

# Carroll County Community Center

## 2014 Softball Rules

1. The umpire has the power to make decisions on any matter or questions not specifically covered in the rules. **Umpire has final say.**
2. Game time is forfeit time. **There will be a \$40 forfeit fee. No exceptions.**
3. You may have 10 players (max) on the field and as few as 8 (must have 4 women and no more than 2 subs).
4. Maximum of 7 innings or 1 hour of play. No innings will start after 50 minutes has elapsed with a maximum of 15 minute intervals in-between games. If an inning is started it must be completed. Tournament games will play entire 7 innings so game time may run longer.
5. The 12 run rule will be enforced after 4 full innings or 3 ½ if home team is ahead.
6. A game will be official after 4 innings.
7. The batter starts with 1 ball and 1 strike. If the batter hits a foul ball with 2 strikes they will be considered out. **Strike zone will include any part of the plate or mat.**
8. No Bunting or chopping.
9. No Stealing or leading off. If a runner is caught leading off a warning will be issued, and on the teams second warning the runner will be considered out.
10. The runner is not allowed to leave the base until the ball is hit.
11. Base runners must avoid contact with defensive players on the field.
12. There is a force out at home. If you advance more than half way home the play is at home. The runner must use the white mat to avoid contact with the catcher.
13. The ball must be pitched a minimum arc of 6 feet and a maximum of 12 feet.
14. The infield fly rule will be enforced.
15. Men and women can bat in the order of 2 guys and 1 girl up to roster. Must remain at least 2 guys to 1 girl. You may bat 1 girl and 1 guy or multiple girls in a row. You have the option of batting everyone at the game up to your entire roster as long as you stay at least 2 guys to 1 girl or 1 guy to 1 girl. No changing of batting order. (For further clarification talk to umpire)
16. Teams must have a minimum 4 women in the field with at least 1 in the infield and 1 in the outfield.
17. Rubber cleats or athletic shoes only. No metal cleats allowed.

18. Teams must remove all trash from the dugout and leave the dugout as soon as their game is complete. Failure to do so may lead to forfeit. (Forfeit fee will be charged)
19. No fighting, profanity or unruly behavior will be allowed. Should this occur, the player will be warned and if behavior continues they will be asked to leave the game. If this player has another occurrence in an upcoming game they will then be removed from the league. If unsportsmanlike conduct is flagrant, umpire may eject player without warning.
20. Bats supplied by each team, must say ASA certified, and the bats cannot be loaded. USSSA bats may be used.
21. Games will play through rain unless lighting or severe weather is forecast.
22. A team may hit no more than 4 homeruns in a game. After 4 if a homerun is hit the player will be called out.
23. Another player may replace someone for the remainder of the season if previously discussed and approved by CCCC staff. The player replaced may not return to play another game during the season. NO roster changes after week 5. No exceptions.
24. A) Batter-Runner will be required to use the orange half of the base while the defense must use the white half of the bag.  
B) Runner will be considered as having missed the base if they touch the white portion of the base. A proper appeal will have to be appealed.  
C) Once a Batter-Runner reaches base safely the base becomes a full 15in X 30in Base.
26. Home and Visiting teams will be determined by the CCCC, the first home team of the day will be required to setup the bases and whatever else is necessary for other teams to play on that day. The last visiting team of the day will be required to put all bases away and whatever else is left out on the field.
27. Each team and all players on the team must have same color shirt in order to play.
28. If team shows up without enough players someone can be taken from other team, to play the game, but the game will count as a forfeit for the team taking the player.
29. When a pitcher intentionally walks a guy to get to a girl (also includes illegal pitches) the girl has the option of taking the base or swinging away. All walks are one base awarded to batter. Walk rule will read ASA style.