

TONGANOXIE RECREATION COMMISSION ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

1. Regular slowpitch softball rules apply except for the following changes and additions.
2. A minimum of nine players is necessary to play.
3. All games will be 7 innings except when the run rule applies. Fifteen after three innings and ten after five innings.
4. Free substitution in the field is allowed when all players are in the batting order.
5. A 55-minute time limit on all 7-inning games. No new inning will start after 55 minutes of play unless the score is tied.
6. Metal cleats are not permitted.
7. Toss of coin will determine home team.
8. Game time is forfeit time.
9. **COED** – Women hit the 11” ball, men hit the 12” ball. Balls will be no greater than 44 core. The TRC will provide game balls.
10. Teams will be limited to 5 home runs (over the fence) per game. All home runs after 5 will result in a dead ball single; base runners only advance one base if forced.
11. Any player displaying physical/verbal threats to the well being of an official or opposing player shall be suspended from all Recreation Commission activities for a period of not less than one year, up to a maximum of three years. The penalty will depend on the severity of the act committed. The Recreation Commission Director, Assistant Director, and the Commission Board will determine length of penalty. **Let’s all remember the purpose of this league is to have fun and get a little exercise.**
12. In an attempt to speed up play, the batter will step to the plate with a one and one ball and strike count. One free third strike foul ball is allowed per at bat, the second is registered as an out.
13. No crash plays are allowed. If a player tries to intentionally injure another player, that player will be ejected from the ball game.
14. No additions to rosters after a team’s **fourth game** are allowed. **Players may play for only one team.**
15. If a batter is injured or ejected, the team must assume an out when the removed player’s rotation in the batting order is reached. Substitution may be made if a team is not batting everyone present at the time. Substitute runner is allowed only if substitute is not in batting order.
16. Disqualification: Any team suspended from the league for any reason will not be given a refund of their entry fee.
17. Participants shall be 18 years of age and/or graduated from High School.
18. Forfeits -- Any team forfeiting two consecutive games without notifying the Tonganoxie Recreation Commission in advance shall be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season and payment will not be returned.
19. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS/RECREATION COMMISSION GROUNDS. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF OFFENDING INDIVIDUALS FROM LEAGUE**

SPECIAL COED RULES

20. Five men and five women play on the field at a time. You must alternate your batting order with a man-woman-man-woman, or woman-man-woman-man. In case of uneven numbers of men and women, no more than five of each sex may play at one time. Five men and four women are legal as well as five women and four men. A minimum of nine players is necessary for play. If the tenth batter slot is vacant it is recorded as an automatic out.
21. Teams may bat all players available, but are not required.
22. If a man is walked, the next batter (which will be a woman) has the option of taking a walk or batting. Man is awarded second base on a walk regardless of women’s decision to walk or bat.
23. Substitute by sex only - a man must substitute for a man and a woman must substitute for a woman.
24. Players may play any position in the field.