

Sublette Softball Co-Ed League 2026 Season Rules

The Sublette Softball League will use a combination of USA Adult Slow Pitch and Senior Slow Pitch rules for the 2026 season.

- 1) All batters will begin their at-bat with a 1 ball, 1 strike count.
- 2) At the start of each game, each team must declare to the umpire whether they will bat-around all players or use 10 batters and substitutions.
 - If a team chooses to bat-around and loses a player, the team will take an out each time that player's spot comes up in the order.
 - If a team opts for substitutions and additional players arrive, they must continue with the substitution format and cannot switch to bat-around.
- 3) If a team is short players, the following league rules apply:
 - Teams may substitute **no more than 2 players**. If more players are required, the team must either forfeit the game to the opposing team or discuss rescheduling with the opposing team captain.
 - The opposing team captain must approve the substitute of any players.
 - Borrowed players must be registered and on a roster in the current season's league.
 - Borrowed players must leave if or when additional team members arrive.
- 4) The minimum pitch height is 6 feet and the maximum arch is 10 feet.
- 5) Base paths will be 70 feet, and the pitcher's mound will be 50 feet from home plate.
- 6) Each team is allowed three over-the-fence home runs per game.
- 7) Once a team has reached its three-home run limit, any additional over-the-fence home runs will result in an out.
 - Exception: Once both teams have three home runs, the "one up" rule is in effect.
- 8) A regulation game consists of seven innings or 55 minutes, whichever comes first.
- 9) All games must end by 9:50 PM. Town curfew for field lights is 10:00 PM.
 - In case of weather, mechanical failure, or injury, the game may be suspended and resumed from the point of suspension.
 - If five complete innings have been played before suspension, it is considered a regulation game (no make-up allowed), and the score will be determined by the last fully completed inning unless the home team is ahead at the time of suspension.
- 10) No alcohol is allowed on the field.
- 11) A continuation line will be drawn from the first base line to behind home plate. A runner approaching from third base must cross this line instead of touching home plate. The runner must cross the line before the catcher, with the ball in their possession, touches home plate. No tag is permitted on a runner at home.
- 12) A commit line will be drawn 20 feet from home plate toward third base. Once a runner crosses this line with any part of their body, they cannot return to third base.

- 13) Official softballs specs are as follows:
 - Male batters will use a 12" softball with a .52 COR / 300 compression.
 - Female batters will use an 11" softball with a .52 COR / 300 compression.
- 14) If the incorrect ball is pitched and a play occurs, the play stands.
- 15) A walk to a male batter results in a two-base award. The next batter, a female, must bat unless there are two outs.
- 16) Exception: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.
- 17) Each team fields 10 players: 5 males and 5 females.
- 18) There must be at least two males and two females in both the infield and outfield, with one male and one female as pitcher and catcher.
- 19) Any fair ball hit over the fence for a home run, or a four-base award, credits the batter and all runners with a run. They are not required to run the bases.
- 20) A strike is called if the pitch touches home plate or the strike mat.
- 21) A strike is called for each foul tip. The ball is dead and the batter is out if it is the third strike.
- 22) A batter is out after the third strike, including any foul ball hit after two strikes.
- 23) The game will be declared over after one team has met the run ahead rule, provided the home team has had their at bat.
 - a. The run ahead rule is:
 - 24) 20 after 3 innings
 - 25) 15 after 4 innings
 - 26) 10 after 5 innings
- 27) When bases are awarded (excluding home runs), all bases must be touched in the proper order, whether advancing or returning on a tag-up or missed base.
- 28) All bats must have one of the following stamps: USA, ASA 2001, ASA 2004, or ASA 2013. Bats do not need to be stamped "Official Softball" but must have the USA and ASA stamp.
- 29) Caution should be exercised regarding the use of foul language.

Scheduling and Additional Rules

1. Beginning May 1st, 2026, Little League will use the fields on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Softball will have use of the fields on Mondays and Wednesdays.
2. If you schedule a late practice after Little League on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday, do not ask them to hurry, ask how much longer they will be, or request that they finish in the outfield.
3. No alcohol is allowed at the fields on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays while Little Leaguers are present.