



## Carroll County Sports Complex – 2024 Softball League Rules

2024 Board: Sports Complex Manager Becky Kishter, Umpire-in-Chief Gene Burgee, Deputy Umpire-in-Chief Matt Purkins

All Carroll County Sports Complex adult softball leagues will be governed by the 2024 Independent Sports Association (ISA) Official Adult Slow Pitch Rule Book, 2024 Edition, with the following exceptions:

1. A courtesy runner is allowed one time for an injured player if a base burglar isn't available.
2. There will be no stealing.
3. Any bat that passes 220 psi or above on the Sports Complex compression tester will be legal in our leagues.
  - a. Bats must have an ISA, NSA, USA or USSSA 1.20 thumbprint to be tested.
  - b. No senior or fast pitch bats are allowed.
  - c. Any bat that initially fails on the tester will be rotated and tested two (2) more times. After three failed tests, a red sticker will be placed on it rendering it illegal for league use.
  - d. Any player caught using an untested bat or a bat that has failed will be subject to ejection and suspension.
4. You may bat up to five EP/EH in any division.
5. Home Run rules will be as follows:
  - a. Men's/Church/Women's: 10 home runs (over the fence) then SINGLES.
  - b. Co-ed: 5 home runs male/female then OUTS.
6. One (1) courtesy foul with two (2) strikes.
7. Protest fee is \$100 and must be in writing to the Complex Manager. Fee is returned if the protest is upheld.
8. In Co-Ed League play, a female batter may walk after a male batter walks ONLY with two outs. NOTE: this rule DOES NOT apply in Church League.
9. Equalizer Rule: In Co-Ed & Men's play, the Equalizer Rule will be applied when a team to be determined by the League Board to be an upper-level team plays a lower-level team. Equalizer Rule shall be every inning the lower-level team starts with a runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> base (last out previous inning) and gets 7 runs at start of game. This applies only IF there are combined divisions.
10. No inning will start after 55 minutes.
11. Players must sign their team's roster before playing. Sports Complex Manager or their designee reserves the right to deny any player eligibility. Additionally, coaches should e-mail any roster additions to the Sports Complex Manager prior to a game in case the roster book is not accessible that game day.
  - a. Players may ONLY play for the team they have signed the roster for. Regular players may not fill in for other teams. Players can only be on one team per league.

**UNIFORMS:** All team players must play in a jersey or matching shirt, with a number on the back. In the spirit of the game, it is understood that at times teams need a fill-in player that may not have a matching shirt. This is allowed and is not cause to protest a game. Players may not play in altered jerseys or shirts, i.e., cut-off sleeves, cut sides, etc.; no midribs or ½ shirts, tank tops, or exposed bras/sports bras.

**EJECTIONS:** If you are upset about a call or a rule interpretation, DO NOT approach an umpire on another field to discuss. This will result in your ejection.

**TOURNAMENT:** Players must play in 1/3 of their team's scheduled games they appear on the roster for to be tournament eligible. The Sports Complex Manager may adjust this number as needed.

**SMOKING/VAPING TOBACCO PRODUCTS:** Is only allowed in an official designated participant parking lot, no less than 60 feet from any playing field. Failure to adhere will result in ejection.

**ALCOHOL:** Alcohol is prohibited and will result in ejection and suspension.