

ELKO ADULT SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Welcome to the 2024 Elko Adult Softball Men's, Women's, and Coed Slow-pitch Softball season.

All disputes not covered below will be determined by League Directors. All major suspensions and ejections will be reviewed in the same manner. All protests must be filed no later than the close of

the night in question. All protests filed after will be reviewed but no action will be guaranteed.

Rosters: All roster violations are subject to team and individual penalties. Players will be penalized first,

but if a team is caught violating roster regulations repeatedly, the team will be penalized. Violations for

individuals will be at least a one game suspension. Team violations will be reviewed by the EAS board of

Directors

1. PLAYERS

A. All players' fees must be paid prior to game play. There will be NO PAYMENTS TAKEN during or at a league game. Payment may be made prior to playing if documentation is provided to onsite coordinator prior to participation. Team captains are responsible for the payment of players prior to participation. You may now register on-line at **Register.bgcelko.org**. Proof of receipt via phone or paper will be accepted in fields.

B. All players must sign the onsite team roster and pay players fees before stepping foot on the field. Player registration is available throughout the league season. Teams must have 10 paid players before registration deadline AND have submitted completed paper roster to be scheduled for play.

C. Players may only be on ONE league roster and must be registered to be used as a pickup player.

D. All jewelry is worn at the players' own discretion but is not recommended.

E. NO STEEL CLEATS.

F. ASA Approved bats only (If an umpire suspects a bat is altered the bat will be removed from the game. If the bat returns to the game after removal the player will be ejected, and the bat will be surrendered to the EAS board for evaluation for a two-week period)

G. All players are encouraged to wear a shirt with a visible number.

H. All players must be 18 (16-17 with a signed parental consent & waiver form witnessed by an EAS board member).

I. Players must watch their language and use common courtesy when playing...remember there are Children present.

2. ILLEGAL PLAYER

A. Not listed on team roster/lineup card (or)

B. No signed waiver or paid player fee

** If an illegal player is found on any team, team will forfeit game. **

3. EJECTION

A. 1st Ejection: one game suspension and pay \$20.00 reinstatement fee to Elko Adult Softball board of directors.

B. 2nd Ejection: two game suspension and pay \$30.00 reinstatement fee to Elko Adult Softball board of directors.

C. 3rd Ejection: Player will sit out the remainder of the season (Note: players fees will not be returned to ejected players).

*** Note players may appeal ejection suspension and fine to EAS board of directors following “protest” protocol.

D. If player/coach is ejected from game they must vacate the complex. This does not include “disqualified” player.

E. Unruly fans may be asked to leave. Coaches are responsible for keeping control of their fans! *If a fan or group of fans do not cooperate the game will be stopped and if the issue is not resolved within a timely manner game will be forfeited.

F. Any offense deemed “Major” by an Umpire or EAS board member by a player, fan or team may receive an indefinite removal from complex.

4. GAME PLAY

A. **A** teams may start the game with 8 players but must have 9 players by the start of the 2nd inning or the game will be forfeited.

*Only A teams playing with 9 players will receive an out each time the missing player comes to bat. **All lower divisions will not be penalized for having less players.**

B. No new inning will start after 55 minutes. Game time is 60 min.

C. The 6PM GAME will ONLY have a 5-minute grace period. ALL other games MUST start on time. *If the home team is short of players at game time, they will become the visiting team and game will start. They must have the required number of players by the start of the 2nd inning. ***THIS RULE WILL BE HEAVILY ENFORCED***

D. If a game is tied at the end of game time or at the end of regulation innings, the following will be used (first/second tie - 1 out and last out starts at second base) (third tie – 2 out and last out starts at third base). **After the 3rd tie breaker, games will be considered a tie except championship games.

E. Each at bat will start with a 1 and 1 count. You get 1 foul with 2 strikes.

F. One courtesy runner per inning per team. Any player may run. (See USA Rule Book)

G. Rescheduling will only happen if weather prohibits playing and the umpires deem it necessary to cancel play. There will be NO rescheduling of games due to not enough players. A game may only be cancelled by a game umpire or Elko Adult Softball board. Rescheduling will be based on the calendar provided at the beginning of the season.

H. Run Rule... 10 runs per inning unless behind, may catch up & then go 10 runs ahead. The ball remains live after the 10th run scores until the umpire calls time. ***Games may be called if a team makes a travesty of the game!

*** Mercy rule- 20 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5.***

I. All leagues may have playoffs to determine champions. Format TBA. Year-end seeding will determine placement for next year, determined by EAS board. Upon registering for a season, a team will be given the option to “request” a league, but no guarantees will be made.

