



Santa Fe Softball Association, LLC

League By-Laws/Rules for Summer/Fall 2018 season

Standard USSSA rules will be used for league play:

Notable changes by USSSA: 2017: None

2018 Season:

The 2018 league season for Men and Women will be 14 games. Co-Ed will be 12 games. We will offer a pre-season tournament in place of the post-season tournament. Tentative start of league will be 04/16/18. If you are an out of town team we offer double headers (7:30 & 8:30 time slots) with one week on and the next week off. We will continue Fall League. Start date depends on end of Summer League TBD.

League registration fees:

Cashier's check or money order ONLY; made out to "Santa Fe Softball Association". Include your team name in the memo.

Complete registration means that you, have a filled out roster, sanction form and full payment

When filing out your roster, make sure that your player names match their names on their driver's license/photo ID.

Early pre-registration: 01/01/18 to 01/31/18 = \$650.00. (co-ed = \$500.00)

Pre-registration: 02/01/18 to 02/28/18 = \$675.00. (co-ed = \$525.00)

Regular registration: 03/01/18 to 03/31/18 = \$700.00. (co-ed = \$550.00)

Late registration: 04/01/18 to 04/09/18 = \$725.00. (co-ed = \$575.00)

If your team has already registered with USSSA/GSL for 2018 and you want credit for your entry, you must provide a printed roster and receipt. SFSA will not award credit without proof.

If you (or your team affiliation) still owe SFSA any fees for any prior seasons and or tournaments, you will NOT be allowed any type of participation in the current season and or tournaments until you have fulfilled your prior obligation.

There will be a coach's pre-registration meeting on January 26, 2018 @ 6:00 PM at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center to discuss registration, by-laws, team alignment, new rules, etc... There will also be a final coaches/team representative registration meeting on March 30, 2018 @ 7:00 PM (location to be determined).

Pre-season/Umpires training tournament: April 14, 2018 = \$175.00. Double Elimination format. Tournament schedule for 2018 can be found at www.santafesoftballassociation.com

Bats Men/Women/Mixed:

Bats must have the standard USSSA mark on the taper of the bat as placed by the bat manufacturer in order to be legal for play. See illustration below.

New USSSA Softball Bat Marks & Grandfathering Rules Effective January 1, 2012

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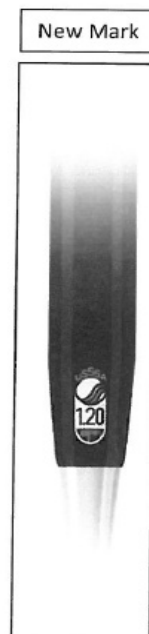
- Have the new permanent¹ USSSA Mark on its taper OR
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- Be a Wood Bat

ALL of the above must be manufactured by an approved USSSA Bat Licensee

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¹ USSSA marks and other graphics of the bat must be applied permanently and must be applied by the USSSA licensed manufacturer. No stickers or decals are allowed and no one may add graphics to a bat once manufactured. Use of a bat with graphics not applied by the manufacturer will be use of an altered bat and subject to suspension under the USSSA Altered Bat rules. In addition to being violation of the USSSA Altered Bat rules, any use, creation or application of a USSSA mark without written permission of USSSA is a violation of Federal Trademark law and may result in prosecution by USSSA. If you have any concern about the person selling or providing you a bat, do not accept the bat, because you will be held responsible for any bat you bring into or use in a USSSA facility.

Altered Bats:

If caught using altered/illegal bat the following penalties may apply:

Confiscation of bat with monetary fee for return at end of the year.

3 game suspension (board decision)

Umpires have the right to have a bat tested at any time.

Balls:

Teams will need to provide their own balls.

- Men – 12" USSSA Classic M (.40 COR) Slow Pitch Softballs optic yellow cover



The above stamp must be visible on all balls used for play.

- Women – 11" USSSA Classic W (.44 COR) Slow Pitch Softballs



The above stamp must be visible on all balls use for play.

Player pick-ups:

A pick-up player can only play if he or she is within a one division separation from the team that he or she is listed via team roster.

All players must be on a roster in order to play.

Opposing team must approve if other team can pick-up players.

Only two pick-up players allowed per team.

Teams that pick up players will surrender 2 runs per player to the other team.

If both teams pick up players then there will be offsetting runs per player.

Home Runs:

(Home runs over the limit are considered outs)

<u>Men's Division</u>	<u>Allowed</u>
1	7
2	5
3	4
4	3
5	2

<u>Women's Division</u>	<u>Allowed</u>
1	3
2	2
3	1

<u>Coed Division</u>	<u>Allowed</u>
1	5
2	2
3	1
4	0

Games Times:

6:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:30 pm

Game time for league play is 55 minutes. In the event of a tie and a game goes into extra innings, we will use the "Drop Dead Time" (DDT) and "International Tie-Breaker" (ITB) rule. Thus an extra ten minutes will be added to your game time (65 minutes total). Once the additional ten minutes is up, then regardless of outcome, the game is over.

Ethics / Rules:

Each team is responsible for cleaning their dug out after each game.

If dug out is not clean after a team has used it, then a cleaning fee will be charged to responsible team

Trash fees are due before next game.

If trash fee is not paid prior to next game, then that game will be forfeited.
This will continue till fee is paid.

The trash fee is \$10.00 per team per incident.

Recycling bins will be on-site for aluminum cans only.

No alcohol or drugs will be permitted in the dug outs or park.

No glass containers will be permitted.

Boom Boxes/portable music players must be at a moderate volume and no cursing shall be played from said music players.

Conduct your players and fans in an orderly fashion. Coaches are responsible for player's language, attitude and or actions. Keep in mind that there are children and elders that attend games. If you can't conduct yourself in an appropriate manner then we will ask you to leave the park. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone. That means concession stand, parking lot, and all fields at the MRC in general.

All players must be 18 years of age in order to play. If you have a minor player (under the age of 18) or a special needs player, he/she must fill out a consent form signed by their parent or guardian and all minor players must be over 16 years of age. Parents/guardian assume all liability for this player.

Notables:

Only players that are on the roster of the team that is currently playing may be allowed access to the dugout areas. Any coach/team that allows any persons in the dugout areas during games that are not on the roster, assumes all liability for said persons and relieves Santa Fe Softball Association or USSSA of any liability.

Teams are encouraged to look into team insurance for additional coverage for their players.

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These By-Laws were adopted by the Santa Fe Softball Association on March 06, 2014 and most recently amended on January 23, 2018 and are subject to change if necessary at any time.