

## 2011 WHIDBEY ISLAND CO-ED SOFTBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Whidbey Island Co-Ed Softball Association will be playing under the Washington State Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.) rules. All teams will have no more than twenty players on a roster. Teams may add new players until July 1, 2011, with a \$30 player fee. However, if a situation occurs where a team loses a player(s), they may add a player(s) with the approval of the coaches & the Association Director/President &/or Vice President using the current 'pick up player list'. The limit of changes for each team is five. A team may only draw one player to make 9/10 on tournament day.
  - A. All players must have a Hold Harmless Agreement & the \$30 player fee / \$50 married couple/immediate family member fee turned into the Association by April 12, 2011. In the case of a new player or player change, the player fee & hold harmless must be turned in within 120 hours (5 days) prior to the next game.
  - B. Players may be switched from one team roster to another if they inform the Association Director 72 hours (3 days) prior to the next game. A \$10.00 processing fee will be charged to the team in which the player is going to, if prior notice is not given. A player cannot be on two Co-Ed Softball Rosters at the same time. If the player is found to be on two rosters, that player will be subject to league suspension.
  - C. All games will start at 6:30PM with a five-minute grace period for the first game. The second game will start no later than 7:45PM. The game must start with at least 9 players & consist of 4 females & 5 males or 5 females & 4 males. The sub list can only be utilized to complete a team of 9 or 10 players. Failure to complete the game with 9 players, result in a forfeit. A team can have more females than males in line up without a penalty.
  - D. Line up cards will be presented to the umpire & to the opposite teams coach 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the game. Line up cards must have the player's names, no nicknames! The batting order shall consist of at least 9 players, alternating male & female players (you can have more females than males). If a player cannot hit in their scheduled spot in the batting order, the umpire will declare an out & the next scheduled batter will hit.
  - E. An extra player (EP) is optional & must be known prior to the start of the game & listed on the line up. You may use all of your extra players in the batting order with even number of males & females, with the exception of females.
  - F. Fielding positions will consist of 10 players at any position, with no more than 5 males. The outfielders must remain behind the 150 foot line until the female batter has made contact with the ball. If there is a violation, the batter has the option to take the result or retake the pitch.
  - G. Courtesy Runner Rule: Any injured player requesting a courtesy runner must declare so before start of game. The injured player may not proceed beyond second base on their at bat (with the exception of a homerun over the fence). If a player is injured during the game another courtesy runner may be requested, with the same second base restriction. A courtesy runner must be of the same sex & must be the last out made or last available batter.
  - H. A base on balls awarded with less than two outs to a male player will result in his advancement to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, & the following female will be required to bat. A base on balls awarded with two outs to a male player will result in his advancement to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, & the following female has the option to hit or advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base.
  - I. All protest may be submitted in writing no later than 48 hours after the game in question. All protest must be accompanied with a \$25.00 protest fee. If allowed, the money will be refunded. Protest may be filed on a ruling only, not on a judgment call of the umpire. The protest board will consist of the Association / League Officials, umpire of the game or acting UIC & one coach not involved in the protest. The Association / League Official will choose the coach.
  - J. Any player rated as a tournament 'B' or higher is ineligible to play with this league. No more than two 'C' players allowed on a single team.

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2. Games will consist of 7 innings. The first game will have 70 minutes of play with no new innings starting after the 70 minutes. The second game has no time limit. A team with a 10 run lead after 5 innings will be declared the winner of that game & will be declared a complete game.
  - A. An Association Official must be notified within 24 hours in advance if a game must be postponed. Only one game can be postponed per team.
  - B. Only moderate speed pitches are allowed. The umpire for a fast pitch infraction can remove the pitcher from the game.
3. Consumption of alcohol before & during games is strictly prohibited. First offense the player will be suspended from that game. If the player suspended causes the team to forfeit due to no replacement, that player will be also suspended from the next game. Second offense the player will be suspended from the league.
4. Use of tobacco in or out of the dugouts during the game is prohibited. Offense results in player ejection from the game & play fields.
5. Any un-sportsmanlike act or conduct will result in game ejection. Flagrant un-sportsmanlike acts or conduct will result in ejection from the remainder of the current contest, the second game & departure of the grounds. Ejection for flagrant un-sportsmanlike acts or conduct will require league sanction on the individual possibility resulting in restriction from play. Abusive language will not be tolerated, all teams & fan(s) will be subject to the following:
  - A. A team will be given one warning. If any player from that team has a second infraction, that will cause an ejection of that player from the game. That player can play the second game if the infraction was in the first game.
  - B. If a fan causes the infraction, both coaches will be counseled. The umpire can call a forfeit of the game if the fan is not removed from the ball field(s). Umpires will contact the Chief Umpire of these infractions, who in turn will contact one of the League Officials for further action.
6. A limit of two over the fence home runs per team per game will be allowed. After each team has hit their limit, the progressive rule comes into effect. If after two over the fence home runs have been hit & the other team has not hit their limit, it will result in an out.
7. The tiebreaker rule will be used during the season & all tournaments.
8. All jewelry that can be removed, must be removed. Any jewelry that can't be removed, must be covered with tape. Also, no metal hairclips allowed.
9. **Only** team members & an adult scorekeeper will be allowed in the dugout. **No** children are allowed in the dugouts at any time! Please leave dug outs clean of litter!
10. No steel cleated shoes or hard fiberglass with metal tips will be allowed.
11. If weather does not permit playable fields, an Association / League Official will call the coaches & the Chief Umpire prior to playing time. The coaches will be notified no later than 3:30PM if games are to be canceled. The coaches are then responsible to contact their players with the information received.
12. The umpire will determine the safety & playing conditions of the fields, at the fields. The umpire will consult both coaches to determine if field conditions are playable. The umpire has the final decision on whether or not the fields are playable.