial or Roosevelt Park. ANY PLAYER OR TEAM CAUGHT USING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE PLAYING AREA WILL CAUSE THE GAME TO BE FOREFITED TO THE OPPOSING TEAM!

A.S.A. Base Stealing Rule:

The new A.S.A. rule concerning base stealing will not be used in our league this season.

Special Memorial Park Rule

The Euclid Recreation Commission has rules that there will be no batting practice in Memorial Park unless it is on a ball diamond. This means that teams are NOT allowed to hit in the grass area between fields, in the area outside of diamond #3 or from the concession stand in the middle of the park. The following home run rule applies to teams playing on diamond #3 and Diamond #4 (if it's fenced in). **THREE** out-of-park home runs will be allowed per team with a one-up rule up to five home runs for each team. That is, once both teams have reached the home run limit, either team may hit an additional home run. However, no team may ever go more than one home run up on the other team. **ALSO, THE HOME TEAM, IN THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST INNING, MAY HIT ONE HOME RUN TO PULL EVEN WITH THE NUMBER OF HOME RUNS OF THE OPPOSING TEAM, BUT MAY NOT HIT A HOME RUN TO GO ONE UP!** Any out-of the park hits after three that violates the above rule will be considered as an out. **After five home runs, any out of the park hits will end the teams' inning and that batter will be given an out as his time at bat.** Inside home runs do not apply.

Protests:

When a matter of protest arises during a game, the manager of the protesting team should immediately notify the umpire. The umpire must announce to all concerned that the game is being played under protest. The protesting manager should verify that the umpire has announced the protest to all parties concerned. This will enable all parties to take notice of the conditions surrounding the protest and will aid in the proper determination of the issue. The protesting manager should make sure the protest is stated on official score sheet.

Player Conduct Rules:

NO PLAYER SHALL:

1. At any time, lay hand upon, strike, or threaten an official
2. Refuse to abide by officials decision
3. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision by throwing gloves, bats, balls or any other forceful action. This will result in automatic expulsion from the game.
4. Be guilty of heaping personal verbal abuse upon an official for any reason
5. Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official unless the player was directly involved.
6. Be guilty of using unnecessary tactics in the playing of the game against the body and person of an opposing player
7. Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official or spectator
8. Be guilty of abusive verbal attack upon any player, official or spectator
9. use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner at any time
10. Appear on the field of play at any time in an intoxicated state
11. Be guilty of using alcoholic beverages in the playing area
12. Be guilty of gambling on any game or the outcome of the game with any spectator, player or opponent.
13. Smoke while going on or coming off the field of play or while on the field of play or while on the field of play or playing area, which includes the bench area. **See Smoking rule at top of page.**
14. Be guilty of discussing publicly with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner, any play, decision or personal opinion of other players during the game.
15. Be guilty of intentionally throwing the bat, glove or any other equipment

Rules Enforcement – League Director Authority:

THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION WHEN IRREGULARITIES ARE DISCOVERED.