

**KSCSA, 70's Division
Rules and Regulations
4/29/22**

FORMATION

The Seventies Division of the KSCSA was established Dec 2, 2021 by an 8 – 4 vote for the following:

“Be it resolved that the Kauai Senior Citizens Softball Association (KSCSA) establish a Seventies Division (aka Baniaga Division) within the association, which will compete only among itself in league play, and which will be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of the KSCSA teams, and is responsible for all of the duties of the KSCSA teams, and which must abide by the constitution, by-laws and general rules of the KSCSA, the Hawaii state softball rules, and the SSUSA rulebook, both teams and players, except where noted below.”

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The 70's division of the Kauai Senior Citizen's Softball Association provides a recreational opportunity to enjoy softball. It is open to all males 70 years of age and older, and all females 55 years of age and older. Players are welcome regardless of their ability or disability, as good sportsmanship and camaraderie are the main focus of the division. We strive to provide an outdoor activity for exercise and fun, building relationships between players.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. The rules and regulations governing the 70's division shall be decided by a majority vote of the coaches of each team (informally adopted).
2. In the event of a tie vote, the league president will cast the deciding vote, except when the chair/president is not a coach, the tie-breaking vote belongs to the chair. An e-mail vote is acceptable (4/15/22).

III. PLAYERS

1. Male players must be at least 70 years of age (12/10/21).
2. Female players must be at least 55 years of age. There shall be no limit to the number of female players in a lineup/substitutions list at any time (12/10/21).
3. Female players may act as courtesy runners for male players (2/11/22).

4. A courtesy runner may run for any hitter with walking difficulty, starting from home plate. The courtesy runner must start behind a line even with the back of the plate, and may not cross the line until contact.

This is an honor system, designed to aid hitters who are unable to run (2/11/22).

5. A courtesy runner may run more than once per inning. (4/29/22)

6. A player may transfer teams between rounds. Approval of the coaches is not required. (4/29/22)

IV. FIELD

1. Bases shall be sixty-five (65) ft apart (12/10/21).

2. The pitcher's box shall measure fifty to sixty (50 to 60) ft from the forward edge of home plate (12/10/21).

3. Runners may score by crossing a scoring line to avoid home plate. A runner touching the strike mat is automatically out (2/11/22).

V. EQUIPMENT

1. The home team for the first game of the day will provide a working AED (defibrillator) will be readily accessible in the home team dugout for every game (12/10/21).

2. Pitchers must wear a protective face mask (12/11/21).

3. Game balls.

a) Games shall be played with a 12" ball with a COR of .44, and a compression rating of no more than 375 psi (12/10/21).

b) Game balls must be identical in brand and all markings (4/15/22)

c) Prior to each game, the home coach and chief umpire shall confirm that the balls meet the criteria in b). (4/15/22)

4. A pitcher may opt to have a protective screen. When the screen is in place, the first batted ball within an at-bat that strikes the screen is a "no pitch". Any subsequent batted ball within the at bat that strikes the screen is a strike. Any thrown ball that strikes the screen remains in play (4/15/22).

5. The use of a protective screen by one pitcher does not require the use of a screen by the opposing pitcher, or another pitcher on the same team (3/11/22, informal agreement).

VI. GAME

- 1. Eleven (11) players shall constitute a team. A team may start a game with no less than ten (10) players. An eleventh (11th) player may be added at any time during the game, batting in the last position. If the 11th position is not filled, and out will be declared for only the first time that position comes to bat (12/10/21).**
- 2. A team unable to field ten (10) players shall forfeit the game (12/10/21).**
- 3. Teams from adjacent games will provide umpires for each game. Umpires need not be 70's division players (12/10/21).**
- 4. Game length will be limited by a 75 min time clock unless the regulation 7 innings have been completed. After 75 min, the chief umpire shall announce that time has expired. The current inning shall be completed, and the next inning shall be the open inning (e-mail adopted, 2/26/22).**
- 5. The home team for each game will provide two new balls for that game. The game balls will remain with the home team after each game. (4/8/22)**
- 6. Teams will provide line up sheets to opposing teams prior to each game (2/11/22).**
- 7. Teams are encouraged to have scorekeepers (2/11/22).**
- 8. The 12 run "mercy rule" has been eliminated. (4/8/22)**