

Prattville Department of Leisure Services

Local League Rules

1. ASA Softball Rules will be the governing rules for league play. Some exceptions may occur between local league rules and ASA rules.
2. **Lines up must be turned in 10 minutes prior to game time.** Line ups will include names, numbers and the batting order.
3. Game time is forfeit time.
4. Games will have a one hour time limit or seven innings. An inning will not begin after the deadline, unless the game is tied.
5. Home run rule will be 3 per team.
6. **Steel cleats, golf shoes, track shoes, etc., are not permitted.** Shoes are required
7. Softballs must be marked ASA approved: MSP44 12" (.52 Core 300Compression) for men and GWSP44 11" ball for women.
8. Rain outs will be made up as time permits. Priority for make up games will be determined by the league standings.
9. The Parks and Recreation Department will determine if the playing fields are suitable for play. After the first game of the day has begun, the umpires will assume responsibility for calling off or suspending games. The decision to call off games will be made at 4:00 p.m. **Call Prattville Parks and Recreation Department at 595-0800 if you have any questions about play.**
10. **Any player displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to suspension or expulsion. Suspended players must leave the park area and may not return until the suspension has been lifted. The Athletic Director and the Softball Coordinator shall determine the duration of suspensions.**
11. **A PLAYER THAT IS EJECTED FROM A GAME, FOR ANY REASON, IS REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE PARK (NOT JUST THE FIELD) IMMEDIATELY. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FORFIETURE OF GAME.**
12. **Fighting will not be tolerated for any reason. The penalty for fighting will be suspension for the duration of the current season or possibly expulsion from the program all together.**
13. **Swearing or cursing will not be tolerated. The penalty for this offense will be ejection from the game and you will be required to leave the park immediately.**
14. **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at any City park or facility. (This includes the parking lot)**
15. **Due to City of Prattville ordinance, there will be no tobacco use allowed in the facility. This includes smoking, dipping, and chewing. Penalty for violation will be ejection from the game and you will be required to leave the park immediately. *This pertains to players and spectators***
16. **Players will in no way threaten or come into physical contact with an umpire. Per Alabama State laws you can be arrested, fined and be subject to jail time for this offense.**

17. **If there is a problem with a call or a protest, the only member of your team eligible to discuss it with the umpire or softball coordinator is the coach or the team manager.**
18. There will be a protest fee of \$50.00 cash. Protests will be handled in accordance with ASA rules and league bylaws. If the protest is valid the fee will be refunded. If the protest is invalid the fee will not be refunded. **There is no protesting judgment calls.** Only the Coach of the team is allowed to bring forward a protest.
19. A team will be dropped from the league without a refund after three forfeits.
20. All players, managers and coaches who are going to be on the field or in the dugout must be on the official roster. **IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE ROSTER YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT.**
21. Official rosters are due prior to the first game.
22. Players must be 16 before September 1st of the current year to be eligible for adult play. Players may not play high school softball or baseball while playing with the adult league.
23. The NCAA, ASA and AHSAA blood rule applies. Any cut, scrape or open wound that is bleeding, must be stopped and covered before the player can resume play. Bloody clothes must be changed.
24. **ASA rule 4.1.d, the short handed rule is amended as follow: teams playing short handed will not be penalized with an out when the 10th position comes to bat. If the player joins the team before the 10th position comes to bat, the player will play. If the player joins the team after the 10th position has come to bat, the player can only play as a substitute.**
25. Teams will be required to have their jerseys by the date set by the Athletic Director and Softball Coordinator. Team members jerseys must be similar in color, have a number on the back and the team name on the front. **(Athletic Dept. will have discretion over this rule). If teams do not have matching jersey's after the set date, it will be at the discretion of the league director weather a non-matching jersey is suitable in order for the individual to play.** (ex. of non-acceptable, team wearing black and individual wearing white)
26. Players may be added to the official roster up until the last two weeks of the regular season. You will not be allowed to add players for the end of the season tournament if they are not already on your roster.
27. A players name may only be on one roster. Once your name is on a roster for the season, you will not be allowed to change teams.
28. If a team is short handed at game time and needs to pick up no more than one player to field a team, this will be allowed if: the opposing teams coach must be notified, the umpire notified and it is approved by the Parks and Recreation Department staff who is running the complex that night. Once these steps have been taken, the game will be played as an official game and no protest of an ineligible player will be allowed.
29. A courtesy runner will be allowed for an injured player. Only the last out may be a courtesy runner. Coach may not select a specific individual to run.
30. **CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

31. League rules applying to behavior will also carry over into the parking lot. As long as you are still on City of Prattville property, you are governed by the local league rules. **Suspension and expulsion will also apply to players who do not exercise proper behavior while driving in the parking lot. Example:** squealing tires, loud music, reckless driving, drinking in the parking lot, etc.
32. There will be no stealing allowed in the league.
33. Only coaches will be allowed in the press box for the purpose of turning in line ups before games.
34. Concerning Co-Ed line ups, the batting order must be a rotation of boy – girl or vice versa. Two girls may bat back to back, if necessary but two men will not be allowed to bat back to back.
35. Men will hit only men’s regulation balls and women will hit only women’s regulation balls. If the wrong ball is hit by either, the play will be called dead and replayed with the correct regulation ball.
36. You are allowed to bat 2 extra hitters, but it must be a male and female extra hitter. If you do not have enough to do so, you will not be allowed to use an extra hitter.
37. If a male batter is walked, either on purpose or unintentionally, the following female batter will have the option to either take her at bat or to walk.
38. If a team is playing shorthanded with 9 players and has to bat two men back to back, an automatic out will be issued between the two male batters.
39. There will be a **coed line** marked in the outfield for games. This line will only be in effect when **Women are batting**. When a **woman** is batting no outfielder may be in front of the line. The fielder may come across the line after the ball has been hit. Also, no infielder may play on the grass when a **woman** is batting. Once the ball has been batted the infielder may play into the grass. If the outfielder or infielder crosses the line/plays on the grass, prior to the ball being batted, the batter will be awarded 1st base automatically. It will be the umpire’s sole discretion weather or not the fielders were/are in violation of this rule. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY WHEN A MALE IS BATTING.**
40. Batters will begin each at bat with a “1 and 1” count. Which means the batter will have one ball and strike on them automatically before their at bat. There will be no courtesy foul.
41. Fielding Positions, as per ASA Rule 4, Section 1, Article C, sub-section 3F. Co-ed teams must have two males and two females in both the infield and outfield. Pitcher / catcher combination has to be one male and one female. Either male or female may pitch or catch, as long as it is a male / female combo.

Fee: \$400

League Fee must be paid by May 26th.

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Games will start the week of June 2nd

Play Days: Tuesday and Thursday (Dependent on number of teams)

City Website: www.prattvilleal.gov

City Facebook: www.facebook.com/PrattvilleALgov

Jerseys: All teams are required to have their jerseys by June 9th.

Rosters must be turned in by June 2nd.