

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



COED SLOW-PITCH RULES

All games in the Santa Clarita Valley Adult Coed Slow Pitch Leagues will be under the jurisdiction of the rules contained in the (SCMAF) Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Rule Book with certain exceptions as listed below. The following rules will supersede those in the (SCMAF) Rule Book.

GAME TIME LIMITS:

1. All games will consist of seven (7) innings or no new inning after 1 hour and 5 minutes. Once an umpire starts an inning, the inning must be finished. The game time is established from the scheduled game time unless otherwise stated by the umpire. If a team is short player that game will be given a ten (10) minute grace period (running clock). The home team will have the option to defer (minimum eight 8 players). Visiting team can not defer back.
2. If the game is tied after seven complete innings, **AND** the time limit has not expired, the game will continue until the time limit expires or one team has a lead after a complete inning. Once the time limit has expired, no new innings will be played and the game will be ruled a tie, with each team receiving a ½ win and 1/2 loss. Tied games will not be replayed.
3. A game may end any time after 4 innings, when a team is behind Twenty (20) or more runs. After 5 innings if a team is behind Fifteen (15) or more runs and after 6 innings if a team is behind twelve (12) or more runs.

PITCHING RULES:

GENERAL RULES (applying to all leagues).

1. Pitching distance will be 50-59 feet.
2. Slo-Pitch for all players. The ball must arc above the level of the batter's head, but not higher than sixteen (16) feet.
3. here will be called and swinging strikes.
4. Balking by the pitcher will not be penalized.

SCMAF LEAGUE

1. A team must have a minimum of 8 players (4 women, 4 men) to play
1. The pitcher may be female or male.
2. Walks will be granted in S.C.M.A.F. Coed Leagues. A male batter, who is walked without a strike being thrown during his time at bat or intentionally walked prior to any pitches, will be awarded second base. Base runners advance only if forced to vacate their bases.
3. All batters in the S.C.M.A.F. Coed Leagues will start with a 1-1 count. After 2 strikes the ball must be fair.

EQUIPMENT:

1. All players must wear some type of shoes.
 - A. Open Toe shoes and bare feet will not be permitted.
 - B. Plastic cleats and rubber all-purpose soled shoes may be worn.
 - C. Metal cleats are **not** allowed.
2. All bats must meet the specification outlined in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation

Rule Book and the City of Santa Clarita Banned Bat List. All Bats used must be USA/ASA certified; senior bats are **not** allowed.

BASE RUNNING/BATTING RULES:

GENERAL RULES applying to all leagues.

1. Bunting or stealing will not be permitted. The penalty for doing so will constitute an out by the player committing the infraction.
2. The three-strike rule will be enforced.
3. Any batter that is hit by the pitch will not be awarded first base.
4. **Any base runner that intentionally runs into a baseman will automatically be out and will be ejected from the game.**
5. A runner may advance only on a hit ball that is playable or when forced by a batter being awarded first base.
6. The batting order may not exceed Sixteen (16) players and must list men and women separately and follow alternately such that two batters of the same sex may never bat consecutively.
7. Coed teams may have an unlimited number of substitute runners for both men and women. The substitute runner must be of the same gender and a player can only be a substitute runner once per inning. A substitute runner is not allowed for a substitute runner unless the runner is injured.
8. Home run rule: Each team may hit one (1) homerun over the fence per inning. All other home runs that are hit over the fence, in the same inning, by the same team will be an out. This rule is for fenced fields only.

FIELDING RULES:

GENERAL RULES

1. The catcher under no circumstance will block home plate or the base line leading to home plate.
2. Infielders are not allowed to block the baselines.
3. All outfielders must remain behind 180-foot arc line (with the exception of the rover/s who must be on the grass) until the batter has hit the ball.
4. Teams must field a pitcher, a catcher and 3 outfielders behind the 180' line. The **rover/s** must be female.
5. Infielders must be on the dirt surface until the ball is batted.
6. Coed Rule: No **female** player shall be thrown out at first base (force) either by an outfielder, including rover or once a ball has reached the outfield. If the outfielder (including rover) makes a throw to first (1st) base while the female player is approaching the base (force out), the female player will be awarded second (2nd) base.

SCMAF LEAGUE

There will be no restrictions on a player (woman or man) as to which defensive position she or he may play except for the rover position which must be a female.