

INTRAMURAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS
Presents

CO-REC SOFTBALL



Location: Kirksville Parks & Rec North Park Fields (just north of Wal-Mart)

Entry Form: Must register online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralhome/index.asp>.

Competition: Co-Rec; OPEN

Schedule: Double Elimination Tournament

Schedule will be posted on IM Bulletin board at SRC and online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp>.

Rules: ASA slow-pitch softball rules will be used with the following highlights and exceptions:
(New rules and rules that are continued from the 2008 season are typed in **bold**.)

1. **Team Composition:** Eight players must be present to start a game. Ten players are permitted defensively with men and women equally divided among the infield and outfield positions. The pitcher/catcher battery must be composed of one male and one female at all times. **The acceptable combinations to start a game are as follows: 4 male/4female, 4 male/5 female, 5 male/4 female, 5 male/5 female, 6 male/6 female.**
2. **Batting Order:** The batting order must alternate men and women. If at any time two batters of the same gender bat consecutively, then an out shall be recorded. If a team wishes to use the Extra Hitter rule, it must have an extra male **AND** an extra female. **THERE WILL BE NO DESIGNATED HITTER FOR A DEFENSIVE PLAYER THIS YEAR!**
3. A pitched ball must have an arc of at least six feet and no more than twelve feet. **The strike zone is defined as the batter's body between the front shoulder and the back knee. A legally pitched ball that passes through the strike zone shall be called a strike. If the ball is legally pitched and strikes any part of the strike mat, it is considered a strike. If the pitch strikes home plate, it is called a ball.**
4. Each batter begins with a one ball and one strike count.
5. If the batter fouls off the third strike, then that batter will be out. **THERE IS NO COURTESY PITCH!**
6. **When a male is walked, he shall be awarded 2nd base. If there are two outs, then the succeeding female shall be given the option to bat or walk to first. If there are less than two outs, then the succeeding female must bat.**
7. A game consists of six innings or a 50 minute time limit. No new* inning will begin after 50 minutes of play, unless the score is tied. ***An inning ends when the final out is recorded.**
8. If a game is tied at the end of six innings **OR** when the time limit has expired, the International Tie Breaker will be used. The last person to bat the previous inning will be placed on second base and the game will continue. This is done for both teams.
9. No metal spikes may be used for playing Intramural Softball.
10. Only official softball bats may be used. Bats will be available to use or teams may use their own bats, provided that they meet ASA specifications.
11. Game balls possessing a coefficient of restitution of .047 or lower will be provided for Intramural play. No ball of a higher restitution will be used because of safety concerns.
12. A team consists of 10 players on defense. An 11th and 12th player may be used as an Extra Hitter provided that that player is present at the start of the game. An Extra Hitter may not be inserted once the game has begun. **THERE WILL BE NO DESIGNATED HITTER FOR A DEFENSIVE PLAYER THIS YEAR!**

Reminder:

ALL Intramural rules posted in the handbook are applicable with this sport. Each participant is responsible for reviewing Student Recreation Center guidelines and Intramural guidelines available on the website before participating in any event.

Complete rules for Softball are available on the following website: <http://www.recreation.truman.edu>

Rescheduling Requests:

If a team captain wishes to reschedule a game, he or she must request in writing (email) to the Director of Intramurals by 2:00 PM the business day prior to the originally scheduled game. Games may only be rescheduled upon mutual agreement between team captains.

Please contact the Intramural Office, 785-4467, if you have any questions.

