

Prattville Parks & Recreation Department
Adult Softball Rules

1. *****Lineup must be turned in 10 minutes prior to game time and must be submitted on a lineup card.** The lineups should include: the player's name (not nickname) and number.
2. USA/ASA rules will govern play unless specifically changed in the league bylaws. A team may be a member of the Prattville Parks and Recreation Department League as long as they remain in good standing. Any player, coach, or team, which jeopardizes their good standing, will be eliminated from play in the league. Each team/player plays at Prattville Parks & Recreation discretion.
3. Games will have a one-hour time limit or seven innings. An inning will not begin after the deadline, unless the game is tied. The following inning/run limitations will apply:
 - 15 runs after 3 innings,
 - 12 runs after 4 and,
 - 10 runs after 5.
4. For Open and Co'ED the home run rule will be three per team. For Rec, the homerun rule will be San Diego.
5. Open, Rec, and Co'ED league will start with a "1 and 1" count. Meaning each batter will have 1 ball and 1 strike on them when stepping to the plate.
6. Rec and Co'ED must have four players in the outfield at all times. Open can have three or four players in the outfield.
7. In Open and Co'ED, usage of a pitching screen is optional. In Rec, a pitching screen is **REQUIRED**.
8. In Coed, if a male walks and is followed by a female, he will be awarded two bases and the female can choose to hit or walk. If she chooses to hit, the male player will still be rewarded those two bases.
9. In Coed, if a team has more females than males, females can bat back to back at the end of the lineup.
10. Teams may not have more than 20 players on the team roster. Players can **ONLY** play for **ONE** team per league.
11. **Metal cleats are not permitted.** Shoes are required
12. Rain outs will be made up as time permits. Priority for make up games will be determined by the league standings.

13. The Parks and Recreation Department will determine if the playing fields are suitable for play. After the first game of the day has begun, the umpires will assume responsibility for calling off or suspending games. The decision to call off games will be made at 4:00 p.m.
- 14. Official rosters are due prior to the first game.** Any team that uses a player not included on the official team roster will forfeit all games that the player participated in. It is the team's responsibility to make sure that the roster has been turned in. **If a roster has not been turned in and something is questioned it is a forfeit.**
15. All players must be 18 years of age to participate in adult softball leagues.
16. Teams will be required to have their jerseys by the date set by Athletic Director and Softball Coordinator. Team members jerseys must be matching, have a number on the back and the team name on the front. **(Athletic Dept. will have discretion over this rule) If teams do not have matching jersey's after the set date, it will be at the discretion of the league director whether a non-matching jersey is suitable in order for the individual to play.**
17. Each team must supply their own softballs for each game. The softballs must be a USA or ASA stamped 52 core 300 compression ball. For men's play, the official ball is a 12-inch softball. For women's play, the official ball is an 11-inch softball. *Umpires will check all softballs before and during all games. They are the sole judge of playability of ALL equipment. Any equipment (bats, balls, etc.) can be banned from play and can be taken by Prattville Parks & Recreation for further investigation if needed. Any altering of equipment that gives a team an advantage could result in a forfeit. A second offense may result in the team being dropped from the league, according to the discretion of the Recreation Department.*
18. Bats will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.
19. Home/Visitor will be designated by the schedule for regular season play. The home team will occupy the **FIRST BASE DUGOUT**. NOTE: Only players and coaches on the roster will be allowed in the dugouts and must remain in the dugout and off the playing surface, unless taking part in the action of the game. SAFETY comes first so stay in the dugout and OUT OF THE WAY.
20. Teams may use a player to run for another player. **Only one courtesy runner and one pinch runner per inning and it must be the player that made the last out. If it is the beginning of the game, it should be the person at the bottom of the lineup. In Coed, a female must run for a female and a male must run for a male. *Note: In Coed, you may use one for a male and one for a female during the inning.***
- 21. Any player displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to suspension or expulsion. Suspended players must leave the park area and may not return until**

the suspension has been lifted. The Athletic Director and the Softball Coordinator shall determine the duration of suspensions.

22. **A player who is ejected from a game for any reason will be required to leave the park immediately.**
23. **Fighting will not be tolerated for any reason. The penalty for fighting will be suspension for the duration of the current season or possibly expulsion from the program all together.**
24. **Swearing or cursing will not be tolerated. The penalty for this offense will be ejection from the game and you will be required to leave the park immediately.**
25. **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at any City park or facility. (This includes the parking lot)**
26. **There will be no tobacco use of any kind allowed inside the parks fence's as per recently passed City of Prattville ordinance. Penalty for violation will be ejection from the game and you will be required to leave the park immediately.**
****This rule pertains to players and spectators.**
27. **Players will in no way threaten or come into physical contact with an umpire. Per Alabama State laws you can be arrested, fined and be subject to jail time for this offense.**
28. **If a team wants to pick up a player, the opposing team's coach MUST agree with the pick up at the home plate meeting before the game. If you believe a team picked up a player without permission/agreement, you can protest.**
29. **Teams can only pick up if they have less than 10 players. Teams can only pick up a MAX of 2 players per game (no more than 10 players). The opposing team must agree to those 2 players. If the opposing team disagrees with the 2 players there is no protest unless those 2 players proceed to play and the head coach protests the illegal players on the field that were disagreed on.**
30. **If there is a problem with a call or a protest, the only member of your team eligible to discuss it with the umpire or softball coordinator is the coach or the team manager.**
31. **There will be a protest fee of \$50.00 (cash). If the protest is valid the fee will be refunded. If the protest is invalid, the fee will not be refunded. You cannot protest judgment calls.**
32. **A team will be dropped from the league without a refund after three forfeits.**

33. League rules applying to behavior will also carry over into the parking lot. As long as you are still on City of Prattville property, you are governed by the local league rules. **Suspension and expulsion will also apply to players who do not exercise proper behavior while driving in the parking lot. Example:** squealing tires, loud music, reckless driving, drinking in the parking lot, etc.
34. An end-of-the-season **single elimination tournament** will be offered to all teams. Regular season standings will determine your seed in the bracket. Each team is guaranteed a 10-game regular season schedule and one tournament game as long as weather permits and they remain in good standings with Prattville Parks & Recreation Department. If there is a tie between teams to be seeded for the tournament the following procedure will take place: head-to-head, runs allowed, runs scored, coin toss. More than 12 teams in a League might result in an Upper and Lower Tournament Bracket.
35. Prattville Parks and Recreation has the right to add and/or change any rules for the betterment of the league.

General Information

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Sports Facility Rules and Policies

- **No pets allowed**
- **No littering**
- **No alcohol**
- **No lewd or inappropriate conduct**
- **No loitering**
- **No skateboards, bikes, or scooters, etc.**
- **No tobacco products**
- **No glass containers**
- **No curbside parking**
- **Authorized use of facilities only**

Anyone caught breaking the rules will be asked to leave the park. The City of Prattville will not be held responsible for accidents, lost, or stolen property.