

ALPINE ADULT SOFTBALL

MEN'S

LEAGUE RULES

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1. **INNINGS:** Seven innings or 1 hour & 5 minutes. Should an inning start prior to 1 hr. & 5 minutes time limit, the last inning will be completed.
2. **STRIKE ZONE:** Low limit: Batters head – High limit: 12 feet from the ground. Any legal pitched ball striking home plate and the extended mat will constitute a strike. Batter will start with a 1 ball & 1 strike count. USSSA 2+2 strikes. Umpire will signal a hand gesture and give a verbal call for all illegal pitches and it becomes a dead ball, however should the batter hit an illegally pitched ball it will be fair.
3. **ILLEGAL HIT BALLS:** There shall be no intentional bunting or chop hits. Results: Automatic out.
4. **BASE RUNNERS:** Runners may lead off after the ball is released from the pitcher's hand. Force out when returning. A ball overthrown or dropped by the defensive player, allows the runner(s) to advance without retagging. Any runner touching or sliding at home plate or the extended mat while scoring shall automatically be declared out by the umpire.
5. **COMMIT LINE:** Half the distance from third base to the home plate. A runner touching or passes the commit line and returns to third base shall automatically be declared out by the umpire. Should the runner pass the commit line and continue toward the scoring mat runner scoring may not be tagged out by the catcher or the defensive player. Results: Runner scores. An out is recorded when the catcher and the defensive player touches the white portion of home plate prior to the runner scoring touches the scoring mat.
6. **MERCY RULE:** Does not apply.

7. **FORFEITS:** Forfeit time is ten minutes after game scheduled time. Teams must have at least 8 players or pick up players on the field at forfeit time. Opposing manager may approve or disapprove of adding additional players. Player must already be in the league. Non league players cannot play without signing a waiver.

8. **ELIGIBLE PLAYERS:** Must be 18 years old or older. **No exceptions.**

9. **LATE ARRIVALS:** Players arriving after the first pitch of the game may be added to the bottom of the batting line up or used as a regular substitute.

10. **LINEUPS:** Batting lineups are the responsibility of the opposing team managers, not the umpire.

11. **RUNS SCORED, HOME RUN UP & HOME RUN RULE:** Each umpire will be responsible for keeping score and verifying at each half inning with both managers. If a team does not keep a book, then the umpire's tally will be final and there is no discussion. Umpire will notify each manager of the current status of the HR rule, that is, whether his team is "Up 1", "Even", or "Down 1" at the beginning of each inning and as home runs occur. Any discrepancies must be resolved before the game is allowed to continue – if again a team does not keep a scorebook the umpire's HR status will be final, with no discussion. Any ball hit over the fence on the fly is a home run. Any ball hit off the fielder's glove on the playing field and drops over the fence, is a four base error and not as a charged home run.

12. **COURTESY RUNNERS:** With both managers approval, courtesy runners shall be the last out or the out prior to the last out if unable to run. If no outs, the courtesy runner will be the last batter in the lineup or the batter prior to the last batter if unable to run.

13. **EJECTIONS:** Any player ejected, is injured and/or unable to continue or leaves for any other reason, shall be an automatic out the next time he is scheduled to bat and thereafter, shall skip his spot in the lineup. If a substitute is available and has not played yet this rule does not apply.

14. **ALCOHOL:** No alcohol beverages will be permitted on the field or in the dugouts during the game. Violation of the no alcohol rule, before or during a game, will result in a forfeit or player ejection from the game.

15. DOUBLE FENCE OUTS: Any ball hit over the 2nd double outside fence down the right field line, the backstop and the left field line shall be an automatic out. A ball that hits a light pole, any part of the dugouts or the backstop, the inside/outside fence and bounces or lands over the 2nd fence shall be a strike on the batter.

16. BATS: All bats are legal except titanium and bats exceeding 1.20 BPF. Softball will be provide by the league.

17. POINTS OF CONTACT: Concerning the ball games or field conditions:

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