



Mt. Pleasant Adult Coed Slow Pitch By-Laws

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In addition to the Slow Pitch By Laws



1. A team may start or finish a game with eight (8) registered players. A team must have eight (8) players to bat or to take the field. With eight (8) players, the ratio of players must be four (4) men and four (4) women. If a team begins a game with nine (9) players, the ratio of these players must be five (5) men and four (4) women or four (4) men and five (5) women. If a team fails to meet these requirements by game time, the game shall be considered a forfeit.
2. The ratio of male/female players in the game must be on a one-to-one basis. (5 male and 5 female players, 6 male and 6 female players if utilizing the “extra players” rule).
3. The “extra players” rule may be utilized as per book rule with the following modification: As by rule, a team must have a minimum of twelve (12) players (6 male, 6 female) **present** to start the game with “extra players”. This rule may only be utilized if you start the game with twelve (12) players. A team cannot add eleventh and twelfth batting positions to their line-up once the game has begun. Team must maintain 12 players throughout the game. If a team starts with “extra players” but later falls below 12 players, the vacant position(s) in the line-up shall be considered an “out”.
4. The following criteria shall apply to teams playing with eight (8) players:
 - a) -The pitcher and catcher must be of opposite genders, and the other three (3) infield and three (3) outfield positions shall be occupied with a 2:1 ratio. If a team plays shorthanded with either three players in the infield or outfield, at least one must be male and at least one must be a female.
 - b) -Both the ninth (9) and tenth (10) batting positions shall be left vacant. When each empty position’s turn to bat arrives, an “out” will be recorded for each empty batting position.
 - c) -If the ninth (9) player arrives after the game has started, she/he will take the vacant position in the batting order where their gender would fit, and thereafter all criteria for playing a game with nine (9) players shall be followed.
5. The following criteria shall apply to teams playing with nine (9) players:
 - a) -The pitcher and catcher must be of opposite genders. The other four (4) infield or outfield positions shall not be occupied by more than two (2) individuals of the same gender. If a team plays shorthanded with either three players in the infield or outfield, at least one must be male and at least one must be a female.
 - b) -Either the ninth (9) or tenth (10) batting position will be vacant and when that position is reached in the line-up, an automatic out will be recorded in all cases.
 - c) -If the 5th male or female arrives after the game has started, she/he will take the vacant position in the batting order, and thereafter, all rules for a ten (10) player coed game will be followed.
6. A team must maintain a minimum of eight (8) players throughout the game. Failure to complete the game with a minimum of eight (8) players is considered forfeiting the game.
7. You may substitute for your own gender under the ASA rules of substitution and re-entry.
8. The batting order for all games shall alternate male/female or vice-versa.
9. Any walk to a male batter will result in a two (2) base award. The next batter (a female) will bat.
EXCEPTION: With two (2) outs, the female has the option to walk or bat.

10. If the wrong size ball is used, the manager of the team at bat may take the result of the play or have the batter re-bat. (Appeal must be made before the next pitch, legal or illegal.)
11. **COURTESY RUNNER.** Any eligible player on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. There is a limit to one courtesy runner per inning per gender. If the courtesy runner is on base and it is his/her turn to bat, the courtesy runner is out (vacating that base) and that player will bat. In Coed play a male may only run for a male and a female may only run for a female.
12. **Coed 175 ft Rule:** A defensive line consisting of an arc of 175 ft from home plate shall be used. No outfielder is allowed in front of the line until the ball is hit. This rule is in effect only when a female is up to bat.

IF any fielder crosses the 175 ft restraining line, in the judgment of the umpire, prior to the batter contacting ball, the following will be in effect:

Delayed Dead Ball – Illegal Defense

1. If the batter hits the ball and reaches first base safely, and all other runners advance at least one base.
 - a. Illegal Defense cancelled. All action as a result of the batted ball stands. No option is given. Once a runner has passed a base, the runner is considered to have reached that base.
 - i. Once batter passes a base, he is open to being put out.
2. If all runners, including the batter runner, do not advance at least one base.
 - a. The manager has the option of taking the result of the play, or enforcing illegal defense by awarding the batter first and advancing all runners one (1) base, if forced.
 - b. If base runners were not forced, they return to the base they were at the time of the pitch.

Example: Base runners on 1st and 3rd. Runner on 3rd reaches home and batter going to 1st thrown out. Manager has the option to take the run, which would result in batter being out at 1st, OR base runner at 1st is awarded 2nd base(forced), base runner at 3rd returns back to 3rd base(unforced) and batter is awarded 1st base; resulting in no out on the play.