J. You may pick up (3) registered players from another team (only if your team has less than 10 players, you may not use an extra hitter with a pick-up player). Pick-up players must be declared during the umpire/captain meeting prior to the start of play at which time both team Captains will sign the score card approving. Any pick-up players more than the (3) allowed must be approved by the other team. Pick-up players must be able to play the entire game if needed. You may not replace a pick-up player with another pick-up player. Upon the arrival of a rostered player, captains must replace a pick-up player with the rostered team player when the next transition from fielding to bat occurs. You may not sit one of your own team players to play a pick-up. If a pick-up player is not declared and marked on your line-up, and/or approved prior to the start of play, this will result in a forfeit.

***”A” league players may only pick up two “A” league players, “B” league may only pick up one “A” league player. “C” League may only pick up one player from “A” league and one player from “B” league.

K. Home Run Rule:

** Men’s A League - 3 Home Runs with Equalizer

** Men’s B League – 2 Home Runs with equalizer

** Men’s C League- True equalizer

** Women’s league is open except on Newton Field-2 Home Runs with equalizer.

L. All teams are responsible for their books. If a discretion in the score occurs, you must have the proof in the book. Home team book will be the official book if two books are kept. Score cards must be signed after the game for final score approval.

M. At the conclusion of the night the home team will be responsible for removing bases and pylons. 1st offense you will give up 3 runs the first inning of the next game, 2nd offense 5 runs, 3rd offense 10 runs, every offense after will be a 25.00 fine. We will be placing more on-site help responsibility on the head umpire each night, please help if able.

*** Please remember this is a league “FOR THE PLAYERS, BY THE PLAYERS”. Please be willing to help with the little things and everything will go smoothly! ***

5. PROTESTS

- A. There is a \$25.00 fee to file a protest.
- B. A protest must be filed with the game umpire and signed in the official book prior to the Umpire exiting the field.
- C. A team has 24 hours to pay the fee to the EAS board before a ruling will be made.
- D. All protests must be made in writing and given to an EAS Board member.
- E. Game will continue, and protest will be noted.
- F. All protests will be reviewed and resolved by the EAS board and Protest committee.

6. ALCOHOL/SMOKING

- A. NO GLASS BOTTLES ALLOWED IN THE COMPLEX. PLEASE SUPPORT THE CONCESSIONS!!
- B. You will be asked to leave the complex if you are caught with glass bottles. This rule will be strictly enforced.

C. There will be no alcohol/smoking on the field or in the dugouts. Please help police yourselves!

D. The following consequences will occur due to failure to follow The City of Elko alcohol consumption regulation:

#1 Team Offense – Due to alcohol consumption in the dugouts or on playing fields the Team captain will be warned and asked to remove the beverage from the premises. The first offense will also result in an out.

#2 Team Offense – Due to alcohol consumption in the dugouts and or on playing fields for the second. offense the game umpire will be notified, and the game will be forfeited.

#3 Team Offense – Due to alcohol consumption in the dugout or on playing fields for the Third offense the team Captain will be notified of the third offence and the team will be ejected from the league.

7. ROSTER CHANGES

- A. A player may change rosters twice in the season. You must notify a EAS board member and pay a \$30.00 player fee for each move.
- B. If player's fees are paid by a sponsor, individuals may be replaced only by approval of EAS board.

8. FIGHTING

Any form of fighting will result in immediate suspension from the league. All cases will be individually reviewed by Elko BGC.

9. COED

- A. There will be a "women's" line in the outfield. The defensive team must have 4 players behind that line and 6 infielders on the dirt until the batter HITS the ball.

B. You may pick up (3) registered players from another team (only if your team has less than 10 players, you may not use an extra hitter with a pick-up player). Pick-up players must be declared during the umpire/captain meeting prior to the start of play. Any pick-up players more than the (3) allowed must be approved by the other team. Pick-up players must be able to play the entire game if needed. You may not replace a pick-up player with another pick-up player. Upon the arrival of a rostered player, captains must replace a pick-up player with the rostered team player when the next transition from fielding to bat occurs. You may not sit one of your own team players to play a pick-up. If a pick-up player is not declared and marked on your line-up, and/or approved prior to the start of play, this will result in a forfeit. There will be no restriction on pickup player divisions.

C. Home Run Rule

Men- 3 then equalizer

Women- Open

D. Domination rule is defined as, "A Man takes away a routine play away from a woman except for home plate.

E. One courtesy runner per inning per gender.

F. Men will use a 12' ball and Women will use an 11" ball to be switched out by a base coach.

G. COED batting order.... Follow the same person of the SAME gender in the order. You may bat 9-10-11- or 12 without taking an out. You will NEVER bat with 2 consecutive people of the same gender.

Additional information

Please call Elko Boys and Girls Club for all questions and concerns.