



Carroll County Sports Complex – 2026 Softball League Rules

2026 Board: Sports Complex Manager Becky Kishter, Umpire-in-Chief Gene Burgee, Deputy Umpire-in-Chief Matt Purkins

All Carroll County Sports Complex adult softball leagues will be governed by the 2026 Edition Independent Sports Association (ISA) Official Adult Slow Pitch Rule Book, with the following Coed League exceptions:

1. Base burglar(s) must be declared prior to game. If the runner's turn at bat occurs while they are on base, an out is declared on base and player gets their at bat. Co-ed teams may utilize two (2) base burglars per inning (one male, one female). A female may run for a male, but then cannot run the same inning for a female. If the base burglar(s) has been used in that inning, a courtesy runner (last batted out of that gender) may be used at the discretion of the umpire.
2. There will be no base bandit.
3. There will be no stealing.
4. Any bat that passes 220 psi or above on the Sports Complex compression tester will be legal in our leagues.
 - a. No senior or fast pitch bats are permitted in this league.
 - b. Any bat that initially fails on the tester will be rotated and tested two (2) more times. After three failed tests, a red sticker will be placed on it rendering it illegal for league use.
 - c. Any player caught using an untested bat or a bat that has failed will be subject to ejection and suspension.
5. You may bat up to five EP/EH.
6. Home Run rules will be as follows: 5 home runs male/female then OUTS.
7. One (1) courtesy foul with two (2) strikes.
8. Protest fee is \$150 and must be in writing to the Complex Manager. Fee is returned if the protest is upheld.
9. Masks are required for pitchers.
10. A female batter may walk after a male batter walks ONLY with 2 outs.
11. No inning will start after 55 minutes.
12. The catcher & pitcher combo can be: male/female, both male, or both female.
13. Players must sign their Team Waiver form BEFORE participating. Sports Complex Manager or their designee reserves the right to deny any player eligibility. Team Manager must e-mail any roster additions to Sports Complex Manager for approval prior to their participation.
 - a. Players can only play on one team in the league and must have signed that team's Roster Waiver form. No player is eligible to fill in for any other teams in the same league.
 - b. Use of unapproved players or those not on the signed Team Waiver can be cause for forfeit.

UNIFORMS: Face mask for pitcher is required. All team players must play in a jersey or matching shirt, with a number on the back. In the spirit of the game, it is understood that at times teams need a fill-in player that may not have a matching shirt. This is allowed and is not cause to protest a game, though Team Managers must make every effort to supply an appropriate jersey. Players may not play in altered jerseys/shirts, i.e., cut-off sleeves, cut sides, etc.; no midribs or ½ shirts, tank tops, or exposed bras/sports bras.

TOURNAMENT: Players must play in 1/3 of their team's scheduled games they appear on the roster for to be tournament eligible. The Sports Complex Manager may adjust this number as needed.

EJECTIONS: If you are upset about a call or a rule interpretation, DO NOT approach an umpire on another field to discuss. This will result in your ejection. Use of foul language on or off the field can be cause for ejection from the park.

SMOKING/VAPING & TOBACCO PRODUCTS: Use is not permitted less than 80 feet from any playing field. Failure to adhere will result in ejection.

ALCOHOL: Alcohol is prohibited and will result in ejection and suspension.