

**2013 Kirkland City Softball  
 City of Kirkland Softball League Abbreviated Game Rules**

Official USSSA or ASA rules shall govern league play, with the following exceptions.

- A ten minute grace period for the first game of the double header and a 30 minute grace period for the second game beginning at the start time of the first game. A forfeit is declared at ten minutes and then at 30 minutes.
- Teams may begin and finish with eight players without taking an out.
- Teams can bat everyone, free substitution in the field. Or can bat 10 or 11 and follow ASA or USSSA substitution rules.
- The pitcher may pitch up to 10 feet beyond the pitching rubber to the same batter.
- Courtesy runners allowed with approval of the umpire. Last out.
- No new inning after 1 hour and 10 minutes.
- Full count (Men's divisions)
- No Courtesy foul ball. Two strikes foul ball, OUT. (Men's divisions)
- Mercy rule. Up twelve runs after 5 innings. Game over.
- Ties are allowed during the regular season. If it's the playoff tourney, games tied at the end of seven innings or at the end of the time limit, go to international tie breaker, last out on second base and no outs. This is not sudden death.
- Progressive home run rule. One progressive untouched over the fence. The violation is a double.
- Altered or banned bat. Stepping into the batters box with the bat is an out and an ejection.
- The CASUAL PROFANITY RULE IS IN EFFECT. THERE IS NO WARNING!!

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Gender Ratio rule: You **must** follow one of the 3 options.

- 1) A team may start and play the game with a minimum of 8 players with an equal ratio of 4/4.
- 2) A team may start and play the game with 9 players with a ratio of 4/5. Either gender may be 4 or 5.
- 3) The preferred method is to play the game with 10 players with an equal ratio of Men and Women 5/5.

There are no other options.

- Start with one ball and one strike count.
- Walk rule: Four straight balls to a guy, he goes to SECOND, lady has option to walk or bat. **ONLY EFFECTIVE THE SECOND INSTANCE WITHIN AN INNING**

**At the conclusion of the double header** teams need to compare score books and agree to the final score of each a game. The scores need to be reported to the League Coordinator by 12pm the following day. **It is the winning team's responsibility to report the score.**