



WATERVILLE PARKS AND REC 2014 COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFF RULES AND GUIDELINES

Games will be governed by current ASA Coed Softball Playing Rules with the following exceptions:

- 1) Women players may be registered on **TWO** rosters and participate on **TWO** teams. Male players may be registered on **ONE** roster and participate on **ONE** team. Teams may have up to **FOUR** men's league players on the roster, **however, only THREE men's league players can participate in any game.**
- 2) Players must be at least 16 years of age. Children (age 15 and under) are not permitted in the dugouts or on the playing field at any time.
- 3) Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 4) The **HOME** team will be responsible for keeping the official book.
- 5) The ASA casual profanity rule will be enforced.
- 6) Prior to the start of the game, each team will provide an umpire with a line-up card, and \$15. The home team is responsible for providing one mens ball and one womans ball to the umpire. League softballs will be .52 core/300 compression for men (12") and .44 core/325 compression (11"). Females may choose to use either ball.
- 7) Teams must have matching uniform shirts with numbers on the back. Hats are not required. Each player not meeting this requirement will not be eligible to play in that game.
- 8) **Alcohol is prohibited in or around playing areas. This includes parking lots near the fields, dugouts and in spectator areas.** Smoking is prohibited at all fields located on school grounds, including the parking lots at Reed and Herlihy. Smoking is prohibited on all fields, in spectator areas, and in dugouts at all fields.
- 9) There is no forfeit time past the scheduled game time UNLESS they are coming from a game at another field.
- 10) Each team should have four women on the field the entire game. If less than four women are present, teams may field a **MAXIMUM** of six men. At no time will a team play with less than two women on the field.
- 11) During the playoffs, whenever a team is playing with less than four females, an out will be taken when the absent female(s) position(s) in the batting order appear. If you have female players on the bench, they must play. You cannot sit them on the bench and keep them out of the batting rotation or from playing on the field. At no time will a team play with less than 2 female players.
- 12) Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.
- 13) If a player or coach is ejected from the game by the umpire, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. If a player or coach is ejected a second time by the umpire, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the remainder of the tournament. Waterville Parks and Recreation will review each violation individually and will determine if further sanctions are warranted. Players that have been suspended are not permitted in the dugouts.
- 14) **Use of banned ASA bats is strictly prohibited.** If any member of your team is caught using a banned bat, the player will be banned from playing on any Waterville field for one year from the date that you are caught and the entire team will be warned. If any player from that team is caught using a banned bat after the warning, the entire team will be banned for one year from the date that you are caught. This includes any tournaments that are held in Waterville, whether or not they are sponsored by the Waterville Parks and Recreation department. Your team is subject to an official checking all bats at any time during a game. Teams may go to <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Play-ASA/Certified-ASA-Equipment.aspx> to verify if they have legal bats. Waterville Parks and Recreation will not determine for any team whether or not they have legal bats.
- 15) Courtesy runners are allowed if the player is unable to run due to an injury occurring on the playing field. If a player runs beyond first base, they can not request a courtesy runner unless the injury occurs during that at bat. Courtesy runners will not be used for the same player throughout the game. If a player can not run, they can not be on the playing field. If a female requests a courtesy runner, the last female called out will be the runner. If a male requests a courtesy runner, the last male called out will be the runner.
- 16) Free substitution is permitted; however, to do this, a batting lineup must include **ALL** players and remain **CONSTANT**. Batting order must alternate by gender with a female starting off, and evenly distributing female players throughout the lineup. (See attached examples). At no time will a team be permitted to have female players on the bench, but play with less than four females on the field (ie. if you have four females on the bench, they must all play on the field).
- 17) The following pitching rules will apply:
 - 6-10 foot arch on the pitch
 - Female batters will have the option to use the 11" or 12" ball. Male batters must use the 12" ball.

Batting Lineup Examples:

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| 3 Females, 6 Males: F M M F M M F M M | 5 Females, 6 Males: F M F M F M F M M M |
| 3 Females, 7 Males: F M M F M M M F M M | 5 Females, 7 Males: F M F M M F M F M M F M |
| 3 Females, 8 Males: F M M F M M M F M M M | 5 Females, 8 Males: F M M F M F M M F M M F M |
| 3 Females, 9 Males: F M M M F M M M F M M M | 5 Females, 9 Males: F M M F M M F M M F M M F M |
| 3 Females, 10 Males: F M M M F M M M F M M M M | 5 Females, 10 Males: F M M F M M F M M F M M F M M |
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| 4 Females, 6 Males: F M M F M M F M M F | |
| 4 Females, 7 Males: F M M F M M F M M F M | |
| 4 Females, 8 Males: F M M F M M F M M F M M | |
| 4 Females, 9 Males: F M M F M M M F M M F M M | |
| 4 Females, 10 Males: F M M M F M M F M M M F M M | |