

The Parks at Texas Star Softball Rules



Priority of Rules

1. Parks at Texas Star exception rules
2. USSSA Rules

Every team participating in league play must be registered with USSSA.

Every participant is required to abide by all Parks at Texas Star rules, policies, and code of conduct.

Player Eligibility and Rosters

A player's name must appear on their team's roster to be eligible. Rosters must be turned in prior to your first game. Umpires and staff are not responsible for policing this rule, and it is up to the offended team to bring it to the attention of the umpires before the third inning of the game. Any player protested that has not signed the roster will cause his team to forfeit that game. The offending player is not eligible to participate in a game the rest of that night. Minimum playing age is 18 – NO Exceptions! **Note: You must protest an illegal player before the third inning OR when the player in question enters the game.** Women cannot play or substitute on a Men's team.

Team Rosters

Team rosters must be filled out completely and legibly with each player's name and home phone numbers (including a playing manager). Completed rosters must be submitted to the Manager on Duty no later than the end of the team's first game. Failure to do so may result in forfeit or suspension.

Players must be listed on the roster and sign the roster prior to participating in that night's game. Players cannot be added to the roster once the game has started.

SPECIAL NOTE: Managers on Duty may periodically conduct an eligibility check on all teams. A valid driver's license will be required by each player. Players protested over eligibility or thought to be playing under an assumed name may be asked to show a valid driver's license to the umpire. Players who refuse and/or cannot show proper identification may be ruled ineligible.

Recreational Leagues: No tournament players are allowed to play in the Recreational Leagues regardless of gender. **A Tournament player is considered anyone with roster history within the last 5 years or deemed capable of playing tournaments by the management of Parks at Texas Star.**

Classification and Home Run Rules

Home Run Rules and Player Classification per League	
Mens and Womens Upper:	Unlimited over the 300' fence
Mens and Womens Lower:	2 and 1 up then single over the 300' fence and no C or above players allowed
Mens D:	3 and 1 up then single over the 300' fence and no more than 3 C players per team
Mens E:	1 and 1 up then single over the 300' fence and no C players and no more than 3 D players per team
Mens E Rec:	Inning ending out over the 300' fence (No tournament players may play rec)
Coed:	Unlimited over the 300' fence regardless of gender
Lower Coed:	2 Male/2 Female and 1 up then single home runs per game over the 300' fence and no Men's D and above or Women's C and above players
Coed Rec:	All Homeruns are an inning ending out over the 300' fence (No tournament players may play rec. A tournament player is considered anyone that has online roster history in the last 5 years)

250 League Home Run Rules and Player Classification per League	
Mens and Womens Upper:	Unlimited over the 300' fence Unlimited over the 250 fences
Mens C/D:	3 then singles over the 300' fence Unlimited over the 250 fences and no more than 3 C players per team
Mens E:	1 and 1 up then singles over the 300' fence Unlimited over the 250 fences and no C players and no more than 3 D players per team
Mens E Rec:	0 then out over the 300' fence Unlimited over the 250 fences (No tournament players may play rec)
Coed	Unlimited over the 300' fence regardless of gender Unlimited over the 250 fences
Coed Rec:	All Homeruns are an out over the 300' fence Unlimited over the 250 fences (No tournament players may play rec. A tournament player is considered anyone that has online roster history in the last 5 years)
Lower Coed:	Unlimited over the 300' fence regardless of gender Unlimited over the 250 fences

Playing Illegally

Penalties for playing illegally:

1st Offense

Illegal player is ejected from the game and no sub will be allowed. Team will take an out in the batting order and will automatically spot the other team 3 runs.

2nd Offense

If an Illegal player is caught playing illegally a 2nd time they will be suspended for 2 weeks

If a team is caught playing illegally a 2nd time they will automatically receive a forfeit for that game.

3rd Offense

If an Illegal player is caught playing illegally a 3rd time they will be suspended for the remainder of the league

If a team is caught playing illegally a 3rd time they will automatically be forfeited the remainder of the league and anyone on that roster will not be allowed to play recreational softball for 1 year.

Coed Player Rules

Mixed Player Rules – A team may play either 5/5, 6/6 NTX tournaments or league.
See Classification Rules above

Recreational Rules

Any team playing in a Recreational League will be limited to 8 runs per inning.

No tournament players are allowed to play in the Recreational Leagues regardless of gender. A Tournament player is considered anyone with roster history within the last 5 years or deemed capable of playing tournaments by the management of Parks at Texas Star. It is the responsibility of both the team and individual players to know their player status.

Penalties for playing illegally:

1st Offense

Tournament player is ejected from the game and no sub will be allowed. Team will take an out in the batting order and will automatically spot the other team 3 runs.

2nd Offense

If a tournament player is caught playing illegally a 2nd time they will be suspended for 2 weeks

If a team is caught playing illegally a 2nd time they will automatically receive a forfeit for that game.

3rd Offense

If a tournament player is caught playing illegally a 3rd time they will be suspended for the remainder of the league

If a team is caught playing illegally a 3rd time they will automatically be forfeited the remainder of the league and anyone on that roster will not be allowed to play recreational softball for 1 year.

Jersey Rule

Parks at Texas Star does NOT require uniforms.

Starting Line-Ups

Starting line ups must be given to the umpire during the pre-game meeting Teams must have eight players to start and/or finish a league game. If a team starts with eight players, they may add their 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th player after the game starts. No automatic outs will be recorded if you start a game with a shortage of players. If you lose a player and do not have a sub, then an out will be recorded in that player's position in the batting order.

Protest

All protests must be made with a fee of \$50 cash up front. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned.

Run Rules

20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5