

# PIONEER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION RULES

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## CARRY IN'S WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

ANY TEAM WITH CARRY IN'S WILL FORFEIT THAT GAME, PLUS THE FOLLOWING WEEKS GAME. ANY CARRY IN'S WILL BE CONFISCATED BY PIONEER BOWL. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARKING LOT. Any person under legal drinking age drinking at PIONEER BOWL will be suspended from Pioneer Softball Association.

### 1. **TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE THE START OF 1ST GAME**

- A. No player is allowed to play at PIONEER BOWL FIELDS unless he/she signs an official TEAM RELEASE FORM.
- B. **Roster limit 20 players. No changes or adding players to the roster after 7 weeks into the season.**
- C. No players name shall be on more than 1 roster from the same league. Umpire can restrict players from playing in multiple games in the same league.
- D. Teams using ineligible players shall forfeit game plus the manager and ineligible player shall receive a 2-game suspension.
- E. All players shall provide proper identification upon request.
- F. All players must be at least 17 years of age to play.
- G. Players under 18 years of age **must** have a parent sign a waiver form.

### 2. **TEAM MUST HAVE 8 PLAYERS TO START.** No automatic out, if not 10 players.

- A. Any team starting with 8 players and a player must be removed during the game; an automatic loss of game will take effect.
- B. Any team starting with Added Hitter (A.H.) and a player must be removed during the game; an automatic out will take effect.
- C. Unlimited A.H.'s may be used in all men's leagues.
- D. Automatic out will not be charged in the event of an injury.
- E. Players may be added to the batting order through the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning.

**COED:**

- a. Teams may have more female players than male players. Male players cannot out number female players.
- b. A.H.'s may be used only if number of female's equal number of males.
- c. Batting order must alternate male/female. If odd number of players, male players cannot bat consecutively. Females may bat consecutively.

- 3. All fields will be set to ASA standards for adult male and female leagues, i.e. 70' base paths and 50' between home plate and mound.
- 4. Each team is allowed 5 Home Runs (HR) over the fence. After the 5 HR limit, any ball hit over the fence shall be an out. Home run balls should be retrieved and returned into play as soon as possible.
- 5. PIONEER BOWL will provide new ball for each game.
- 6. UMPIRES will start calling balls or strikes at their scheduled time even if teams are not on field in a timely manner.
- 7. **6-12 FOOT ARCH** from the ground. **Plate and mat will be a strike.**
- 8. A GAME will consist of 7 innings and/or 50 minutes.

**A. 12 RUN RULE will be IN EFFECT ANY TIME AFTER 5 COMPLETE INNINGS.**

**B. Losing Team must bat 5 innings.**

**C. All games must be played out., if an inning is started it must be finished even if time has expired. A new inning will start if time remains on the clock.**

**D. Games that end in a tie after 50 minutes will play 1 extra complete inning (unless run rule is met). If still tied after the extra inning, the game will result in a tie.**

### 9. **NO COLLISION RULE.** The runner is out when a defensive player has the ball, or is about to catch the ball, and the runner remains on his feet and deliberately crashes into the defensive player.

- A. Note: If the act is determined to be flagrant, the offender shall be ejected.
- B. Effect: The ball is dead, and the runner is out. Each other runner must return to the last base legally touched at the time of the interference.
- C. Points of Emphasis: To prevent injury and protect the defensive player attempting to make a play on a runner, the runner must be called out if he remains on his feet and deliberately crashes into a defensive player holding the ball and waiting to apply a tag or a defensive player about to release a thrown ball.
- D. To prevent a deliberate crash ruling, the runner can slide, jump over the top of the defender holding the ball, go around the defender (if outside the three-foot lane, the runner would be called out), or return to the previous base touched.

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10. COURTESY RUNNERS may be used in all leagues.
  - A. Batter making the last out shall be the eligible courtesy runner.
  - B. Courtesy runner may be used only once per inning.**COED:** Courtesy runner must be of the same sex as runner being replaced.
11. **COED:** If the male walks, the female can choose to bat or take an automatic walk. This rule is in effect only if number of males equal number of females.
12. **ONE SWINGING STRIKE FOR MALE. COED: TWO SWINGING STRIKES FOR FEMALE.**
13. **COED:** Teams may not have more than 6 players in the infield. A runner may not be forced out at 1<sup>ST</sup> base with a throw from an outfielder. The runner will be automatically awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> base if an outfielder attempts to force them out at 1<sup>st</sup> base.
14. **COED: LINE RULE** will be used at home plate. If runner crosses line, fielder with the ball only needs to touch home plate and runner is out. It is not necessary to tag runner.
15. **NO LEAD OFF UNTIL BALL IS HIT.** There will be **NO** courtesy step. A. **Stealing is NOT permitted.**
16. **NO METAL SPIKES!!!** ANY PLAYER WEARING THEM WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME.
17. Any bats not approved by the ASA or Pioneer Softball Association will not be allowed at any time during play at PIONEER BOWL. Any player using or attempting to use one will automatically be called out and ejected from the game. In addition, any bat that is deemed by an umpire as altered in any manner shall be illegal for play in all leagues. Bats may be added to the list when deemed to be in the best interest of safety. **ALL** bats must be approved for 2018 according to the ASA certified bat list, [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) and those banned for play by ASA will also be banned for play in all leagues utilizing this list.
18. **HEAD TO HEAD RESULTS** and/or **DIVISION RECORDS** will be used for tie breakers in final standings. If standings are still tied, runs scored will be used for second tie-breaker.
19. **PROTEST FEE:** \$15 must be turned in before end of game. Manager/Captain must complete an official protest form. No protest will be accepted once game is over. **PROTEST ON INELIGIBLE PLAYER** can / must be turned in by the end of the night. Protest on judgment calls will not be valid. Fee will be returned, only if protest is valid.
20. Any **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT** can result in ejection from premises.
  - A. Any one ejected from a game will also be suspended for the following week's game.
  - B. Any one ejected for touching or pushing an umpire shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.
21. **RAIN DELAYS** or when to stop the game is completely up to the umpire of that game. Games will be restarted, if rained out before the 5th inning. **RAIN DATES** must be made up before the playoffs start.
22. **RAIN OUTS WILL NOT BE CALLED UNTIL 4:30 PM and will be posted online as soon as possible**
23. Rescheduling of any games must be approved by Pioneer Bowl management.
24. If a team has 2 or more forfeits, that team will not be eligible to play in the season ending tournament.
25. **NO GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AFTER LABOR DAY**, including the League Tournament.
26. Practices should be held on the **WEST** field whenever it is open and available before another field is used. This helps ensure the games fields stay in good condition and are not over abused.
27. Any rule not covered under these rules will be covered under ASA rules.
28. Awards will be given to the teams with the best record **after** the regular season ends.