



**Ellisville Athletic Association
Slow Pitch Softball
House rules and ASA exceptions summary**

1. ASA Rulebook is the foundation for league rules
2. All batters start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count
3. Games have a **55** minute time limit
 - a. If there is time remaining and the score is tied after 7 innings 1 extra inning can be played with the international tie-breaker rule in effect (the last batter of the new inning shall start the inning at second base)
4. Ties are allowed if there is no time remaining
5. Men's leagues can play with minimum 9 with no penalty out or 8 with 1 penalty out in the lineup in the vacant position.
6. There is a 10 minute grace for the 6:30 game and time is deducted from game time
7. Home team is the official score and umpires will assist and attempt verify score at the end of every inning
8. Free substitutions and bat the whole lineup rules apply
9. Runners must slide or give themselves up on close plays.
 - a. Don't leave it to the umpire's discretion. Slide when in doubt. Do not run into fielders
 - b. Fielders must also give up the plate/base if they do not have the ball
- 10.1 Courtesy runner per inning – per team is allowed and should be last out (COED – courtesy runner is last out of same sex)
11. Foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct is grounds for ejection without warning from the umpire
12. Suspension from league is at the discretion of the **EAA Board**
13. Mercy rules apply if a team is ahead by:
 - a. 20 runs after 3 innings
 - b. 15 after 4 inning
 - c. 10 after 5 innings
14. All bats must be officially approved by softball governing body (ASA, NSA, USSSA, etc.) and stamped on the bat accordingly.

15. Home Run limits

- a. Field 3 – 3 over the fence home run limit per team per game anything greater is an out
- b. Friday night men's Senior League – 3 home run limit with 1 up rule
- c. All other leagues and fields 6 home run limit per team per game with 1 up rule

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- a. Teams must play with 2 female and 2 males in the outfield and 3 males and 3 females in the infield.
 - i. Teams may play with more girls than guys or no guys
 - ii. Teams can play with 8 or 9 with the vacant positions in the lineup being an automatic outs
 - iii. Females can pitch
- b. There must be a female batter between every male batter. There can be 2 or more females in a row
- c. Walking a male results in a two base award to the batter and the female batter that follows can advance to first or may choose to bat
- d. Outfielders must be on the outfield grass until the ball is hit by the batter