



## City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation 2011 CO-ED Softball Condensed League Rules

- Home Team provides 1 new 12" and 11" ball and is official scorebook (communicate the score each inning) Visitors provide backup balls.
- Teams can start and finish a game with eight players.  
-Only possible combinations: 4M-4F/ 4M-5F/4M-6F/5M-4F/ 5M-5F
- An out WILL NOT be charged to a "non-existent batter" if a team has less than 10 players. Unless the team drops below 10 players due to an ejection. If due to an ejection an out will be assessed each time that player(s) turn at bat comes about.
- There is a 10 minute grace period.
- Game time begins at the scheduled start time. If **both** teams are ready to go prior to start time, then they may start early.
- No new inning after 1 hour 10 minutes. (Any game, without a game following may be extended to 1 hour and 30min- darkness allowing)
- Run Rule: 10 after 5 innings

**Positions:** Any player (*both female and male*) may play any position.

**Batting order:** Teams must alternate batters (*male/female*). There is no automatic out with fewer female than male batters.

- There is NO OVERPLAY RULE: Players may encroach or field balls within another player's defensive position.

**Walk Rule:** Male "walked" on four straight pitches without a strike, he goes to second and the female must bat.

- All batters start with a 0-0 count (no courtesy foul)
- No base stealing, or leading off.
- ASA banned bat list will be enforced.
- Progressive home run rule (1). Subsequent hr=out

**Ground Rules:**

- Homestead North - *right field*  
**On the Fly**  
Left of Pole - Home Run  
Right of Pole - Progressive Home Run  
**On the Ground**  
Left or right of Pole - Ground Rule Double

### **Rainouts**

The rainout line/website will be updated by 4pm or earlier by the Park Maintenance Staff.

Rainout Line: 206.275.7894

Or

[www.mercergov.org/fieldconditions](http://www.mercergov.org/fieldconditions)

Please do not call the Recreation Coordinator to ask/complain about fields.