



2020 KSA COED SOFTBALL RULES

1.0 League Schedule

KSA League games will be held at 6:30 PM and 7:45 PM and scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings only, unless otherwise specified on the schedule.

2.0 Game Duration

There is a 1-hour time limit on all league games; all games officially begin when the umpire says "play ball", or immediately before the first pitch of the game is delivered. A 5-minute grace period may be given to a team without enough players to start the game, providing the opposing team agrees. The 5-minutes will come off the front end of the 1-hour time limit. The umpire will announce to and show both team managers the starting time on their watch. It is the managers' responsibility to record the starting time.

3.0 Number of Players

All teams may start with eight (8) players and finish with eight (8) players. A game may continue as long as a player vacancy is not created by an ejection. If playing with eight (8) players in any division, the ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) batting position will be an automatic out. If extra players arrive, he or she must be immediately inserted in the appropriate spot. When teams elect to play with eight (8) players and the other team has nine (9) or ten (10) players, the team with eight (8) players must be the visiting team and start the game at bat.

4.0 League Pick-Up Player Rule

To prevent forfeits in league play, a team may borrow up to three (3) players from a team within their own classification or lower. A team may pick up one (1) male player, or two (2) female players from a team with a higher classification but this will result in "reclassifying" the team. The run-spot will be adjusted according to Section 23 - Classification Run Rule. Teams that borrow players may not end up with more than 10 players to participate. If a player from the team that has borrowed a player(s) arrives, that late player must be immediately inserted into the lineup as a substitute for one of the borrowed players. The borrowed player(s) may return to their own teams and will be considered as eligible substitutes. If a team elects to use the extra player, they must use both a male and female.

5.0 Team Lineups

Team lineups should be turned in to the plate umpire at least ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the game. Lineups should be legible and should contain each starting player's first and last name. The umpire will verify the eligibility of each player prior to the start of the game. If a team needs to borrow a player from another league team, the borrowed player must be approved by the KSA president at least two hours before game time.

6.0 Scorekeeping

The score will be kept by the home team (determined by a coin toss, between the umpire and coaches of each team, prior to the start of the game) in a scorebook provided by the umpire. If a team does not have a designated scorekeeper/someone to keep score, then the other team gets to be the home team and must keep score.

7.0 Eligibility

All eligible players must have signed and submitted a Player Registration Form and paid their player registration fee in full prior to playing any game. Any ineligible player caught participating in a league game will result in a forfeit for that game. The player and coach/manager will be held responsible and disciplinary action against both will occur. Rosters will be checked before each game.

8.0 Age Rule

A player must be 18 years of age in order to play in any Kenai Softball Association division.

9.0 Alcohol

Although alcohol is permitted during Coed division games, the Kenai Softball Association expects each team to conduct themselves responsibly. Alcoholic beverages must remain in the dugout or stands and are not permitted on the playing field. Multiple violations of this rule, or any other rule listed, may result in an ejection and suspension from league play.

10.0 Housekeeping

It is the responsibility of each team to keep the dugout and stands clean. Pick trash immediately after your game is completed and place it in the receptacles near each playing areas.

11.0 Conduct

Any player who assaults or verbally abuses an umpire or an association official before, during, or after a game is subject to suspension. (Article 13, ASA Code, ASA Guide & Playing Rules). In addition, players who verbally or physically assault another player or bystander are subject to penalties through the legal system. Any arguing on the judgment of an official will constitute a team warning. Any repeat offense will result in the ejection of that team or team member.

12.0 Courtesy Runners

Courtesy runners will be allowed in all league games. The batter must make it to first base before a courtesy runner can be inserted into the game. If the courtesy runners turn at bat comes while still on base, the player who the courtesy runner is running for will be called out, and the courtesy runner must take his/her turn at bat. A player may only be a courtesy runner once per inning. If a courtesy runner is used more than once per inning, they will be called out, and removed from the base.

13.0 Ejections

If any player is ejected for any reason during league play, that player will sit the remainder of that game and their team's next scheduled league game. If that individual is ejected from a second game, they would sit that game and the next two scheduled league games. If the same individual is ejected a third time, they would automatically be disqualified from all ASA play for the remainder of the season. The only offense that can be appealed is the third offense. If this behavior occurs during a tournament, the Tournament Director has the authority to disqualify the individual for the remainder of the tournament if they feel the ejection warrants the punishment. The offense would count as a league game which would then fall into one of the three aforementioned suspension rules.

14.0 Profanity

The Kenai Softball Association has implemented a no profanity rule. When an official hears profanity from either team, they must approach both managers and issue an immediate warning that the next offense will result in an ejection for that person. This would fall in line with Section 13 - Ejections.

15.0 Protests

In any protest, the umpire must be notified before the next pitch, legal or illegal. Protests must be submitted in writing to the KSA Commissioner within 24 hours.

16.0 Inclement Weather

League games may be played in inclement weather. A determination regarding games being played in inclement weather will be made prior to 3:00 PM on the day in question. Managers will be notified if any games have been cancelled and this notification will also be posted on the association's website and Facebook page.

17.0 Outstanding Dues & Fees

Teams or players with an outstanding debt from the previous season will not be able to register or play until the Kenai Softball Association has received payment for the debt in full.

18.0 Children

Players with children under their supervision should make every effort to ensure that their children are on their best behavior so that we have a safe and fun environment for everyone. Due to safety, children are to remain off of the playing fields during game time.

19.0 Home Run Rule

This rule applies to KSA League play only: B teams will have 1 & progressive home runs and C&D teams will have 1& done home run. When playing a team of a lower classification the home run rule for the lowest team will be set in place. A batter that hits a home run must only run to first base, the rest of the bases are optional. The individuals that are on base when a home run is hit do not have to run all of the remaining bases.

20.0 Pitchers

The pitcher may, if they desire, start their pitching motion at any distance from between the planted rubber to six (6) feet behind the rubber towards second base. The ball shall be delivered with perceptible arc and reach a height of at least six (6) feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of ten (10) feet from the ground.

21.0 Batters

As the batter enters the batting box, they immediately start with one (1) ball and one (1) strike count on them. The batter is out if he/she hits a foul ball with two strikes.

22.0 Equipment

No metal cleats may be worn for slow-pitch in the Kenai Softball Association. Additionally, only approved ASA bats may be used during the season. Contact the Kenai Softball Association with any questions regarding bats or other equipment.

23.0 Tie-Breaker Rule

If, after the completion of allotted time or seven (7) innings of play the score is tied, the following tiebreaker rule will be played to determine the winning team. Starting with the top of the next inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being played on second base (if the number five batter is the leadoff, the number four batter in the lineup will be placed on second base. An eligible substitute may be inserted for the runner).

24.0 Mercy Rule

The mercy rule will be in effect for all KSA league games. Any team that is leading by 20 runs after 3 innings, or 15 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after five innings will be the winner of the game.

25.0 Classification Run Rule

Four (4) runs for each level of difference in classification will be awarded to the lower ranking team.

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