



### 2015 Church League Co-Ed Softball Team Rules

1. **Eligibility:** Players must be an active member of the church of the team you are playing for. Pastors will be contacted to confirm this if players are questionable.
2. **Roster:** open, no limit. Age limit is 16 years old.
3. **Time Limit:** Games will either be 7 innings or a time limit of an hour and a half.
4. **Pitching:** Eight pitches per batter (8). Batter may foul off 8<sup>th</sup> pitch and not be out. (No limit on 8<sup>th</sup> pitch fouls.) No called balls or strikes. No walks. Batter can strike out swinging. If a batter receives 8 reasonable pitches and they don't hit them, the batter is out.
5. A 10 run limit will be in place per inning for all teams.
6. To protect the pitcher, a circle will be layed out around the pitcher or a net placed in front of the pitcher, if a ball is hit inside the that circle or into the net, the batter will be automatically called out. If a pitcher is hit by a batted ball, the batter is out and will not be allowed to play the remainder of the game.
7. At least 2 women must be playing the field at all times.
8. Defensive team will pitch to the offensive team. Coaches are responsible for removing a pitcher who consistently throws bad pitches. Pitchers remember this is for fun.
9. Courtesy runners will be allowed. Pinch runner must be the person who made the last out.
10. We will play 11 players in the field. 4 outfielders plus a rover who must remain in the outfield. You may bat everyone in your line up.
11. There will be a white line in the outfield that outfielders must stay behind until the ball is hit. This prevents everyone crowding the infield.
12. Only rubber cleats may be worn. No metal spikes.
13. Each team must furnish their own balls and bats. Only COR 52, 275 comp, 12 inch softballs may be used. No bats made of Titanium can be used nor bats that are "shaved" my not be used.
14. A player must play in at least 2 games in the regular season to participate in the tournament.
15. 5 home run limit per game with a 2 run limit per inning. All home runs after will be counted as an out.
16. Everyone needs to remember that this is a Church League, where our sole purpose is to have fun and keep the game safe for all skill level of participants. If teams forget this, they will be asked not to participate in our league anymore.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the Athletics Coordinator by phone at 223-3518 or by email at [joshuan@wytheville.org](mailto:joshuan@wytheville.org).