



# KSA COED SOFTBALL RULES

## 1.0 League Schedule

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

## 2.0 Game Duration

There is a 1-hour, 10-minute time limit on all league games; all games officially begin when the first pitch 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, 10-minute 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) player from a team with a higher classification but this will result in "reclassifying" the team as that player's classification for the game. 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 five (5) minutes prior to the start of the game. Lineups should be legible and should contain each starting player's first and last name. The listing of substitutes is encouraged as this will speed up player substitution during the game.

## 6.0 Clothing

Caps, visors, and headbands are optional for all players and may be mixed, but if hats are worn, they must be baseball hats and worn forward facing. Handkerchiefs do not count as headbands and cannot be worn, either around the head or neck. Additionally, no plastic visors will be allowed.

## 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 periodically by a member of the Kenai Softball Association to ensure compliance with this rule.

## 8.0 Age Rule

A player must be 16 years of age in order to play in any Kenai Softball Association division. All players between the age of 16 and 18 must have a parent or legal guardian co-sign the Player Registration Form.

## 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. At the start of the game, the manager may stipulate one man and/or one woman who are allowed a courtesy runner during the game once they have reached a base. Any player, man for man or woman for woman, may be inserted into the game to run. If the courtesy runner were to come to bat while they are still on base, the base runner would be called out, and they, the courtesy runner, would take their turn at bat.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 19.0 **Home Run Rule**

This rule applies to KSA League play only: 2 home runs and progressive.

#### 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.

#### 21.0 **Batters**

As the batter enters the batting box, they immediately start with one (1) ball and one (1) strike count on them.

#### 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 **Classification Run Rule**

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