



2010 ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES & BY-LAWS

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

City of Rogers Adult Softball is structured as follows:

- **Tuesday Nights; Begins April 27th**
- Location: North Community Park Fields 1, 2, & 3
- Co-Ed Class D rules will apply.
- All leagues will be sanctioned ASA. The league will use ASA umpires and rules.
- Teams will have option to sign up for Class D, Class C. The class registered will determine the level of state tournament qualifier.
- League teams will play one game a week for 13 weeks, the last week being a “for fun” playoff week.
- **Teams will play each other for the first six weeks, then the teams will be divided into two divisions – upper & lower, based off of the standings. A new schedule will be made for the last six weeks. (This was what was decided upon at the manager’s meeting.)**
- **An additional week has been reserved to accommodate one rain out week only pending the number of teams in league. With 16 teams only, there would be some available time slots open on the fields for some make-up games. All others will not be made up.**
- **Additional fees may be incurred by teams due to forfeits and misconducts – see other sections of guidelines.**
- Schedules are planned to be distributed Friday, April 16th via email to managers and posted online at www.parkandrec.cityofrogers.org.

ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be 16 years or older and not on a high school or organizes team when the season starts. Under 18 must have parent signature.

ROSTERS

- The roster limit is twenty including manager/player. **Rosters need a minimum of 12 players (6 male, 6 female) at the beginning of the season.**
- **Teams must play with an equal amount of men and women or they can have more women than men.**
- **Final rosters are due by June 1st. NO EXCEPTIONS!** The roster must be fully completed and legible. Rosters will be turned into MSF-ASA for team validation and determine the number of teams allowed to go to State for the City of Rogers.
- **If rosters are not received, teams may be subject to a fine or inability to play until receipt of roster.**
- Contact league director for the appropriate roster form.

UMPIRES

- Umpires will be assigned by the Three River Umpire’s Association.
- If a manager has a complaint about an umpire relating to improper uniform, conduct, knowledge of the rules, etc., this should be reported to the Parks and Recreation Department. Only complaints sent in writing within 24 hours of the incident will be considered.

RULES

- Playing rules shall be ASA unless otherwise stated. Local rules will supersede any State or National rules.
- **New pitching arc rule – arc must now be between 6 – 10’. We are NOT able to change this rule for city league rules per MSF/ASA.**
- A full game shall consist of 7 innings / 6½ if home team is winning, but is **not** required if game is called due to weather or other risk to players or patrons. **A minimum of 5 innings or 40 minutes is required for a regulation game.**

- A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if 5 or more complete innings have been played, or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in four or more innings than the other team has scored in five or more innings.
- The umpire is empowered to call a game at any time because of darkness, rain, fire, panic or any other cause that places the patrons or players at harm.
- Any player may be substituted or replaced and re-entered, providing players occupy the same batting positions whenever in the line-up.
- No base stealing is allowed.
- **Batting order must alternate by sexes or if the team has more women than men, the women may bat back-to-back; however, will be an automatic out in the last hole with two men hitting back to back.**
- **10 defensive positions:** must have two males and two females in both the infield and the outfield and one male and one female as pitcher and catcher.
- A maximum number of players on the field are 10; however, you can play with 8 or 9 but cannot have more men than women on the field. Positions include: pitcher, catcher, first, base, second base, third base, short stop, left fielder, left center fielder, right center fielder, and right fielder.
- Everyone can bat if manager chooses, must be made known prior to the start of the game.
- If a man is walked, he proceeds to 2nd base, the female behind him must hit unless there are 2 outs, and then she has the option to walk to first base or hit.
- League will use an 11-inch ball when the female bats and a 12-inch ball when the male bats. The league will supply all balls.
- **Game balls will be given to the home teams after the game. Each team will have an equal number of home and away games on their schedule.**

PROTESTS & DISPUTES:

- All protests during the regular season will be reviewed by a protest board which will be made up of the League Director, a league official, and a member of the park board. Protests on judgment calls will not be considered. Submit your protest in writing. The board will determine the final outcome on any protest which has been found to be legitimate. Submit in writing to the Rogers Parks & Recreation 22350 South Diamond Lake Road within 24 hours of incident.

RAIN POLICY

- If the decision is made to cancel games due to weather conditions, the Community Education weather line will be updated reflecting cancellation of activities; however, this is only updated until 5:00pm. **The weather line number is 612-253-5109.**
- We request that only managers call this number to make the line accessible to all who are calling.
- We will make every effort to notify the team managers as soon as the decision has been made to play or cancel games. The league assistant director will send out an email and/or try to call managers if the City must cancel due to weather; otherwise, it will be up to the umpire at the field. **Umpires, and concession workers are NOT responsible for contacting teams to inform them that games have been cancelled once they're at the field.**
- If the umpires call the game(s) at the field, they will try and notify the Asst. Director; however, it is the responsibility of the team managers to have a player that lives the close to the fields to check if games are on so they can notify team members. It is recommended that teams arrive a minimum of 20 minutes prior to their game time. **[League Asst. Director is working on a group list that can be auto-set to inform managers when a rain-out occurs via text message.]**
- **Only one rain out make-up week has been reserved in the schedule; however, if there are some open times/fields available due to less than 24 co-rec teams, then some games may be made up pending the number of teams needing make-ups. You will be notified if your team has a make-up game.**

