

CP Premier Co-Ed Softball League

I. General

A. The mission of the Cedar Park Softball League is to provide all members of the community with an opportunity to play softball and meet new people in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere of healthy competition. It is established for people interested in a recreational league focused on Christ. The Cedar Park Softball League is a Co-Ed League

B. Please remember to be considerate of other persons using the facilities and always leave the field clean of litter.

C. Players must sign a CPSL waiver before playing their first game.

D. All players must be at least 18 years of age.

II. Duration of Games

A. All games will last either 7 full innings or the scheduled time of 70 minutes, whichever comes first.

B. Games will begin at 6:10 p.m. & 7:25 p.m. unless otherwise specified. Teams are required to be assembled and be ready to play at least 5 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled game.

C. Games tied after the end of game time will be recorded as a tie.

D. If conditions for continued play are made impossible, games will be considered complete if five full innings of play have been completed or if 4½ innings of play have been completed and the home team is in the lead.

III. UMPIRES

A. If an umpire is not present, an individual who is not a member of either of the opposing teams and who is mutually agreed upon by the team captains will act as umpire. If such an individual is not present, one member of each team will act as umpire for the opposing team.

B. The umpire's decisions are final.

C. Abuse or harassment of the Umpire is entirely inappropriate and runs counter to the spirit of the league. Individuals who engage in such conduct will be asked to leave the league without a refund.

IV. LINEUPS & SUBSTITUTIONS

General

A. Each captain will be responsible for giving the team lineup to the opposing team's captain at the start of the game. Each team captain is responsible for giving the opposing team's captain updates as to changes made to a team's lineup during a game.

B. There are a maximum of 10 field positions: Pitcher, Catcher, 4 Infielders, 4 Outfielders.

Fielding

A. Position of catcher can be played by either a male or female. The remaining 9 positions will be called "field of play." The maximum number of male players allowed in the field of play at any one time is five. **Exception: A team may play with six male players in the field of play as long as there isn't more than one female player on the bench.**

B. Shifting of fielders is permitted during an inning only within their own playing field ie: infielders switching with infielders, outfielders with outfielders.

D. "Out of Play" territory exists in all areas 12 feet beyond each foul line. Any ball hit "Out of Play" is **foul**, and no attempt to play the ball should be made. Any ball that is thrown "Out of Play" will be considered a dead ball, and all base runners will be allowed to advance **1 extra base**. A base runner must be more than half way to their base, to be awarded an additional base.

Batting

A. Among batters 1, 2, 3, one must be a woman. If only one woman is present then she bats here.

B. Among batters 4, 5, 6, one must be a woman.

C. Among batters 7, 8, 9 one must be a woman.

D. Three men may not bat in a row

E. All players who come to a game are to be placed in the continuous batting order.

F. The batter is out when he/she bunts or chops the ball downward.

G. Players who arrive **after the start** of the game are placed at the bottom of the batting order, unless such individual is a woman and there are less than 3 women present. If only two women are present, then the late arrival is placed among batters 7, 8, 9 (see above). If only one woman is present, then the late arrival is placed among batters 4, 5, 6 (see above).

If there aren't any women present, then the late arrival is placed among batters 1, 2, 3 (see above).

Number of Women

Penalty

2

Automatic out after batter number eight in the batting order

1

Automatic out after batter number five and batter number eight in the batting order

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Forfeit - play a scrimmage game

Penalties (If less than 2 women present at

A. If less than 3 women are present at the start of a game then the game may still be officially played with the following penalties:

Batting

If a woman shows up in the middle of an inning, then the penalties are **not** rescinded for that inning if they have already occurred.

Fielding

Number of Women

Penalty

2	Only eight players allowed in field of play, catcher must be male
1	Only seven players allowed in field of play, catcher must be male
0	Forfeit - play a scrimmage game

V. Pitching

- A. Pitchers must use a slow-pitch arc not to exceed 12 feet from the ground. (6 ft. minimum arc).
- B. The umpire will call balls and strikes.
- C. Pitcher must remain on the rubber.
- D. Pitcher may not argue balls and strikes.

