

# South Davis Recreation Adult Softball Rules

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## **ROSTERS:**

1. All rosters must be turned into your scorekeeper prior to the first league game.
2. Teams may have up to 20 people on their roster. For rosters to be complete, managers must have all players' names and signatures before they are eligible to play.
3. Players cannot play for 2 teams on the same league night.
4. All roster changes will be done at the ballpark, with your scorekeeper. No changes will be done at the Recreation Center. Players must play in 3 league games in order to be eligible for the end of season tournament.
5. Players who play in more than one league must decide at the end of league play which team they will play on in the tournament. You cannot play on two teams in the end of season tournament.
6. Players must be at least 16 years of age to play.
7. Teams may bat as many players as desired. The same number of batters must finish the game that starts the game.
8. Any player that is thrown out of a game will automatically have to sit out the next game.

## **OFFICIAL RULES:**

1. 2018 USSSA rules will be followed except within the South Davis Recreation field rules. The strike count is a 3 BALL 2 STRIKE count. All team managers should obtain a USSSA rulebook. The South Davis Recreation rule clarifications are outlined on these pages.
2. In a situation where a player has one strike and follows that strike with a foul ball, they will be given one more attempt to put a ball in play. Any ball or strike with the second attempt will result in an out. (Please feel free to ask for clarification if needed).
3. **Home Run Rule: Only 3 "out of the park" home runs will be allowed per team, per game. Any additional "out of the park" home run hit will result in an automatic out for the batter.** The team that hit the home run is responsible for retrieving the ball or providing a new ball to the umpire.

## **TIME & INNINGS:**

1. Starting times: Games will be 52 min. No new innings will start after the 55 min has ended. A five minute running clock grace period will be allowed if a team fails to have eight players for the game. If a team fails to field eight players at the end of the grace period, the scorekeeper shall declare the game a forfeit. Teams may play with eight players, but must take an automatic out until the 9th and 10th player arrives. Teams may play the entire game with eight players, but must take an automatic out on the 9th and 10th batters.
2. If a team is down by 20 runs after four innings or 15 runs after five innings, the mercy rule will apply and no new inning will be played. If a team is ahead by 15 runs or more after the 55 minutes expires, the game will automatically be called. No matter which team is up to bat (home or visitor) A NEW INNING BEGINS AFTER THE HOME TEAMS THIRD OUT.

## **FORFEITS:**



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1. Teams with three or more forfeits will not be allowed in the league next year.
2. Teams with three or more forfeits will not be eligible for the end of season tournament.

## **DRINKING AND SMOKING:**

1. There is no smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages by participants during and before the ball game. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN BOUNTIFUL CITY PARKS.
2. Scorekeepers and umpires have the authority to forfeit any game where teams are caught drinking on city property and the police will be called.

## **UNIFORMS:**

1. All team members are required to wear a team jersey during every game.
2. Metal cleats are not allowed.

## **LINE-UPS:**

1. Game line-ups must be turned into the scorekeeper 10 minutes prior to game time, or by the end of the 5th inning of the prior game.
2. Only managers or a team representative are allowed to question game officials prior to, during, or following a ball game. For the purpose of introduction, team representatives will meet with the umpire at home plate prior to every ball game.

## **EQUIPMENT:**

1. All balls will be supplied by South Davis Recreation.
2. Metal cleats are not allowed.
3. Bats must be listed under the approved USSSA or ASA guidelines and must be VISIBLY labeled as such.

## **STANDINGS & TOURNAMENT PLACEMENT:**

1. In case of ties, standings will be determined by head-to-head, followed by head-to-head run differential, then total runs for, than average runs for, than total runs against, etc. See [quickscores.com/southdavisrecreation](http://quickscores.com/southdavisrecreation) for a more complete explanation of the algorithm we use for our standings just below the standings is a click for more information.
2. All teams in each league will advance to the single elimination tournament at the end of the season.
3. Teams with three or more forfeits will not be eligible for the end of season tournament.
  - a. If a team with three or more forfeits finishes in the top four, their spot will forfeited to the next highest eligible team in the standings.

