



## SUBURBAN CHURCH GENERAL LEAGUE RULES 2018

1. All players must sign the team roster prior to playing; teams must have the roster signed by a Pastor.
2. The umpire and the two managers will establish ground rules before the game begins.
3. The league will NOT use the three balls, two strikes rule outlined in USSSA rules unless decided prior to game by coaches and umpire.
4. **Foul Out: there will be one foul to waste after two strikes.**
5. **All catchers must wear a facemask.**
6. A 15-minute grace period is granted for late arrivals for single games, **for double headers 10-minutes, after which the offending team must forfeit the game.** If a team has the minimum eight players present, it must start the game. Additional players may be added to the end of the lineup as they arrive, without penalty, up to ten (10) players total.
7. Double headers- When two games are scheduled on a field, the first game cannot start another inning after 7:15.
8. A full game is to go 7 innings.
9. Once the game starts, the umpire assumes control of the game. The umpire may call the game any time after the first pitch if conditions warrant. At least four (4) innings are required for an official game (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).
10. A starting player may reenter the game once after being substituted for, but must re-enter into the same position in the batting order.
11. Run rule (Men's only) - If the home team is ahead by 12+ runs after 4½ innings, or the visiting team after 5 innings, the game is over.
12. **Run Rule (Coed) - 6 run maximum per team innings 1-5, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> inning will be unlimited for both. If the home teams ahead by 15+ runs after 5 ½ innings, or the visiting team after 6 innings, the game is over.**
13. A team forfeiting three (3) games shall be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season. Any team fees paid are non-refundable in the event of a suspension.
14. The home team is to supply the bases if needed. The visiting team is to supply the safety base for first base runners to use. The inside bag is for the fielders.
15. Protests- You may protest any game for a fee of \$20 within 48 hours after the game. Protests may only be based on interpretations of the rules. If upheld the protest fee gets refunded.
16. Postponements- If it is raining, it is up to the home team manager to decide if the game should be postponed, based on the condition of the field. The umpire assignor should be contacted two **(2) hours before game time**, in order to allow time to notify the umpire of the cancellation. **Cancelling with 2 hours will be a tie unless the teams are willing to pay the umpire fee for a reschedule.**
17. Injury- A sub may re-enter the game without penalty to replace an injured player, however, the injured player may not return to the game ONLY if the injured player has already come out of the game once and re-entered.
18. Designated hitters- Teams can use as many additional hitters in the lineup as they wish, providing they have enough players to start. Coed has to add an extra female before an additional male if playing with the minimum number of females.
19. Pitching- The mound is 50 feet from home plate. A pitcher can throw from up to 6 feet behind the rubber. Pitch arc must be between 3 to 12 feet from the POINT OF RELEASE. (umpires judgment) It is recommended that pitchers wear protective gear but not mandatory.
20. Bases- Mens and Coed bases are 65 feet.

21. **COED- In Coed play, when a female is batting, all 4 outfielders must remain in the outfield until the ball is hit. The outfield is defined as the area 30 feet behind the bases, in umpire's judgment. Further, an outfielder may not be the first fielder to touch or field a ball in play within the infield, unless: A) the ball continues to travel into the outfield by its own momentum, or B) an infielder makes an attempt to field the ball first. The penalty for violating this rule shall be a dead-ball with a single awarded to the batter, and any base-runners will advance one base from their current position.**
22. **COED- Must have a minimum of 3 women in the field of play at all times (4 in the lineup if the extra hitter is used) If playing with the minimum lineup of 7 men and 3 women you must add a woman to the lineup before an additional male. see sample lineups for safe examples.**

## Sample Lineups

Min Players	1 EH	2 EH	3 EH	4 EH
1) <b>Female LF</b>	1) Male P	1) Male P	1) Male P	1) <b>Female LF</b>
2) Male SS	2) <b>Female C</b>	2) <b>Female C</b>	2) <b>Female C</b>	2) Male EH
3) <b>Female 1B</b>	3) Male 1B	3) Male 1B	3) Male 1B	3) <b>Female 1B</b>
4) Male 2B	4) <b>Female 2B</b>	4) <b>Female 2B</b>	4) <b>Female 2B</b>	4) Male 2B
5) <b>Female C</b>	5) Male 3B	5) Male 3B	5) Male 3B	5) <b>Female EH</b>
6) Male SF	6) <b>Female SS</b>	6) <b>Female SS</b>	6) <b>Female SS</b>	6) Male EH
7) Male P	7) Male LF	7) Male LF	7) Male LF	7) <b>Female P</b>
8) Male CF	8) <b>Female EH</b>	8) <b>Female EH</b>	8) <b>Female CF</b>	8) Male CF
9) Male 3B	9) Male CF	9) Male CF	9) Male RF	9) <b>Female 3B</b>
10) Male RF	10) Male RF	10) Male EH	10) <b>Female SF</b>	10) Male RF
	11) Male SF	11) Male RF	11) Male EH	11) Male SF
		12) Male SF	12) Male EH	12) Male C
			13) Male EH	13) Male SS
				14) Male EH

23. **Coed batting order- Male and female batters must alternate starting from the first batter and continuing until no longer possible to alternate**
24. **Coed cont'd- When a male batter is given a walk, if he is followed by a female batter, he takes first then second base, and the female batter shall be given the option of batting or taking a walk. When followed by a male batter he takes only first base.**
25. **Rosters- Rosters are due to the league president no later than May 25<sup>th</sup>. Up to 5 additional players can be added to the roster until the end of the season with Pastor Approval and division president approval. Team play will be suspended after this date until roster is in.**
26. **All players must play in at least 4 regular season games over 4 separate weeks to be eligible to play in the playoffs.**
27. **If a church has multiple teams on the same night, they can share up to 5 players between its rosters; however, players can only play on one team during the playoffs. Playoff rosters are due no later than July 4<sup>th</sup> for churches with multiple teams.**
28. **Age- Players must be 13 by May 1 in order to play in the league.**
29. **Courtesy Runners- Teams are allowed two courtesy runners per inning for injury only. Once a player has taken a courtesy runner they must use a courtesy runner for the remainder of the time they are in the game.**
30. **Designated runner- Teams may use one player as their designated runner. The designated runner does not bat or play in the field but may run for any one player in any given inning. The designated runner may change players he/she runs for but only on an inning by inning basis. COED: a female may only run for a female and a male for a male.**
31. **Tie breakers for playoffs will be: 1. Head to Head W/L 2. Strength of schedule 3. Head to Head Run differential 4. Coin toss**