

2024 CSNSA PLAYING RULES

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. The player must identify as an addict and/or alcoholic
2. All players must have a minimum of 30 days continuous abstinence from drugs and alcohol for playing eligibility.
3. An exempt player may be added to a roster if the player meets the following criteria; (A.) The player is a member of Alanon, Naranon, or Coda, and/or (B.) The player is an immediate family member of a rostered player. Note: "Immediate Family Member" is defined as a parent, spouse, domestic partner, brother, sister, son, or daughter. Note: An exemption of an exempt player is not eligible.
4. Exempt players must play with their qualifying player. Note: An exempt player is not eligible to play unless his or her qualifier is rostered on the same team. An exempt player with a qualifying player of the opposite gender may play in a division without their qualifier so long as they are rostered on the same Mixed team.
5. If it is found that a player does not meet the requirements of the above eligibility rules he or she will be removed from the event and suspended from CSNSA play indefinitely. Note: There may be situations where someone has a concern over whether a player is eligible or not. Managers may discreetly bring the situation to the tournament director's attention. Tournament directors will discuss it with the manager of the team of the player in question.

ROSTERS

1. All players must meet the standards of eligibility.
2. Men can only be rostered on one men's team and one Mixed team. Women can only be rostered on one women's team, or one men's team, and one Mixed team. Players are only eligible to be rostered on two teams per tournament.
3. Managers are required to list all players on their USSSA online roster. A player will not be eligible until the player approves the roster add on the USSSA online roster.
4. All rostered players must have a legal form of photo identification in their possession at all times during tournament play.
5. Each player will use their USSSA player ranking.
6. Each team may carry three roster points. A roster point is determined by the teams division and a players classification.
 - a. A player one class above equals 1 roster point.
 - b. A player two classes above equals 2 roster points.
 - c. Elite tags will not be used. Example. A D elite player will be considered D.
7. Women playing Mixed will be ranked one division lower for the purposes of calculating roster points. Example: A woman who is ranked C in women's will be ranked D in Mixed.
8. D ranked players, male or female, are not eligible to play in the Rec Division.

HOME TEAM

The Home team will be determined by a coin toss for all games, except the first championship game. The undefeated team will be the home team.

HOME RUNS

(Walk OFF) Rec-1, E-3, Championship 6,

Excessive Home Run Rule: A batted ball that goes over the fence after the maximum number of home runs has been hit by a team will be an out.

EXTRA INNINGS

Pool Play games can end in a tie. A bracket game that is tied after seven innings or the time limit has expired will continue until one team has more runs than the other at the end of an inning.

RUN RULE

20 After 3

15 After 4

10 After 5

Flip/Flop in effect

SCOREKEEPING

The umpire is the official scorekeeper.

Note: Score appeals must be made prior to the first legal pitch of the next half inning.

Both teams are encouraged to keep a book and check in with the umpire every half inning.

COURTESY RUNNERS

1 per inning (per gender in mixed)

PITCHING RULES

1. The pitcher must wear a protective mask.
2. The pitcher has 5 seconds to release the ball after presenting.
3. Pump fakes/juking is allowed in the E & Championship divisions only.
4. The pitcher may pitch from up to 6 feet behind the rubber within the width of the mound.
5. **Strike Zone:** (ALL DIVISIONS) is that space directly above home plate that is not higher than the batter's highest shoulder, nor lower than the bottom of the batter's front knee, when the batter assumes his natural batting stance adjacent to home plate. Any part of the pitched ball that passes through this zone is a strike.
6. The pitch must be a minimum of 3' from release and no higher than 10'.

THE BATTER

1. Will be out after two strikes have been pitched.
2. Will walk after three balls have been pitched.
3. If a batter hits a foul ball with one strike, the batter will be out.
4. The umpire will not give the batter a verbal indication of an illegal pitch. An unfairly delivered or illegal pitch will be called after the ball is dead.
5. The batter must set up with his/her back foot no further forward than home plate. Any natural forward stride will be allowed.

MIXED LINEUP

1. 6 Males and 4 Females
2. A team may add an AH (Additional Hitter) who can be Male or Female.
3. For each Male added to a lineup after 7, a Female must be added.
4. Four Females must be in defensive positions at all times.
5. A mixed team may play with 5 Males and 5 Females.

MIXED WALK RULE:

Men:

1. A male batter who is walked will receive a two base award if a woman is on deck.
2. A male batter who is walked with a male on deck will receive a one base award.

Women:

1. Female batters will receive a one base award when walked.
2. If a male batter is walked with a female batter on deck, the female batter will have the option to take a one base award if there are two outs.

Presentation of the On- Deck Batter: Mixed Rule Only (This is an apparel call).

1. The on deck batter must always “Present themselves.” The failure of an on deck batter to present will result in the batter/runner being out on appeal by the defensive team.
2. The player closest to home plate will be considered the on deck batter.

MIXED SHORT HANDED RULE:

Mixed - Must have 5 men / 3 women to start

An out will be given for each vacant spot in the lineup. A legal player may be added to the vacant spot(s) in the lineup at any time during the game.

Equipment

1. Only the USSSA Pro M, Classic M, and Classic W are legal in tournament play.
2. Any bat used in tournament play must have the 2020 USSSA Certification mark. Bats with the 2020 USSSA Certification mark that have been banned are not legal.