

CITY OF DAVIS
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

LOCAL COED RULES EXPLAINED

1. All players must be at least 16 years old.
2. Each team shall consist of five (5) men and five (5) women. A minimum of four (4) men and four (4) women is needed to start and continue a game. If a team has the minimum four (4) men, an unlimited number of women may play. **Teams may NEVER play more men than women.**
3. **There must be an equal number or more women than men playing at all times.** If a team is playing with a equal number of men and women and a woman gets injured and/or leaves the game, a man must also leave the game (unless the team has a legal female substitute). The man that leaves must be the male batter that bats either before or after the woman who leaves. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** The team cannot just take an out in the batting spot of the woman. If the woman who leaves is batting between two other women, there is no penalty and the two remaining women can bat back-to-back. A team may **never** bat men back-to-back.
4. Batting order will alternate between men and women. The only exception is when a team has only nine players or has more women than men. In such cases, the order must alternate as far as possible then all the remaining women must bat at the end of the order. Please see Rule 2-3 of the City of Davis Coed Rules for examples.
5. If a team has more men than women, the men must be substituted. For example, if a team has six men and only five women, men #1- 5 play the first three innings then man #6 substitutes for man #1 for the remainder of the game. Man #6 must bat in man #1 place in the order. Man #1 is now out of the game and may not substitute for any other man (unless he goes back in the game for man #6 - he may only re-enter for man #6 once). **All six men may NOT be in the batting order at the same time.**
6. If a man walks, he is awarded first base only and the next woman batter is given the option to hit or take a walk. This rule applies regardless of the number of outs. The woman must decide before she gets in the batter's box. Once she is in the batter's box, she must take her at bat.
7. Coed defensive positioning must include 2 men and 2 women in the outfield, 2 men and 2 women in the infield, and 1 man and 1 woman in the pitcher-catcher positions. Teams may NEVER have 2 men or 2 women in the pitcher-catcher positions. If a team is playing short-handed, 1 man and 1 woman must be in the pitcher-catcher positions and at least 1 man and 1 woman must be in the infield and at least 1 man and 1 woman must be in the outfield.

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8. Game Balls: One new one new 12” Hot Dot will be used each game for all Coed leagues (for men). One new 11” Hot Dot will be used every other game (in all leagues, for women).
9. Home run rules: NO over-the-fence home runs are allowed in any Coed league. All balls hit over-the-fence will be declared an out.
10. Bat restrictions: All bats must be ASA/USA approved (bats must have the ASA/USA stamp). All bats MUST be single-wall, one piece aluminum. ***All bats must be approved by the League Coordinator prior to use in league.*** Additional high performance single-wall bats may also be banned (final determination of legality will be made by the League Coordinator). Approved bats will be marked with a City of Davis bat approval sticker. Any bat not showing an approval sticker will not be allowed and will be treated as an illegal bat. Any player caught using an illegal bat will be ejected immediately.

The League Coordinators reserve the right to outlaw additional bats at any time.

11. One courtesy runner may be used, with the opposing manager's permission, per inning per team. For Coed teams, one male and one female runner may be used per inning. The runner may be any player in the lineup (man for man and woman for woman). If a courtesy runner is on base when his/her place in the batting order comes up, his/her place in the lineup will be called out. Once a courtesy runner is used by a player, that player must use a courtesy runner each time he/she gets on base. If a courtesy runner has already been used in an inning and a player gets on base that used a courtesy runner earlier in the game, that player will be called out once they make it safely on base.
12. Sliding is allowed in all leagues and at all bases. EXCEPTION: A commit line will be used at home in all Coed leagues (see City of Davis Coed Rules for an explanation).
13. Player restrictions: The League Coordinators reserve the right to remove any player from any league at any time if they feel that player is inappropriate for any league.