

**WOOD RIVER PARKS & RECREATION**  
**CO-ED SUPPLEMENTAL RULES**  
**Revised on 1/19/23**

1. Teams must have a minimum of 9 players consisting of 5 males and 4 females or 4 males and 5 females to start a game or a forfeit will be assessed. When batting with only 9 players, the batting order will still alternate by gender, at which time an out will be assessed until the 10th batter arrives.
2. The batting order must alternate by gender. Teams must bat an even number of males and females. Teams have the option to bat the whole roster. Any player not included in the batting order may be included as a substitute. A player designated as a substitute not originally included in the batting order may substitute for a player in the batting order, in which case the original player may not re-enter the order except in the case of an injury. If only 10 players are in the batting order and an injury takes place and there is not a substitute for the injured player, then an out will be assessed for each at-bat of the injured player until the end of the game. The batting line up may have 10 regular players or 12 players with 2 being extra hitters and they would not play the field.
3. If a male batter is walked (intentionally or unintentionally) the following female batter shall bat. Exception: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.
4. When defensively fielding a team, two (2) males and two (2) females must play in both the infield and the outfield. One (1) male and one (1) female must play in the pitchers or catchers positions.
5. In the event that a player gets injured, only a player of the same gender may replace the injured player in the field as well as in the batting order. In the event that a base runner is injured, and a substitute is not available, the last player of the same gender to make an out shall be the base runner, and the injured player is out of the game as a fielder and batter for the duration of the game.
6. **Sliding Rule** - The base runner may slide to avoid a collision. This decision is up to the umpires' discretion. If a player slides in an attempt to intentionally injure or take out a player, they may be ejected from the game and suspended for the next two games.
7. **Free Substitution:** Any player may be withdrawn and re-entered as many times as the Manager desires, provided the players occupy the same batting positions whenever in the line-up. **EXAMPLE:** If Joe is taken from the game and is first in the batting order, he can be replaced with Charlie or John as many times as the Manager desires, but Charlie or John must bat first in Joe's batting position.
8. Male players will bat opposite of their normal batting position. The fielding teams Manager can request a male batter to hit from the opposite side of the plate, but they must accept how the batter does. **EXAMPLE:** The fielding teams Manager thinks the batter is hitting from his normal side. He request the batter hit from the opposite side this time. He hits the ball better than he did in the previous at-bat. The next at-bat you must decide which side you want him to bat from.
9. All Co-Ed leagues will use a 1 – 1 count. Every at-bat begins with a 1 and 1 count without a courtesy foul. This is to provide uniformity with USA Softball guidelines, and will speed up the games allowing more innings to be played.