



PPRSSA follows SSUSA rules for all our games with some modification specifically for our league. You can find these rules on our website - <https://www.pikespeakregionsoftball.org/rules>

There are some differences between USSSA and SSUSA rules. If you are new to senior softball here is a summary of some of the most obvious rule differences:

- Bats – SSUSA allows for any certified bat including senior 1.21 BPF bats. No wooden bats allowed.
- Teams are limited to 5 runs per inning for the first 6 innings of the game, the 7th inning and any subsequent extra innings allow unlimited scoring.
- Runners do not cross home plate. There is a scoring line to the right of batter's box. Runners must cross that line. If a runner touches the plate or enters the batter's box they will be called out.
- There is a commit line 30 feet from home plate, a runner crossing the commit line may not return to 3rd base.
- Outs at home plate are treated like first base. To record an out the catcher must be in possession of the ball and have his/her foot on the strike mat. The catcher does not tag the runner who has crossed the commit line.
- Unlimited pinch running is allowed however an individual may only pinch run once during an inning.
- Senior softball strike zone includes home plate. A mat 19" x 34.5" is used, starting from the front of home plate, any legally pitched ball hitting the plate is called a strike. The entire strike mat is considered fair territory.
- The height of a legal pitch must be from six to 12 feet above the playing surface.

Pikes Peak Senior Softball rules:

- PPRSSA does not use paid umpires. The offensive team's 1st and 3rd base coach are the umpires. 1st base coach covers calls at 1st base and home plate. 3rd base coach covers 2nd and 3rd base.
- In PPRSSA home runs over the limit are considered walks rather than outs.
- A protective pitcher's net is used for all games. Pitcher must deliver the ball over the net.
- Substitute / fill-in players must be registered in at least 1 PPRSSA league to play in games. You cannot pickup random players to fill roster. Subs are subject to both team managers' approval and the league representative's approval.