

CERASports Athletics

Softball (Slow-Pitch) League Rules & Regulations

CERALAND Code of Conduct

CERALAND believes that all Annual Pass Holders/guest have the right to be involved in the spirit of recreation in a safe and fun atmosphere.

CERALAND encourages Annual Pass Holders/guests to portray good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all Annual Pass Holders/guests, players, contest administrators and officials at any recreational activity.

CERALAND requires each Annual Pass Holders/guest to treat other players, coaches, fans, officials, and Annual Pass Holders/guests with respect regardless of race, gender, creed, or ability.

CERALAND will place the emotional and physical well-being of participants, teammates, and opponents ahead of personal desires.

I. Eligibility

- A. Players and coaches must sign a waiver before taking the field.
 - B. Coaches are responsible for their team roster being filled out properly, and that all players are eligible.
 - C. The deadline for releasing and signing players is before the third scheduled game.
 - D. The roster limit is eighteen players. Each player must be at least 16 years old by the time of the first scheduled game. If the player is under 18 years old, they need a parent or guardian to sign a separate waiver before they are eligible to play.
 - E. Players may participate on more than one night.
 - F. Each player must play at least three league games to be eligible to play in the tournament. Except, when an injury is involved and the Recreation Manager approves.
 - G. If a player is found illegal after rosters are verified and league play has started, then the Recreation Manager will state a ruling on the issue. Play will continue without the participation of the illegal player. When a player is playing currently in a game and found illegal, the game will continue and a protest can apply. The Recreation Manager will state a ruling on the issue.
1. Minimum Penalty: Suspension from two league games
 2. Maximum Penalty: Suspension for up to (1) on calendar year

II. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- A. A player ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will result in ineligibility for the following game, also. This includes the tournament.

B. No player shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten a CERAland official or player. Officials are required to immediately eject the player from further play and report the player to the Recreation Manager. Such player will remain suspended from the league and tournament play until the issue is reviewed by the Recreation Manager.

1. Minimum Penalty: Immediate ejection and suspension from two league games and probation
2. Maximum Penalty: Banned indefinitely from Ceraland Leagues and/or files charged

C. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure that a player ejected from the game leaves the softball complex immediately. Failure to comply results in a forfeit.

D. No player shall use unnecessary rough tactics, verbally abuse or physically attack an opposing player, official, or spectator before, during or after play.

1. Minimum Penalty: Removal from game and considered for suspension and/or probation
2. Maximum Penalty: Banned indefinitely from Ceraland Leagues and/or files charged

E. No player shall refuse to abide by an official's decision. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from further league play and report player to the league director. Such player will remain suspended until the Recreation Manager and a review committee decides upon their case.

1. Minimum Penalty: Immediate suspension and ejection and placed on probation
2. Maximum Penalty: Suspension from two league games and probation

F. If a player, coach, or spectator is ejected twice, then they are expelled from the complex for the remainder of the season.

G. THIS IS A PRIVATE PARK. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS FITNESS.

III. Forfeits

A. A team must be on the field and ready to play at the scheduled starting time. There is a ten-minute grace period. When the grace period or scheduled start time elapses, a forfeit will apply.

B. A double forfeit: neither team can take the field at the scheduled game time.

C. A team forfeiting two games in a row will be expelled from league play unless good cause is shown why the team has forfeited.

D. A team consists of nine players at game time. If a team drops to below eight players within the game, they must forfeit.

E. All judgment protests will be settled with the umpire and coaches at the time of the dispute. Any other protest must be submitted in writing to the Athletic Director for review.

IV. Game Attire

A. Leagues considered competitive are to have matching shirts with numbers before the third game.

B. Each team, not player, is allowed one offense thereafter.

- C. The second offense will not allow the player or players to play.
- D. The players in question may purchase a shirt that matches from CERAland and participate. They will have one week to place a number on the shirt.
- E. This rule is not an official rule but a CERAland rule and will be enforced.
- F. No metal spikes are allowed.

V. General Rules

- A. The N.S.A. rule book will apply, unless otherwise stated in the CERAland rules.
- B. There is no penalty for starting with 10 players and finishing with 8. The departing player is not considered an automatic out.
- C. Games are seven innings. If a rain delay occurs, the official will decide if it is canceled. Four complete innings is an official game. If the game is canceled after four innings, then the final score of the last completed inning will count.
- D. There is a ten-run rule after five innings and a fifteen-run rule after four.
- E. There is free substitution in the non-competitive leagues of up to twelve players. There is no free substitution in the competitive leagues.
- F. A runner may advance on a fly ball caught in foul territory.
- H. No bat boys/girls are permitted on the fields or in the dugouts.
- I. Co-ed consists of the minimum of four guys and five girls, never more guys than girls. Teams may bat up to twelve batters.
- J. The line-up must have alternating guys and girls.
- K. Two or more girls can bat next to each other but guys are not allowed.
- L. The infield and outfield must have two of each gender. No changing positions in the middle of the inning except the pitcher.

6. Alcoholic Beverages

- A. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park.
- B. Any player determined by the officials as under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to participate.
 1. Minimum Penalty: Suspension from two league games and on probation
 2. Maximum Penalty: Suspension for up to (1) one calendar year and on probation Footnotes

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