TIME LIMIT & TIE BREAKER

- The **time limit is 1 hour** for the Adult Co-Ed League; there will be no innings started after 55 minutes. This includes the last game of the night. **A minimum of 5 innings or 40 minutes is required for a regulation game.** If at the end of the time limit a game is tied – the tie breaker rule shall apply.
- ASA rule will be applied
 - a. After completion of 7 innings of play, score is tied, the following tie-breaker rule will be played to determine the winning team:
 - i. Starting with top of 8th inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in the respective half-inning being placed on second base (i.e., if the number 5 batter is lead-off batter, the number 4 batter in the batting order will be placed on 2nd base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner.)
 - ii. If a team is in the tie-breaker and the short handed rule is in effect, an out will not be declared if the absent player is the one who should begin the half innings at 2nd base. Instead, the player whose name precedes the absent player's name in the line-up should be placed on 2nd base.
- A ten minute grace period is allowed for 1st game only; however, if you use the grace your game still ends on time – 1 hour from the scheduled start time.
- It is recommended that teams arrive a minimum of 20 minutes prior to their game time.
- Game times are: 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm and 9:15pm **(These times may be adjusted after the first six weeks if less than 24 teams in the league.)**

FORFEITS

- **Teams can pull a player from another team to prevent a forfeit.** Class D players should sub for Class D teams, etc.. **Managers need to agree on subs prior to the game.**
- **Forfeit time will be ten minutes after game time.** A team may start and finish a game with eight players; however if a player is injured or ejected from the team with eight players and that team does not have an eligible replacement then that team will forfeit the game. **A forfeit fee will be assessed to the team in the amount of \$25.**

BALLS & FOULS

- 3 balls /2 strikes count applies with one courtesy foul.
- Team that hits a ball out of play must put in a replacement ball within 30 seconds, or the next batter will get a strike, then an out after another 30 seconds. (This is enforced to keep games on time)
- Teams retrieve their own home runs and fall balls.
- Have third base coach exchange balls with the pitcher to keep the game moving.

BATTING ROSTER

- Teams may bat their roster, they must decide to do so before the game starts and inform the umpire.
- A player arriving after the game begins may be added to the bottom of the batting order.

HOME RUN LIMIT

- Tuesday's Co-Ed - 2 home runs then each one after that is an out.
- Running the bases after a home run is not allowed.

RUN LIMITS

- 20 runs after 3 innings
- 15 runs after 4 innings
- 10 runs after 5 innings

EQUIPMENT

- Metal spikes are prohibited.
- Only ASA approved bats are allowed. If a player is found using a non-approved bat that player will be ejected from the game. A list of approved bats is posted on the ASA website at www.asasoftball.com.
Note: Umpires will inspect bats prior to game time.
- The league will furnish all softballs.

EJECTIONS

- Anytime a **player is ejected from a game, it is an automatic 1 night suspension and a \$20 misconduct fee will be charged to the player.**
- In a given night, if ejection is done in first game, suspension is for the rest of the night and the next week games. (This applies in co-rec only if the ejected player is being recruited as a sub for another team for that night.)
- Depending on the circumstances, the suspension may be longer. If a player is ejected two times during a season, that player may face a year suspension. Player and manager misconduct will also be applied.
A \$20 misconduct fee will be charged to the player and manager, should this occur.
- Any player ejected from a game and if there is no one to replace him/her there will be an out every time he/she comes up to bat. If there are 2 outs you **can not** walk the batter before to get the 3rd out.
However, you must have the minimum number of players eligible to play, otherwise a forfeit occurs and a \$25 forfeit fee will be assessed.
- A player or manager striking or handling an official or supervisor will be suspended immediately for a year. The penalty could be permanent suspension from all Parks and Recreation athletic leagues. Also, if his/her team does not properly control the ejected player, the entire team may face ejection from league play. **A \$20 misconduct fee will be charged to the team.**
- There is a **zero tolerance** for profanity and arguing balls and strikes.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

- State playoff berths will be determined by the best two records in the league. All ties for division leaders will be decided by a score differential.
- T-shirts will be given out to league winners in each bracket – upper & lower.

TOURNAMENTS

- All teams will be offered the opportunity to compete in ASA State Tournaments.
- Teams other than the top two teams in the league will be required to pay all state entry fees. You must handle paperwork and registration as a team.
- Only 1 Class C team will be paid and/or 2 Class D.
- **Teams must supply the league director or league assistant with a check if their team is interested in state tournament play by July 1st.** A refund will be issued for all teams who qualify as an earned bid. Checks should be made payable to the “City of Rogers.”
- Teams will be given a tournament packet which has a final roster form which must be the same roster turned into the Rogers Parks & Recreation Department on June 1st.
- Players need to have identification with them during the game in case identification is requested by an official. If a player is found ineligible, that team will forfeit the game and the ineligible player maybe suspended for the remainder of the season.
 - **Class D 2010 Co-Rec State Tournament is July 23-25 at Prairie Island**
 - **Class C 2010 Co-Rec State Tournament is July 23-25 in Sauk Rapids**

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted at North Community Park and Lynch Complex; however, alcoholic beverages **may not** be consumed in parking lots or within the team benched area at NCP!

- No Alcoholic beverages are allowed on the playing field.
- Teams must be responsible to pick-up their trash especially beer cans. Please inform your players and spectators of this so it does not become a problem and we lose this privilege.
- Please use the garbage cans and clean up dugout after your game!



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