

2026 Monday Night Orthodox softball Rules

Notes:

- Each team is responsible to bring their own bases to each game, bases are not guaranteed. (Including home plate)
- Please be respectful of property, clean up dugouts after the game
- After games under the lights, please vacate the BP diamond efficiently to avoid staff working longer than necessary
- Players are responsible for kids/pets during the game
- Softball Brandon will be communicating cancellations due to weather conditions, please check email regularly on game days
- Other information will be communicated via the facebook group “Brandon & Area Slowpitch/Orthodox Enthusiasts”

General Rules

- Games will be 7 innings
- 7 runs per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first
- 7th inning is an open inning
- 7 men 3 woman format
- If a team is short a female, you may field 9, the 10th batter will be an auto out
- 1.20 BPF USSSA, ASA, ISA, bats will be used
- 1.21 (senior) bats are prohibited
- Rawlings/ Worth “Red Dot” 12” Balls
- Footwear must be used (**NO METAL CLEATS**)
- Rubber cleats are recommended
- No designated hitters, if you bat, you field
- Infield fly rule is in effect
- Sliding is allowed
- Play is “Dead” when the pitcher receives the ball in the pitching area
- No leading off/ stealing until the ball leaves the pitchers hand
- Must be hit home on a live play, no stealing home or going on an overthrow, unless it was first initiated by a hit
- Base distance of 65’
- Pinch runners are allowed if a batter is injured and can’t continue playing the game, or if a player is being substituted out of the game.

Batting Rules

- Must have 3 females batting in the top 10 of the lineup
- Up to 9 men can bat in the first 12 of the lineup, then the order must alternate female/male
- Home runs will not be ran out, the batter that hit the homerun and all baserunners to go directly to the dugout

Pitching Rules

- **No slingshot pitching**
- Pitch from the shoulder down, with one foot planted on the rubber, one step is allowed
- Pitchers are only allowed to pitch 4 innings in a 7 inning game, extra innings are 1 per every 2 innings played
- Male pitcher pitching to female batters must slow down pitches upon request
- Pitching distance 46 feet