

2012 Sunflower State Games Senior Softball Rules

MODIFIED RULES OF PLAY

Official guide of play is the 2012 Senior Softball Players Rule Book unless superseded by the following Sunflower State Games/Shawnee County Parks & Recreation Senior Softball rules:

SENIOR MENS 50+, 60+, 70+

1. **BATS:** Shawnee County Parks & Recreation Bat Rule will apply.
2. **BALLS:** Senior Men's COR 44/375 maximum
3. **ROSTER:** A team can have up to 3 out of state players. Playing age will be determined as of Dec 31 of the same year. Exception: Kansas City area players (Border Rules Apply).
3. **SENIOR RULES:**
 - a. A double first base will be used. Runners must use the orange bag on plays at first if played on.
 - b. A Scoring plate will be used as a *run through* plate instead of home plate.
 - c. A limit of 5 runs per inning for the first 4 innings of play then open thereafter
 - d. A commitment line 20 ft from home to the scoring plate will be in effect. A player crossing the commitment line must continue to scoring plate. A ball caught by the catcher with his body in contact with HOME plate prior to the runner touching the scoring plate will be declared out. All plays at home plate are force outs.
 - e. **60+, 70+ & WOMENS ONLY:** A 175 ft commitment line is in effect. All outfielders must stay behind this line until ball is hit. Penalty, batter may elect to let play stand or return to bat.
 - f. A Strike Mat will be used. A legally pitched ball that hits the strike mat or home plate will be called a strike.
 - g. **All Divisions:** No run through allowed.
 - h. A pitcher may pitch anywhere from the rubber to 5 ft back of rubber within the width of the rubber
 - i. **50+:** A 1-up home run rule will be in effect. All home runs hit over the fence after 1-up reached are singles. This is for ALL Games. A 15 run mercy rule after 3 ½ innings if home team is ahead. A 10 run mercy rule in effect after 5 complete innings
 - j. All roster players may bat with no automatic outs. 8 players to start
 - k. Brackets will be determined by the number of teams entering and team sanctioning.
 - l. All game times are limited to 60 minutes including championship games. City league rule applies to open inning restraint and time limits.
 - m. Coin toss will determine Home team.