

2026 CPA Softball Rules and Regulations

1. First games will start at 6:00pm. Forfeit time will be 6:10. The second game will start at 7:00pm, and have a grace period until 7:05(subject to the completion of the first game under rule #2).
2. In the first game, no inning is to start after 7:00pm. There is no time limit in the second game (subject to darkness as determined by umpire judgment).
3. There is a ten (10) run slaughter rule. If a team is ahead by ten or more runs and five innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) have been completed, the game is over.
4. A team consists of 10 players. However, a game may be played with a minimum of 8 players. If one team only has 8 players, the opponent must furnish a catcher, but only to return the ball to the pitcher. He or she is not required to cover home plate or catch foul balls. If a team has 9 players, it must supply its own catcher.
5. A team may only have 10 players on the field but it may have more than 10 batters in the lineup. However, once a game is started, the players must bat in the same order for the entire game. Once a game starts, if a new player is added, he must bat at the end of the batting order. If a player is withdrawn from the lineup (at any time), they cannot return.
6. A game will not be considered official until 4 innings have been completed (3 ½ if the home team is ahead). Playoff games require 6 complete innings.
7. Bunting is not allowed.
8. There is no stealing. A runner must stay on the base until the pitched ball crosses the plate.
9. Pitching unlimited arc slow pitch rules apply; there must be an arc to the pitch of at least three feet from where the ball is released by the pitcher.
10. Each team will supply one new softball for each game and can bring a set of bases.
11. There is an umpire scheduled to officiate all games. If any umpire fails to come to a game, the team will play and officiate themselves.
12. In case of threatening or rainy weather during a game, the decision to play will be made by the umpire, or, if the umpire is not present, by agreement of the two teams.
13. In all games, batters will start with a one and one count. Batters will receive one courtesy foul ball after two strikes.
14. If a team has two announced forfeits, it will not be admitted to the league in 2027.

15. Only ASA (softball) approved bats are allowed. Any baseball or softball glove may be used in any position.
16. If there are numerous postponements, the Commissioner may change the playoff criteria to include more teams instead of extending the regular season.
17. All players on a team are recommended to wear shirts of the same color.
18. Individual awards will be given to the regular season division winner with a team trophy given to the playoff champions.
19. At least two (2) women must be in the field and in the batting order. Failure to bat two women will result in an automatic out following the 10th position in the batting order. Also, you can only play with 9 in the field and a woman cannot play catcher.
20. Overthrow (out of field play rule) – In the case of an overthrown ball, all the base runners will be awarded the next base plus one base at the time the ball was thrown.
21. All outfielders must play at least 15 yards behind the infield