

ODESSA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
JUNE 2011 COED LEAGUE RULES

- 1) LEAGUE WILL FOLLOW USSSA RULES. ODESSA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION RULES WILL PREVAIL. WHERE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES, THEN THESE COED RULES APPLY.
- 2) EACH TEAM MUST FIELD A MINIMUM OF 7 PLAYERS (4 WOMEN, 3 MEN) TO START A GAME. A TEAM MAY BAT UP TO 12 PLAYERS, BUT MAY NEVER BAT MORE MEN THAN WOMEN. PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED TO THE LINEUP AFTER THE GAME BEGINS UNTIL THEY REACH 12 BATTERS. NO AUTOMATIC OUTS FOR STARTING WITH LESS THAN 10. IF A TEAM BATS 7, 9, OR 11 THE LINEUP MUST BEGIN AND END WITH A WOMAN BATTER. THERE MAY NEVER BE MORE MEN THAN WOMEN IN THE GAME AND THERE MAY BE ONLY ONE EXTRA WOMAN.
- 3) A MAN WHO WALKS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO SECOND BASE. THE WOMAN BEHIND HIM HAS THE OPTION TO BAT OR WALK, BUT MUST NOTIFY THE UMPIRE VERBALLY OF HER CHOICE.
- 4) INDUSTRIAL COED WOMEN WILL HIT THE 11" BALL AND MEN HIT THE 12" BALL. CHURCH COED USES ONLY THE 12" BALL FOR ALL BATTERS.
- 5) CHURCH COED MEN BAT OPPOSITE-HANDED.
- 6) IN CHURCH COED, WHEN A WOMAN IS BATTING, OUTFIELDERS MUST OBSERVE THE 200' LINE AND INFIELERS MUST STAY EVEN WITH OR BEHIND BASELINES. PENALTY IS GROUND RULE DOUBLE FOR THE BATTER.
- 7) FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, INDUSTRIAL COED WILL OBSERVE THE HALO RULE (#20 IN OSA RULES) AND THE PITCHER MUST BE A MAN AND THE CATCHER A WOMAN. CHURCH COED WILL NOT OBSERVE THE HALO RULE, THEREFORE WITH PITCHER AND CATCHER-ONE MAN, ONE WOMAN. IN ALL COED LEAGUES, INFIELERS WILL BE 2 MEN AND 2 WOMEN, OUTFIELDERS 2 MEN AND 2 WOMEN. IF PLAYING SHORT-HANDED, THE MEN MUST BE PLACED IN THE INFIELD AND OUTFIELD AS EVENLY AS POSSIBLE.
- 8) MEN SHOULD MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO PREVENT COLLISIONS WITH WOMEN. SLIDING IS CONSIDERED AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID CONTACT.
- 9) USSSA RULES AND OSA LEAGUE RULES ARE GUIDELINES FOR PROTESTS.