VI. Batting & Base Running

- A. Bunting is not permitted.
- B. Advancing a base or bases on a passed ball or wild pitch is not permitted.
- C. Stealing a base or bases is not permitted.
- D. Base runners are not permitted to leave their bases until the ball is hit.
- E. Every batter starts with one ball and one strike
- F. Metal cleats are not permitted.
- G. Intentional walks are not permitted. Male batters that precede a woman in the lineup shall be awarded second base in the event that they are intentionally walked. The woman batter would still bat unless there are two outs, and then she has the option of hitting or receiving an automatic walk. (an intentional walk is defined when the pitcher pitches three straight balls)
- H. Male batters will hit a 12" ball, female batters will hit an 11" ball.
- I. Fielders are not permitted to fake tags. Fielder faking tag may be ejected from the game.
- J. Batting ratio: For every three female batters, you may bat seven male batters. For every four female batters, you may bat nine male batters. There are no restrictions of how many female batters you wish to bat. You may not bat more than 13 batters at a time.
- K. All questionable bats must have an ASA certified sticker.

VII. Courtesy Runners

1. If a player has a partial injury such that he/she is able to bat but unable to run, a courtesy runner may be requested. The batter must reach first base before a courtesy runner can be used. The umpire and opposing captain must both be notified prior to the start of the game or when injury occurs about the need for a courtesy runner.
2. If the player requiring a courtesy runner is a female, the last female to make an out must run. If not available, than a female on the bench must run. If not available, last male to make an out.
3. If the player requiring a courtesy runner is a male, the last male player to make an out must run.
4. No pinch runners other than courtesy runners are permitted.

VIII. Rainouts, Forfeitures, Postponements, Cancellations

- A. Please note that 425-984-2345 is the Field Update Line. The city of Woodinville will update the line for weather related field closure around 2:30 pm each day and only if there is a closure. They usually only close if there is standing water on infields.
- B. A team is considered to have forfeited a game if at least eight players do not show within five minutes after the scheduled start of a game. A team shall also forfeit if none of their woman players show up for play. Please note that the 70 min game clock will start at the scheduled time.
- C. It is suggested that the teams play an unofficial game even if a game is forfeited at that time.
- D. All players from both teams will be counted "as played" in the event of a forfeit. This applies to playoff qualifications.

IX. Injury Prevention

While all injuries cannot be prevented, the enforcement of certain softball rules and common sense will prevent many injuries. Collisions are to be avoided.

- A. The fielder must give the runner a clear path to the base unless the fielder is actively involved in that play. If disputed, umpire's decision is final.
- B. At any base, if there is no play, the fielder must get out of the runner's way. No fake tags.
- C. If in the umpire's discretion, a base runner approaching home does not make an effort to avoid a collision with the player covering home plate, the runner will be called out and ejected from the game.
- D. **The use of double and triple barreled or titanium bats is prohibited.**

X. Roster

- A. Rosters must be completely filled out and submitted to the league coordinator before the first league game.
- B. New players may be added to a team's roster before the third game is played. Trades must be approved by both coaches and both players before the fourth game is played.
- C. No player may play for more than one team in the league.

D. Players must have played in at least four nights to be eligible for the playoffs

E. Minimum players on the roster are 12 with a maximum of 20. Exception: You may have five players on a back up roster that can be called upon in the event that you are short players.

F. You must have at least five female players on the roster.

G. Uniforms: Jerseys/T-shirts must be the exact same color. Players without a numbered jersey/T-shirt cannot play. Players on the same team cannot have the same number. You are allowed one player without a number that will be classified as #0

H. After you have been substituted you may re-enter the game only once.

XI. Additional Rules

A. Alcohol is prohibited at all of the playing venues.

B. Mercy Rules are as follows:

1. Any team that scores ten runs in an inning will give up the remaining outs and return to the field.
2. The game will be called if the winning team is up by 20 runs at the end of the fourth.
3. The game will be called if the winning team is up by 15 runs in the fifth and 10 runs in the sixth.
4. Ten run rule does not apply to the home team that is losing in the last inning.

XII. General Information

Persons participating in the CP Premier Softball League are not covered in any way for personal liability and property damage. Players are competing at their own risk. Players must sign CEDAR PARK ASSEMBLY OF GOD LIABILITYRELEASE FORM.

1. All games will be played at the Carol Edwards Center located at: 17401 133 Ave NE in Woodinville, WA 98072
2. Games will begin with the "home" team praying, and end with the "away" team praying.
3. The league coordinator, and commissioners have the authority to administer any decision necessary for the well being of the league.
4. Teams must have at least 12 players including 5 female players and no more than 20 (25 with back up roster).