## **TOURNAMENT:**

1. All teams in each league will participate in a single elimination tournament at the end of the season.
2. Tournament home run rule: Only 3 home runs will be allowed per team, per game. Any additional home run hit will result in an automatic out for the batter.
3. Tournament run rule: Same as regular season. Final game will be 7 innings – no time limit.

## **RAIN OUTS AND MAKE-UPS:**



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1. In case of rain, when both teams have played 4 1/2 innings with the home team ahead it will be deemed a complete game. If your game is rained out before the inning requirement, it will be played over.
2. If it is raining during the day, the best way to see if games have been canceled is to check [www.quickscores.com/southdavisrecreation](http://www.quickscores.com/southdavisrecreation) or call South Davis Recreation at (801) 298-6235 after 4:00 PM. **DO NOT CALL OR CHECK QUICKSCORES BEFORE 4:00 PM.** Once the game has started the umpire shall determine the fate of the game. An email will be sent out to the team representative if any game is deemed, rained out.
3. Games that have been rained out will be played at the earliest possible date, depending upon availability of fields, officials, and scorekeepers. **MAKEUP GAMES CAN & WILL BE SCHEDULED ON DAYS OUTSIDE OF YOUR NORMALLY SCHEDULED GAME NIGHT. You will be given at least one week's notice before your makeup game and then required to be at that game.**

## **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

1. South Davis Recreation has the power to disqualify, suspend, or remove any manager, coach, player, spectator, or team whose conduct is in an unsportsmanlike manner before, after, or during a game which could negatively reflect or discredit the program.
  - a. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall be defined to include: I. Any physical contact by an individual with another individual, player, umpire, or scorekeeper, with the intent to inflict injury or harm. Including but not limited to a fistful punch, kicking, spitting, and fighting etc. II. Grossly disparaging statements tending to discredit individuals and/or the program. Also including obscene gestures, spitting directed at others, etc.
  - b. Any individual or team committing any of the above offenses shall be suspended from all South Davis Recreation sponsored programs for a period up to 12 months for most infractions, or permanently if deemed by the recreation coordinator and director and/or protest committee.
  - c. Recommended suspensions shall be written notices through the umpire or the scorekeeper to the recreation coordinator or director.
  - d. Any suspended player is not eligible to play in any South Davis Recreation sponsored leagues until the suspension is lifted.
  - e. Any player recommended for suspension shall have the right to a hearing by the protest committee.
  - f. If the scorekeeper feels that a player is playing under an assumed name, the player must have photo identification for verification. Scorekeepers have the power to recommend suspensions of (any person playing under an assumed name) for the remainder of the season, including tournaments, and the game will be forfeited.

**IT IS UP TO THE MANAGERS OF EACH TEAM**  
**TO MAKE SURE ALL TEAM MEMBERS KNOW THE RULES.**  
**NOT KNOWING THE RULES IS NO EXCUSE.**



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## CO-ED SOFTBALL RULES

1. You may start the game with 8 players, but you must have equal men and women. (Or more women)
2. Male and Female players must alternate in the batting order. You can have more female than male batters. However, if your team comes with more male than female batters the extra male batters will not be able to bat.
3. Each team must have 3 female infielders and 3 male infielders. They must also have two female outfielders and two male outfielders. If a male pitches, a female must play catcher. If a female pitches, a male must play catcher.
4. When a male batter receives a base on balls or an intentional walk, he will be awarded 1st and 2nd base. The next female batter has the option to take first base or hit if desired.
5. Extra scoring plate will be used. Once a runner crosses the commitment line, they must proceed home. If a runner touches the wrong plate they will be called out.
6. Defense must start behind the white line in the outfield.

**All other rules covered in the South Davis Rec rules are enforced as well.**

