

# GREAT BEND RECREATION COMMISSION

## ADULT COED SOFTBALL RULES

Games will be played under "General Rules for Recreation Softball Leagues" sponsored by the Great Bend Recreation Commission and the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Rules with the following additions and exceptions:

1. **League Play:** Each team will play no more than an 8 game regular season.
2. **Game Time:** Game time is forfeit time. Each team must begin the game with eight (8) players to avoid a forfeit. A team may play with nine (9) players as long as at least five (5) of the players are women. No automatic outs are recorded for using nine (9) players. Legal examples: 5 women/4 men or 7 women/2 men. A game will be considered official after four (4) innings of play (3 1/2 if home team is leading) if called because of time limit, inclement weather or other reasons.
3. **Run Rule:** Games will be called after five (5) innings and beyond, if one team is leading by ten (10) runs or more. If after three (3) innings a team is leading by 15 or more runs, the game is considered a win for the winning team and the game will be considered over.
4. **Ball Dimensions:** Teams will hit their choice between ASA approved red stitch white or optic cover not to exceed .44 core 375 lb compression softballs or USSSA not to exceed Classic M (mens) or Classic W (womens). Penalty: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Offensive Out, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Forfeit Game. Men will use a 12" and women will use a 11" softball. Any team starting the game with optic covered softballs, must play with the optic color throughout the game. Teams will present at least 4 same colored legal game balls to the umpire before the game begins.
5. **Line-ups:** The batting order must alternate male/female (unless using more women than men) and remain the same throughout the game.
6. **Extra Players (EP):** An extra player(s) may be used. Teams may bat ten (10) or twelve (12) players. Teams may bat with one (1) EP and play with eleven (11), provided that player is a female. With EP's, all players must bat and any ten 10 can play defense. Defensive positions can be changed as long as the male/female rotation is used.
7. **Defensive Positions:** The following rotation is to be used: two male/two female in the outfield; two male/two female in the infield; one male/one female as pitcher/catcher. Teams cannot interchange positions to defend certain batters during the same inning.
8. **Defensive Restriction:** There will be a line drawn 175 feet from home plate in the outfield. The outfielders must stay behind this line until the ball has been hit. Penalty: The batter will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base or has the option to bat.
9. **Walks:** Any walk made to a male batter will result in a two (2) base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. Exception: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.
10. **Home-run Limit:** The following home-run limit will apply to the all leagues:
 

a) Coed Open/Intermediate:	5
b) Coed Recreational:	5
11. **Team Rosters:** To be eligible to participate as a player with a team in league play, a player must be properly registered listed on the team roster. Team rosters will be limited to 20 players. Managers do not need to acquire the signature of every player. The form allows you to sign up your entire team yourself.
  - a) **Dropping Player(s):** Teams wishing to drop a player may do so by filling out a drop slip form at the GBRC office.
  - b) **Adding Player(s):** Any manager wishing to add a player may do so by placing that player on the roster at the Great Bend Recreation Commission office and paying the player fee before the player may play on a team. Once a player is listed on a roster, he/she is obligated to play with that team. Regular player additions can be made up until the halfway point of the regular season. **Additions after this point will be based upon certain criteria; injury, moving, forfeits, etc., and must be a player that is not on any current GBRC co-ed softball roster. This addition must be approved by the Sports Supervisor and Softball Committee.**
  - c) **Adding Player(s) Restrictions:** Lower league managers may not add upper league player's names to their roster after the softball determination meeting has taken place.
  - d) **Roster Restrictions:** Lower league managers may not have more than three (3) players whose names appear on the roster of a higher league team at any given time (Penalty: forfeiture of all games those players participated).
  - e) **Player Restrictions:** If leagues combine, players may not participate on more than one team in those leagues combined. Participating on more than one team in the same league will result in a forfeit loss for each team that player participates on.