

City of Ada**Co-Ed 6 male-4 female****League Rules**

1. **Eligibility:** Players must be 18 years and older to participate.
2. **Rules:** Play will be governed by ASA (USA) official rules, along with specified city rules that are listed on this sheet. This will be a 6 male and 4 female league.
3. **Rosters:** Each coach must provide a copy of the team's complete roster and any outstanding player fees before participating in play. No player may be allowed to change league teams after 10 p.m. on May 19th and final rosters for the post season tournament must be finalized no later than 10 p.m. June 9th.
4. **Playing field:** Base distance will be 60 feet and the distance from home plate to the pitching rubber will be 50 feet.
5. **Equipment:** Each team will furnish an ASA (USA) approved/ visible 11" softball for women and a 12" softball for men. Softballs must be either .44 core & 375 lbs. or .52 core & 300 lbs. with an optic yellow cover and red stitching. If team is caught using an illegal ball will result in a forfeit. A defensive player shall bring the ball to the umpire's attention at the time of the infraction. ASA approved bats only. Any team caught using an illegal bat will result in a forfeit. One pitch thrown while batter is in the box with an illegal bat will be considered grounds for a forfeit.
6. **Pitching:** According to ASA (USA) rules of softball manual.
7. **Time limit/Run rule:** Teams will play 7 innings or 55 minutes with no new inning starting after that time period. A new inning begins when the third out occurs. Run rules will be 15 after 3, 12 after 4 and 10 after 5.
8. **Courtesy runner:** Any eligible player on the lineup including substitutes, may be used as a courtesy runner. Teams shall only use one courtesy runner per half inning. If a player enters as a courtesy runner they must complete their turn as a runner with no sub unless injured. If they are on base and their time to bat comes up they will be called out on base and then go to the plate to bat. The courtesy runner is gender specific. If a player has a courtesy runner in an inning and they get on base a second time in the same inning they must run for themselves.
9. **Re-Entry:** Any player may be substituted for or replaced and re-entered once, provided the players occupy their same batting position in the batting orders. The starting player and their substitute may not be in the line-up; at the same time. If a player re-enters the game a second time or a player re-enters the game in a position in the batting order other than their original starting or substitute position, this is considered an illegal re-entry.
10. **Offensive Lineup:** A team must bat 6 males and 4 females. The lineup will be (1. Male 2. Female 3. Male 4. Female 5. Male 6. Female 7. Male 8. Female 9. Male 10. Male). A team will be allowed to bat their entire lineup as long as it follows the 6-4 order. A team will be allowed to bat a minimum of 8 batters, but must have 3 females in the lineup. Any spot that is not filled will be an automatic out until those players arrive and will be added to appropriate spots in the lineup.
11. **Defensive Lineup:** The defensive team must have a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 players in the field. There must be at least one female player in the outfield, one at an infield position,

one at each pitcher or catcher positions. A team cannot have both males and females at the catcher and pitcher positions. The last female can be placed either in an infield or outfield position. (Team preference).

- 12. Homerun Rule:** There will be a homerun limit for male players of 4 per game. Each homerun after the limit per male player has been reached will result in an out. There will be no homerun limit for females.
- 13. Team behavior:** The coach is the only one allowed to address the umpire after the game has started. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of all players, coaches and fans on his/her team. The umpire shall remove a coach who may be acting in an unsportsmanlike manner. The umpire's decision will be final. Any coach removed from game shall leave the complex immediately. Also, any player or coach involved in fighting or drinking intoxicating beverages while playing will be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season and a possible lifetime suspension. The league commissioner or his designee shall make the final decision.
- 14. Home team:** will be decided by a coin flip.
- 15. Standings** will be kept. In the case of a league tie, the following will take effect:
 - a. Any team with a forfeit is automatically eliminated from title consideration
 - b. Head to head competition.
 - c. Fewest runs allowed against teams involved in championship consideration who are tied.
- 16. Game time is forfeit time.**