



2011 Slow Pitch Rules

Applies to Open, Industrial, Church and Women's Leagues.

All U.S.S.A. rules will be followed except where stated differently in this rules handout.

1. Home team is listed second on the schedule and will keep the official book, provided by the MRC.
2. Each team will hit their own balls (you provide). All balls must have or fall with-in the following criteria.
 - Men: Ball must be 12" in diameter with optic yellow cover & blue stitches.
Only balls marked as USSSA, Classic M or Classic Plus
 - Women: Ball must be 11" in diameter with optic yellow cover & blue.
Only balls marked as USSSA, Classic M or Classic Plus
3. **Game Time is Forfeit time.**
 1. **Industrial and open** teams must have **9 players to start** a game. The **10th batter** will be an **automatic out**. If a team goes to 8 players the game is over.
Church and Women's teams must have **8** to start a game. The **9th batter** will be an **automatic out**.
If a team goes to 7 players the game is over.
5. **No Steal Cleats are allowed.** If caught you are not allowed to finish the game!
6. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON THE CITY PROPERTY!** No smoking on the diamonds. Profane language will not be tolerated.
7. **Officials are in charge of the game** and are to be treated with respect. All players and spectators need to demonstrate **good sportsmanship**. Each team is responsible for their own players and spectators. Any player / spectator ejected from the game / facility must leave immediately or the proper authorities will be called to escort them out. **Any player ejected** from a game will be **automatically suspended** from the game and for **at least 14 days**, possibly more. All players or teams will be suspended for one year, for laying a hand on an official. Any players that pursues a fight will be suspended from league for at least one year. If someone commits an act in which the league feels further punishment is needed, the league committee will vote and determine the punishment, up to permanent suspension. League committee is made up of team captains.
8. All games will have a **one hour time limit** with no new innings being started after 55 minutes of play.
9. Any **Roster additions** must be made by **the captain before the game**. All players must be at least 18 years old to play. If your team is adding someone from outside USD 418 school district they must pay their \$8 fee before they are allowed to play. **You will not be able to add players to your roster after Friday, June 19th 2009.**
10. All men's leagues will have a **3 home run limit**
11. **Women's league will not have a home run limit**
12. **Run Rule** will be **15 after 3 or 4 innings** and **10 after 5 innings** for all leagues.
13. **League descriptions:**
 - Church** - All players must play for the church they attend. A player may not play for another church team if their church has a team in the league.
 - Industrial** - Player's or player's spouse must be employed by the business(es) sponsoring the team.
 - Open** - Anyone is eligible to play in this league.
 - Women** - Any female that wishes to play.
14. Only bats approved for USSSA play will be allowed. 2011 approved bat list is available on ussa.com.

If you wish to receive email notification for weather related scheduling changes please email us at sportsdept@ymca-mrc.com. You can also get quick up to date information on our website @ www.mcphersonrecreationcommission.com or by calling our hotline at **241-1331**. In the event of poor weather we will make game cancellations no later than 4:30 pm and will have that info on the radio, **KBBE 96.7** our website and our hot line 241-1331.