

City of Anderson Parks and Recreation Department
Adult Softball Rules

The purpose of this program is:

---to provide the adult residents of the Anderson area an opportunity for fun and enjoyment through an organized softball league

---to offer the opportunity for its participants to engage in physical activity and to exhibit good sportsmanship.

ORGANIZATION

1. Each team must have a current roster on file with the Recreation Department.
2. Only a coach will be allowed to add or drop a player from the roster. Any such changes must be made by September 5th---all rosters must be finalized by that date.
3. To be eligible to participate in tournament play, a person must have played at least three games during the regular season (not just be listed on the roster).
4. A maximum of three coaches may be listed on the roster. Other than a scorekeeper, they will be the only ones allowed in the dugout with the team.
5. All players must sign the liability release form to be kept on file with the Recreation Department to be eligible.
6. Players that turn 16 years old by April 1st will be allowed to play. These Players must have the liability release form signed by a parent or guardian. However, no team roster may have more than three players under 18.
7. Any change in coach or the address of the coach should be reported to the office. This will keep your team from missing important and timely information.
8. Players will not be allowed to change teams---once you have played a game with one team, you must complete the season with them.
9. Any staff member or game official may prevent a person from playing on more than one team. If a team is caught playing an illegal player, the game will be forfeited at that time.
10. Schedules will not be changed once they are completed unless a mistake is made by the department. Any possible conflicts must be turned in with the team entry form.

11. Game balls will be provided by the Recreation Department at the beginning of season. Teams are then responsible for keeping up with their own.
12. Only the balls distributed by the Recreation Department may be used. If a team is caught using any other ball, it will be thrown out and a warning issued. Any positive effect on the play when the illegal ball is noticed will be nullified. Further infractions will result in the game being forfeited. Additional balls may be purchased from the office or field supervisor at a cost of \$4.00.
13. No titanium alloy or triple wall (shell) bats will be allowed in this league. Any bats that are in the ASA non-approved list will not be allowed. The Mikken Freak will not be allowed in this league. The Recreation Department reserves the right to ban any new bat that comes out that proves to be inappropriate for recreation level play.
13. Any team that forfeits 2 games in a row or 3 games during the season may be dropped from the league if deemed necessary by the Recreation Department.
- 14. Players must wear matching jerseys with different numbers on the back.**
15. No player will be allowed to play barefooted or in metal spikes.
16. The line-up with names and jersey numbers should be given to the scorekeeper no later than five minutes prior to the game. Changes may be made if necessary.
17. Any ties in the final league standings will be broken by head-to-head competition.
18. Umpires will be paid at the field before the game begins. Each team will be responsible for paying one official at a rate of \$14 per game.

GAME PLAY

1. The ASA slow pitch rules and these league rules will govern play in the league. In case of conflict, the league rules will take precedence.

2. On a trial basis: There will be no time limit. Each at bat will begin 1-1.
3. Game time is forfeit time. However, when the preceding game runs over, game time will be when the umpire calls for play to begin.
4. A team may begin and end the game with nine players. A tenth player may enter the game on arrival.
5. If a situation occurs leaving a team with only nine players after beginning with ten or eleven, they may finish the game. The first time that the missing player's batting position comes up, an out is called. This is a one-time penalty.
Exception: If the preceding batter draws a walk, the missing player is not out.
6. The pitch must be delivered with perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground but not exceed 12 feet. The pitching rubber will be 50 feet from home plate. Pitchers will be allowed to be behind the pitching rubber if they choose.
7. There will be a 2 homerun limit in the recreational division. After that, it will be a single. In the competitive league, there will be no limit.
8. Stealing is not allowed.
9. There will be an extra foul allowed on the third strike.
10. There will be a 20 run lead rule after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4, and 10 runs after 5 innings.
11. Courtesy runners will be allowed in case of an injury. The runner must be someone not in the game or the person who made the last out.
12. Players may not intentionally make errors to allow the other team to score in an attempt to prolong the game.
13. A team may begin the game as visitors with 8 players. If the 9th player arrives before the half inning is over, the game may continue. Otherwise, it becomes a forfeit.

PROTESTS

1. No protest will be considered unless it involves a question of eligibility or the misinterpretation of the rules.
2. The protest must be made verbally to the umpire before another pitch is made. He will notify the opposing team and make a note in the scorebook.
3. To complete the process, the protest must be made in writing to the Recreation

Department by 4:30pm of the second business day after the game in question. It must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

RAIN-OUT INFORMATION

In case of rain on a scheduled game day, the decision is not made until after 3:30 pm. To find out the status of a game, you have two options. From a touch tone phone, you may call 226-2489. By computer, you may access our web site at www.cityofandersonsc.com.

If rain comes after 5:00pm, a decision will be made at the field by the umpires. The message will be updated as possible. Please remember that our rain patterns are scattered at times---if you are not sure, please go to the field to avoid forfeits.

CONDUCT

1. All players and coaches are expected to display proper sportsmanship at all times. Anyone not doing so will be subject to ejection and suspension. Showing out will get you nothing but trouble.
2. The umpire will be in charge of the game at all times. They will take NO ABUSE!
3. In the event that a team fails to respect the umpire's authority or decisions, the umpire is instructed to forfeit the game to the other team after one warning has been given that such action will be taken.

4. In any discussion with an official, only the manager will be allowed to participate. Time-out must be requested before approaching the official.
5. No profanity or abusive language will be allowed.
6. There will be no alcoholic beverages or drugs allowed on the field or in the spectators area. Anyone caught under the influence of either will be asked to leave.
7. No smoking or other tobacco products will be allowed inside the fence.
8. Fighting will not be tolerated. Teams will be responsible for fights involving their players during the course of the game or while still at the field. Umpires have the option of suspending a team or players after one fight and a team may be dropped from the league after two fights,
9. The umpires will report to the recreation supervisor any of the actions listed below that occur on or at the field. After reviewing the incident, the accompanying consequences may be applied.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT-----	2 GAMES
PROFANITY-----	2 GAMES
THREATENING A PLAYER OR OFFICIAL-----	SEASON SUSPENSION
HITTING AN OFFICIAL-----	INDEFINITE SUSPENSION
DRINKING-----	SEASON SUSPENSION
FIGHTING-----	INDEFINITE SUSPENSION

10. If a player or coach is ejected from the game, he may be seated in the stands. If he continues to argue or show unsportsmanlike conduct, he will be asked to leave the field. If he refuses, the game may be forfeited.