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FAIRFAX ADULT COED 14”/ 12” SOFTBALL - FALL 2023 STANDARD RULES

We play ASA rules with the exception of the following league rules

1. League fee of \$109.00 to be paid to the City of Fairfax by August 26, 2023. Send to:

**City of Fairfax
PO Box 337
Fairfax, IA 52228**

2. Males will bat a 14” ball, and females will bat a 12” ball – **new for 2023**
3. Season runs from Sept 10 – Oct 15, 2023
4. We will use 65’ bases, and a 50’ pitching distance for all games
5. Teams will flip for the home team
6. Teams will pay for umpires each game. \$15.00 per team to the umpire prior to the start of the game
7. Run rule: Maximum of 5 runs per inning for 1st three innings. Mercy rule: 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 5 innings
8. Open rosters
9. Pitch arc must be at least 6’, no more than 12’
10. Start with 1/1 count. 1 courtesy foul per at bat
11. Must take out for back/ back male batters. No penalty for back/back female batters.
12. Minimum of 4 females on defense, can include catcher
13. If a male batter is intentionally walked, they will be awarded 2nd base. If the next batter is female, they have the option to walk or hit
14. No metal cleats
15. Only ASA Certified bats
16. 90’ arc in the outfield will be applied when a female is up to bat. (approximately the distance of the first light pole).
17. The last batter out for a courtesy runner. Male for male/ female for female.
18. Slide rule - Will be enforced at all bases (except 1st, they must use a safety bag). This is a judgment call by the umpire. The defender cannot block first base.
19. Three over-the-fence HRs per game, per team. The fourth one is out.
20. No stealing. No leading off until the pitcher releases the ball.
21. Teams may use continuous batting order. Batters can only bat in their original spot in the order.
22. Strike mat - Both plate and mat will be considered a strike.
23. Time limit: Hard stop at 55 minutes from. Ties are allowed.
24. No alcohol on the playing field. No glass containers in the playing area, including dugouts. No smoking in the playing area, including dugouts.
25. Fairfax weather line **319-846-1699**. Rainouts announced by 2:00 p.m. Rainouts or canceled games will not be made up. No refunds.

Teams are expected to apply the spirit of the rule in the name of good sportsmanship