



## ***Santa Fe Softball Association, LLC***

*League By-Laws/Rules 2015 season*

Standard USSSA rules will be used for our league:

### Notable changes by USSSA:

2014 changes: (No courtesy foul balls will be granted.)  
(Base paths changed from 65 feet to 70 feet.)

### 2015 Season:

The 2015 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 05/04/15.

### League registration fees:

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

\* Registration means that you have a complete filled out roster and full payment \*

Mens Div. (\$700.00), Womens Div. (\$700.00), Co-Ed Div. (\$550.00).

Early pre-registration: 01/01/15 to 01/31/15 = \$650.00. (co-ed = \$500.00)

Pre-registration: 02/01/15 to 02/28/15 = \$675.00. (co-ed = \$525.00)

Regular registration: 03/01/15 to 03/31/15 = \$700.00. (co-ed = \$550.00)

Late registration: 04/01/15 to 04/30/15 = \$725.00. (co-ed = \$575.00)

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 are paid up.

Pre-season/Umpires training tournament: April 18-19, 2015 = \$75.00 per team  
(Only Santa Fe Softball Association League teams can enter pre-season tournament.)

Tournament schedule for 2015 can be found at [www.santafesoftballassociation.com](http://www.santafesoftballassociation.com)

## Bats Men/Women:

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 permanent<sup>1</sup> USSSA Mark on its taper OR
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- Be a Wood Bat

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

### Bats Coed:

The same bat requirements for Mens and Womens division will apply for Co-Ed.

### Altered Bats:

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

3 game suspension

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

Umpires have the right to have a bat tested for eligibility

### Bat Bucket/Rack:

A designated bucket or rack will be placed at each dug out before all games.

A player must place his/her bat in the bucket/rack for inspection for approval by the umpire.

Once a bat is deemed legal for play, the bats must stay in the bucket/rack at all times except when being used by a batter.

If a bat leaves the field or enters the dug out, then that bat will be deemed “out of use” for the duration of the game.

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	1
3	0

Games Times:

6:15 pm      7:15 pm      8:15 pm

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 will be permitted in the dug outs or park.

Ethics rules cont'd.:

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. 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 have to ask you to leave the park. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone. That means concession stand and the fields at the MRC in general.

These By-Laws were adopted by the Santa Fe Softball Association on March 06, 2014 and most recently amended on March 03, 2015 and are subject to change if necessary at any time.