



**Port Orange Men's/ Co-ed Softball League**  
**I.S.A. Rules with the following exceptions**  
(Updated as of 3/30/22)



1. The Port Orange Parks and Recreation Department and specifically the league supervisor has complete control of all activities at the field, and they have the authority to ask anyone to leave the area for loud, obnoxious, disorderly behavior or drinking alcohol. This will include all players, coaches, and spectators. Failure to comply could result in forfeiture of your game and suspension. **Warning: No alcoholic beverages allowed on city property. No tobacco products allowed on the field.**
2. After the first week of games there will be no refunds.
3. Fields, referees, Softballs are provided for the games.
4. The length of the game will be 1 hour and 15 minutes or 7 innings whichever comes first. A new inning will not start with less 10 minutes in the game time. **Game times will be 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm.** If after 7 innings or after the completion of the time limit and the score is tied, starting at the top of each inning and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who made the last out starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Each team will start with 1 out.
5. There will be no infield practice before any games. Three warm-up pitches will be allowed between innings.
6. Forfeit rule: **1st game only**- if one or both teams do not have enough players to start, we will start the clock. If after 10 minutes either team does not have enough players that team will forfeit. Teams must have 8 players to start or finish a game.
7. All players must stay in the dugout during the game, except for the 1st base coach, 3rd base coach and the on-deck batter.
8. **All players must wear matching jerseys with an un-duplicated number by the second week of games unless otherwise approved by the league supervisor. Players with non-matching jerseys can only play if the opposing manager agrees on it.**
9. Before the start of each game, captains must meet with the umpire for a coin flip to decide home and away team. **You must supply the other team with your line up before scheduled game time. (On the lineup card needs to be: first and last names and jersey number)**

10. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dugout during and after games.
11. All players must be 18 years old prior to playing in their first game. All team rosters will be at the field. Coaches may add players to their roster until the 6th game of the season. After that you must get approval from the league supervisor to add a player. The league supervisor has the right to deny any/all roster changes. Players may switch teams only 1 time and must be before the 6th game. A player can only be on one team roster.
12. All batters will start with a 1 and 1 count. A second foul ball with 2 strikes the batter will be called out.
13. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Port Orange Softball leagues are designed solely for the recreational values derived from the sport of slow pitch softball for the players, managers, coaches, and spectators. Any player, team, manager, coach, or spectator who displays any form of unsportsmanlike conduct such as flagrant rule violation, vulgar language, engaging in fighting, obviously attempting to injure someone (hitting "up the middle"), threatening or purposely touching a league official before, during or after a game may be suspended from Port Orange league play and/or all leagues or activities affiliated with Port Orange Parks and Recreation. In addition, the team will be placed on probation. ANY PERSON(S) EJECTED FROM THE GAME SHALL LEAVE THE FACILITY AND/OR PARK IMMEDIATELY. Failure to leave the facility will warrant a forfeiture of the game by the umpire. There will be no refunds. Coach/ Manager shall be responsible for actions of his players and spectators. Coaches/ Managers are responsible for informing players and spectators of all rules. Badgering or taunting of opponents, officials, or spectators is prohibited. Ejected players MUST contact athletics to schedule a meeting with the Softball program director for reinstatement back into league play. NOTE: We will police the dugouts during the games and if alcohol is found, then you will forfeit the game.
14. All leagues will have open substitution.
15. Home Run Limit: 5 & 1 Up, any HR after limit will be an out. You do not need to touch first base (hit and sit).
16. The pitching screen must be placed 3 feet in front and within the width of the pitching rubber. After the pitch, the pitcher can use his or her discretion to return behind the screen or to field the ball. The first batted ball in an at-bat that hits the screen will be a dead ball. The second time will result in an out. A thrown ball which hits the screen will remain a live ball.
17. Pitches that hit home plate or pitching mat will be a strike.

18. All rainouts will be rescheduled by the Port Orange Recreation Department. If a game is called for rain at 40 minutes or after, the game is considered complete and will not be rescheduled. Rescheduled games may fall on any other nights of the week and will start completely over. It will be the manager's responsibility to inform their players of rainouts and make-ups. Rainouts will be communicated through either the RECALERT system, email, or group text to the captains. Please sign up for the RECALERT by texting RECALERT to 55678.
19. **Awards:** Team shirts will be awarded only for the 1st and 2nd place teams during the tournament. Tiebreaker for seeding the playoffs: head-to-head, runs for head-to-head, runs against head-to-head, and then coin flip.
20. All players must warm-up in the designated area only. No hitting balls into the fence.
21. Forfeited games can be played as a scrimmage (except for the last game of the night) but does NOT count toward standings. There will be no official during scrimmage games. Forfeited games count as a 7-0 score.
22. Each team will be allowed one and only one courtesy runner each inning. The player will be the person who made the last out.
23. Double first base: batter/runner may use either base. The defensive team to record an out must use the white base.
24. No metal cleats allowed.
25. No stealing allowed.
26. The pitching arc will be 4 to 10 feet.
27. Any sanctioned bat is legal if it is not altered, except for the bats that are banned in all sanctions. (Miken Ultra 11, Worth Wicked, Easton Synergy, Louisville Slugger Genesis, etc.).
28. Altered bats: any player caught using an altered bat will be removed from the league and risks further suspension from Port Orange Recreational Programs.
29. Run rule: 20 run lead after 3 complete innings, 15 run lead after 4 complete innings, 10 run lead after 5 complete innings.

30. If a team forfeits 3 games in a row they will be removed from the program with no refunds.
31. **No animals** are allowed on the playing fields or in dugouts.
32. No use of electronics during play, this includes cell phones, head phones or earphones with or without music.
33. Teams will use a .44 cor/375 compression, 12-inch softball.
- 34. There will be no protesting- this is a recreational league.**

### Co-ed Softball League Exceptions

1. A woman must either be the pitcher or catcher- 2 must play in the infield and 2 in the outfield
2. Each team must field 5 women and 5 men. A team may start with 8 players and end with 8, however it must be an equal guy to girl ratio unless the opposing team agrees to play even if the ratio is not equal.
3. When women are at-bat, infielders must stay even with first and third bases and outfielders must stay behind the co-ed line before the ball is hit.
4. Batting order must go guy girl guy girl.
5. Each team will be allowed one and only one courtesy runner each inning. The player will be the person who made the last out of the same gender.
6. All plays at home will be a force out. Once runners pass the commitment line, they must continue across the scoring line. If a fielder with the ball touches home plate before the runner crosses the scoring line the runner is out.
7. If a male player is walked, they automatically go to second base, the female batter can choose to walk to first base or hit.
8. Women will be allowed to use senior bats.
9. Teams will use a .44 cor/375 compression, 12-inch softball for men and a 11-inch softball for women (A woman batter may ask to hit a 12-inch softball). All outfielders must stay behind the co-ed line when women are at bat regardless of the ball used.

The standings will be posted on the city of Port Orange website <https://www.port-orange.org/534/Adult-Sports>

If you have any questions regarding League rules, please call our main office at 386-506-5851 or Jennifer Sisk, Athletic Manager, at 386-506-5937.