



**2020 COED SLOWPITCH ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Bloedel Donovan Community Building**

1. **WELCOME:**
2. **USA SOFTBALL:**
3. **WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2020:**
  - **Practice Field Reservations:** May 1 - 14, 2020
  - **Games:** Tentatively scheduled to start May 15th. No games May 22-25 & July 3-5. All teams/leagues play 10 games
  - **Leagues/Divisions:**

<b>Thur.</b> (14 teams)	Divisions 1,2
<b>Fri.</b> (30 teams)	Divisions 1,2,3,4,5,6
<b>Sun.</b> (30 teams)	Divisions 1,2,3,4,5,6

\*We reserve the right to move teams within **divisions** as needed\*

4. **LEAGUE FEES: \$625.00 per team**

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5. **REGISTRATION:** March 26 - April 17 on a first come/first served basis until the leagues are filled. **COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND ROSTER MUST BE TURNED IN WITH THE FEE TO REGISTER.** (Fees must be paid with one check or a single transaction. We will not accept multiple checks for team registrations).
6. **SCHEDULES:** All league schedules will be posted as early as possible at: [www.cob.org](http://www.cob.org) and will only be mailed upon request.
7. **LEAGUE RULES:**
8. **FALL LEAGUE:**
9. **QUESTIONS:**
10. **PRACTICE FIELDS:**

## 2020 COED SLOWPITCH LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Regular ASA rules will be followed with the exception of any league rules stated here.
2. Home Team: The second team listed on the schedule is the home team.
3. Game Times:

Thursday	6:15 / 7:20 / 8:25 / 9:30pm
Friday:	6:15 / 7:20 / 8:25 / 9:30pm
Sunday:	3:30 / 4:40 / 5:50 / 7:00 / 8:10pm
4. Balls: League will play with an 11" and 12" MSP - .52 core softball. The Home team will bring one new 11" and one new 12" game ball to the field as well as back up softballs if needed. After the game, the home team gets the softballs.
5. Rain Out Games: If the maintenance crew determines the fields to be unplayable all games scheduled on those fields for that night will be cancelled. This decision is made at approximately 3:30 p.m. If games are cancelled, we will notify the Cascade Radio Group and ask them to announce the cancellations on the radio. **Team Captains** may also call the rain out number at Civic Field (778-7055) after 3:30 p.m. The umpire may also cancel a game at any time due to poor field conditions. Once one game has been cancelled on a field, the remainder of games on that field will also be cancelled. All rained out games will be made up at the end of the schedule. Affected teams will be notified.
6. Time Limit: No inning will begin after 1 hour of play unless the game is tied.
7. 10 Run Rule: If a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the 5th inning they shall be declared the winners.
8. Forfeits: Minimum number of players needed to start a game is nine (must have at least 5 of one sex (male or female). If a team plays with 9 players, they must take an out for the missing player each time their spot is passed in the batting order. A tenth player can be added to the lineup at any time. Teams playing the 6:15 games on Thursdays & Friday nights are allowed a 10 minute grace period (by the umpire's watch) from the scheduled starting time of the game before a forfeit is declared. If the game is forfeited, a practice game should be played. All grace period time used is deducted from the 1 hour time limit of the game.
9. Batting Order: Teams may bat any number of players (minimum of 10) as long as they list an equal number of males and females in the batting order. A team may bat 1 extra male or female but must take an out in the spot where the opposite sex would be if they were batting an equal number. These players may play defensively with free substitutions. Must alternate sexes (example, if 1st batter is a male, then 3, 5, 7, 9, (11), (13) etc. batters must also be males). Players not listed in the batting order may substitute into the game per normal substitution rules.
10. Scores: The winning team must report the score to the Parks and Recreation Department (778-7030 or via email at [mlove@cob.org](mailto:mlove@cob.org)) prior to 5:00 p.m. the next working day. Scores may be left on the telephone recorder in the evening or before 8:00 a.m. If the score is not reported, both teams shall receive a loss. Rained out games should be called in by the Home Team.

11. Scorebook: The Home team will keep the official scorebook. Both teams should have a scorebook and keep score.
12. Rosters: A 20 person maximum preliminary roster is due with your registration and payment. Roster becomes final on July 1st. All players must be 16 years old or older to be eligible to play. (Note: Only one female and one male under the age of 18 may be on the field at one time, and may only participate if a parent or guardian are present on the bench or field). Players may only play on one coed team per night of play.
13. Protests: Protests may not be made on umpire judgments, only rule violations. A ruling should be made at the field immediately by the umpire if possible. Protests must be made verbally to the umpire before the next pitch and followed with a written protest within 24 hours to Mike Love.
14. Defensive Positioning: There must be no more than 5 of either sex on the field defensively at any one time. There are no restrictions on where the players play defensively (ie. you can have 4 men in the outfield and 4 women in the infield).
15. Walking Rule: Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award (batter goes to 2nd base-must touch 1st base on the way). The next batter (a female) will bat. Exception: With 2 outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat, which must be declared before she enters the batter's box.
16. League Representatives: Each team captain will be a league representative. If there is an even number of representatives, the program supervisor shall have voting power.
17. Footwear: No shoes with metal or hard plastic spikes are allowed. Detachable cleats that screw on are not allowed (rubber cleats that screw in are allowed).
18. Courtesy Runners: Courtesy runners may be used for league play and are allowed at any base with the consent of the opposing team captain. The courtesy runner will be the player of the same sex who made the last out. All players must safely reach a base on their own before they can request a courtesy runner. The opposing team captain is the only person who can authorize the use of a courtesy runner. The umpire has no say in the decision making process with regard to courtesy runners.
19. Casual Profanity Rule: Any player or coach using casual profanity (expletives not directed at an umpire(s) or opposing player(s) and loud enough to be heard by spectators) will result in a warning to both teams for the 1st offense. Subsequent offenses will result in an out charged to the next batter for that team.
20. Alcohol and Smoking Rule: Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not allowed in the dugout or on the playing field. Teams will be given 1 warning. Further violation of this rule will result in the ejection of the offending player. If the offending player cannot be determined or is not a player in the game the next scheduled batter will be ejected. Teams violating this rule will be given 1 warning and then dismissed from the league. Bellingham City Ordinance prohibits alcohol anywhere in park facilities.
21. Progressive Home Run Rule: Each team is allowed 2 over the fence home runs per game. Once both teams have obtained 2 over the fence home runs, no opponent shall be more than 1 home run greater than their opponent. A dead ball out will be charged for any excessive over the fence home runs.
22. Strike / Ball Count: Bellingham Coed Softball League will play with the traditional 4 balls / 3 strikes count for all hitters

23. Tie-Breaker Rule: If the game score is tied after the completion of 7 innings, the following tie-breaker will be played to determine a winning team. Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the lead-off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base).
24. No stealing is allowed for league play.

All bats must be ASA stamped and on the approved bat list. A complete listing of approved bats can be found on the ASA website: <http://www.asasoftball.com>

# COED SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORM

(Please return with league fee and roster)

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(city)

(zip)

PHONE NUMBERS: H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Email : \_\_\_\_\_ Did you have a team last year? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, please give TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Any scheduling requests (bye dates) \_\_\_\_\_

**LEAGUE/DIVISION SELECTION:** Please make a 1st & 2nd choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday Division 1

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday Division 2

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Division #1

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Division #2

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Division #3

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Division #4

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Division #5

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Division #6

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Division #1

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Division #2

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Division #3

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Division #4

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Division #5

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Division #6

**COED SLOWPITCH ROSTER FORM**

**TEAM NAME:**

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**(Players first & last name required)**

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