

USSSA COED TEAM RULES

Sec. 1. Five male and five female players must be in the lineup at all times (six and six if A.H. is used). Any five male and any five female players must play defense. Exception: A minimum of 9 players can start a game. However, there must always be five females players in the lineup. An out shall be declared for the 10th position in the lineup when that position is scheduled to bat. A 10th player may be added in the 10th position of the lineup at any time before the end of the game. That added player must be male.

Sec. 2. An 11-inch softball will be used when a female is batting and a 12-inch softball will be used when a male is batting. It is an appeal play when the wrong ball is pitched to a batter. If the appeal is allowed, then the batter returnsto bat with the same ball and strike count he/she had at the time of the pitch. Also, any base runners must return to the base occupied at the time of pitch.

Sec. 3. In the Mixed Program, teams starting with 12 players may drop down to 11 or 10 players but cannot have more males than females in the line-up. For example, if a female player is removed from the line-up, the male player following her in the line-up must be removed. All vacant spots in the line-up will be declared an out every time that position in the line-up is due to bat. If a team starts with 9 or 10 players, they are not allowed to add the 11th or 12th player at a later time. Any player that leaves the game for any reason may not return to the game. (This does not apply to normal re-entry and substitution) Exception: A player who has left the game under the blood rule may return. Note: The defensive team may walk the preceding batter or multiple batters to get to the position or positions in the lineup that is an out due to having started with 9 players or having 62 63 dropped to 11 or 10 players. No base appeals are allowed when this results in the third out of the inning. Male and female players must alternate in the batting order. Note: If a team starts with 9 players, a female player must occupy the first position in the batting order.

Sec. 4. When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter having the option to walk or bat. NOTE: If the next female chooses to walk, it is not considered an intentional walk for the purpose of making an appeal.

Sec. 5. In the Mixed program, the Tournament Director has the option of permitting the following: On a fair fly ball hit over the fence for a home run, the batter and all base runners are credited with a score. The batter and any runner on base does not need to advance and touch the bases. They should go directly to the dugout area. This would eliminate any base running appeals. This includes the four base award.

Sec.6. All playing rules not specifically covered in Rule 13 in this book shall be governed by the other rules in Rules 1 through 10 in this book.