



McPherson Recreation Commission

# SUMMER SOFTBALL

## 2020 Summer Slow Pitch Rules

Applies to Open, Industrial and Church Leagues  
Co-ed has its own rules

All U.S.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 within the following criteria:
  - Ball must be 12" in diameter with optic yellow cover
  - Only balls marked as **USSSA, Classic M or Classic Plus**
  - Different sized balls **will not be used** for male and female batters
3. Game Time is Forfeit time.
4. **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. Players arriving late can be added to the end of the batting lineup.
5. **Church** 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. Players arriving late can be added to the end of the batting lineup.
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 call to escort them out. **Any player ejected** from a game will be **automatically suspended** from the game and **a minimum of 14 days**. All players or teams will be suspended for one year for laying a hand on an official. Any player 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 which could include permanent suspension. League committee is made up of team captains.
8. All games will have an **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 15 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. Nobody will be allowed to play unless they are on and have signed the roster with no additions allowed after the third game of the season.
10. All leagues will have an **3 home run limit** (USSSA rules: Corporate men's class B and church men's class B).
11. **Run Rule** will be **15 after 3 innings** and **10 after 5 innings** for all leagues.
12. After 2 strikes, the batter will be allowed **one courtesy foul**. After that, the ball must be fair or it will be considered an out.
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 sponsoring the team.
  - Open** - Anyone is eligible to play in this league; however the league is **not** played using co-ed rules.

Bats approved for USSSA play will be allowed. Bats list is available at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com).

In the event of possible weather cancellations, a decision will be made no later then 4:30 pm. Cancellation info will be posted on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mcphersonrecreationcommission/>, you may also check our website, [www.mcphersonrecreationcommission.org](http://www.mcphersonrecreationcommission.org), and you can also listen to **KBBE 96.7** for weather related cancellations.