

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION  
ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
SLOW PITCH POST-SEASON PLAYOFFS RULES**

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Except in the following situations, Montgomery County Recreation softball rules will apply:

1. **TIMES LIMITS:**
  - A. **MEN'S "C" and "C/D" Levels:** There will be a 60-minute time limit on all playoff games (unless tied). Games must go seven (7) innings. At the time limit (60 minutes) or a tie game, the "One-Pitch" rule will go into effect. The Championship game(s) will not have a time limit other than the 10:30pm curfew.
  - B. **MEN'S "D" Levels:** There will be a **55-minute** time limit on all playoff games. Games **do not** have to go seven (7) innings. Ties will be broken by "One-Pitch" at the end of the 55 minute time mark. The Championship game(s) will not have a time limit.
2. In the Men's playoff a **coin flip** will be used for all games.
3. **Montgomery County Recreation Department bat rule will be enforced.**
4. **ASA Slaughter Rule will be in effect;** 20 after three innings, 15 after four, or 10 runs after five (5) innings. A 15 run mercy rule will apply only in the Championship game and "IF" game only.
5. **GRACE PERIOD:** There will be a 10-minute grace period for the **first game of the day only**, which comes off the time limit. Teams must field at least 8 players from the scheduled starting time. Teams should plan to be at the field 15 minutes prior to game time.
6. **HOME TEAM** for each game must provide an official scorekeeper.
7. **SOFTBALLS:** The Recreation Department will supply two new softballs that are .52-core/ 300 compressions per game. Back-up balls must have an ASA stamp on the ball. Each team will provide one .52-core softball to the Umpire as a back-up ball before the game begins. Team putting the ball out-of-play is responsible for replacing the ball. The Recreation will attempt to supply all softballs if possible in later games.
8. **EJECTIONS:** Any player who is ejected from any playoff game will automatically sit out the remainder of all playoff tournament(s). However the Tournament Director has final decision on ejections/suspensions.
9. **ELIGIBILITY:** Players can only play for one team within that playoff bracket. Example: A player can play in the "C" Regional playoff and the "C/D" Regional playoffs, but can not play on two teams in the one playoff bracket. **Penalty:** the 2<sup>nd</sup> team will forfeit out of the playoffs.
10. **BALL COUNT:** Each batter will begin with a 1 ball, 1 strike count. A courtesy foul allowed after 2 strikes.
11. **V.10 COURTESY RUNNER- If there is not a substitute for an injured player who is not in the line-up the following rules should apply: (1) Any player in the batting order may be used as a runner. (2) A player may be a courtesy runner only once per inning. EFFECT: If a player runs a second time in the same inning, he will be called out and removed from the base. (3) A courtesy runner whose turn at bat while he is on base will be out. He will be moved from the base and come to bat. A second courtesy runner cannot be substituted at this time (ASA substitution rule). (4) Injured base-runner cannot return to the line-up.**
12. **HOME RUN RULE:**
  - A. Men's "C" home run limit of 5 per team per game.
  - B. "C/D" and "D" home run limit of 3 per team per game.
  - C. The "One-Up" rule will apply during all playoff games. If a team hits any additional home runs over their limit, and the "One-Up" rule **does not** apply, the home run shall be declared an out. The "One-Up" rule applies in the last inning for both teams.
13. **PROTEST:** The Senior Umpire or Tournament Director at each field will handle all protests regarding rule interpretations or player eligibility. All protest(s) must be done before completion of the game. At the conclusion of the game, protest(s) will not be accepted.
14. **PICTURE ID'S:** All players must have their **Driver's License or picture ID** at the field at all times. Recreation Staff can request ID/roster checks any time during the playoffs. If player(s) do not have an ID, player(s) may not participate in the game(s).
15. **WEATHER/PLAYOFF POLICY:** If there is any doubt concerning inclement weather, teams are responsible to appear at the field site. In the event of rain/inclement weather, the Recreation Department has the right to change the format of the playoffs.
16. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** please call the following recording - (240) 777-6889 for more information regarding the playoffs.

**Weather Lines:** Montgomery County: 240-777-6889. If you are not sure about field status, please go to the fields.