



## CCV Peoria Rules

- **Purpose-**
  - Have fun, build relationships, and meet neighbors.
  - Rules are all set up with the recreational athlete in mind.
    - Designed to be a fun, recreational league.
- **General guidelines-**
  - Alcohol, tobacco, and animals are not permitted at Sports Complex.
  - Foul language, fighting, arguing, etc. will not be tolerated.
  - If games are cancelled or postponed due to weather, we will announce this on the Peoria Adult Sports page of [www.ccvstars.com](http://www.ccvstars.com)
    - Will reschedule cancelled games if field availability permits but nothing guaranteed.
- **Game rules-**
  - No medal cleats allowed.
  - Regular season games will end in tie.
  - Games will be “run ruled” if a team is up 15+ after four full innings.
  - All leagues (men’s/coed) will use a 12 inch ball.
- **Time rules-**
  - Game clock will start at scheduled time.
  - No new inning can start after 50 minutes.
  - Minimum eight players needed to start game.
    - Can borrow players from other teams if necessary.
    - Team with less than eight players can “forfeit” then work with other captain to borrow players in order to still get a fun game in.
- **Defensive rules-**
  - Teams may play up to 10 players on defense.
    - Coed: no more than 6 men on defense at a time.
  - Players can be subbed for other defensive players at any time.
    - Goal should be for all players to get equal time.

- **Pitching rules-**
  - All leagues (men's/coed) will use a 12 inch ball.
  - Pitch must arc 3 feet above the pitcher's release point, reach at least 6' off the ground and may not exceed 10 feet total height.
    - Illegal pitch will be counted as a ball.
  - No "fake pitch" allowed in coed.
  - A strike will be called if:
    - Batter swings and misses
    - Ball is hit foul
    - Pitch hits home plate or the mat behind it and meets height requirements.
- **Batting rules-**
  - Bats must have ASA or USSSA softball stamp; no baseball, shaved, or senior bats.
  - Teams bat their entire roster; Coed must alternate male/female batters.
  - Batting count starts with 1 ball and 1 strike.
    - Once a batter has 2 strikes (s)he is allowed one more foul ball before the ball must be put into play.
    - Men walked in coed advance two bases.
      - Next batter (woman) must take her turn batting.
  - Each team is allowed a maximum of 2 home runs over the fence per game.
    - Each additional home run would be counted as an out.
  - The middle is closed.
    - Line drives hit within designated area near the pitcher will be automatic out.
- **Running rules-**
  - When running to first base after hitting the ball, the runner should run to the outside of the base as to avoid a collision with the fielder.
  - Runners not avoiding collision and interfering with play will be out.
  - There will be two home plates, making every play there a force out, eliminating collisions at the plate.
    - A dotted line from third base to runner's home plate will aid runner in where to go.
    - Defensive team has force out at traditional home plate.
    - A "commit" line will be placed between third base and home plate.
      - Once the runner passes the line, the force out at home is in play.
      - Can retreat to third base if they haven't passed commit line yet.
  - Pinch runners allowed but must be last same gendered player to record an out.