



SUMMER/FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE: RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL STATEMENT

All leagues shall be under the direction of the League Coordinator, and the Director of Recreation and Parks, and governed by the current United States Specialty Sports Association (Slo-Pitch) (USSSA). Note: This Constitution supersedes Slo-Pitch Rules.

Kent Park, along with The Webster Recreation Center and all other town parks have a “carry-in, carry-out” policy. **EACH TEAM SHOULD PROVIDE ITS OWN GARBAGE BAGS AND SHOULD CLEAN UP AFTER EACH GAME. NO GLASS BOTTLES ARE ALLOWED.** There are two parking lots with sufficient parking; therefore there will be NO PARKING outside the gates or on the grass. Failure to adhere to this request could result in expulsion from the league or loss of field use. **THE USE OF THE PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 691 PHILLIPS ROAD (WASHING EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGIES) IS PROHIBITED.**

ELIGIBILITY

1. Adults at least 18 years of age and out of high school are eligible to play softball.
2. Players must be listed on the official roster before they may participate. Rosters must have the name, address and phone number of all ball players. The maximum roster is 20 players. Names may be added up to the 20-person limit any time prior to the start of the fourth game. Players must have played in four season games to be eligible for playoffs for summer and at least two for Fall Ball. Exception: An injury that prevents play and the approval of the League Coordinator.
3. Teams using illegal players will forfeit the game. Protests must be filed in the Parks and Recreation Office by close of business the next day after the completion of the game, except during playoffs must be declared during game.
4. No player can be listed on more than one roster in the same league on the same night.
5. Only the manager or assistant manager is authorized to check the opposing team’s roster in the Webster Parks and Recreation Office.
6. All players must sign the Player Agreement and Liability Waiver before they can participate. *Team managers are responsible for adhering to this policy and making sure any additional players are called or emailed into me by 3 PM the day of game. An illegal player is any player not listed on the official roster.*

SCHEDULE

1. All schedules are viewable on the TeamSnap Tournament App
2. The summer ten-game season will begin in May. The fall five-game season will begin in September. Schedules will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the first game night. No games other than regularly scheduled games shall be played without the Parks and Recreation Dept.’s approval.
3. Rain make-up games (if necessary) will be played on the regular play night following the regular season or at a anytime given by League Commissioner. Playoff games will be scheduled after all make-up games have been played.
4. Webster Parks and Recreation has the right to move teams into different divisions based on records to other divisions.

PLAYOFFS

1. Ties are broken by:
 - a) Head to Head
 - b) Head to Head Runs For
 - c) Head to Head Runs Against
 - d) Coin flip

GAME LENGTH

1. Games times: 6:15, 7:15 8:15 (if needed). At least eight (8) players from each team's roster must be present and ready to play. At 6:15 p.m., if a team has eight players, they must start the game. If a team has less than 8 players, there will be a 5-minute grace period. Forfeits will be called 5 minutes after game time. **No Inning** can start after 1 hour and 10 minutes from the beginning of game. All innings must be completed, if the home team is winning, they do not need to bat. Exception: The last game on each field does not have a time limit. **Subsequent games will start after the completion of the previous game.**
2. If an umpire is late, the first game will start as soon as he arrives. No inning start an hour and ten minutes after start time.
3. Any game suspended (due to inclement weather or darkness) prior to the completion of 4 full innings will be played from the last completion inning. A winner will be declared at that time. Any game resulting in a tie after the 4th inning either because of the time limit or darkness will result in a tie game.
4. Games may not be cancelled or postponed for any reason other than weather, time curfew, or no umpire.
5. Any team that forfeits 3 of its scheduled games during the season will be dropped from the league. Any remaining games will be forfeited and any games that the team has won, the decision will be reversed.

SCORES

The WINNING TEAM manager will input the score into the TeamSnap Tournament app. Any discrepancies in the score requests must be made to the League Coordinator, Traci Ruffell.

RAINOUTS

1. The League Coordinator and Parks Foreman will decide whether games will be played due to inclement weather or questionable playing conditions. You may call 872-7103 press 3 for cancellation reports.
2. If conditions are questionable after 4:30 p.m., teams should report to the field where a decision will be made by the umpire.

EQUIPMENT & ATTIRE

1. Teams must provide their own playing equipment.
2. The Webster Parks and Recreation Department will provide each team will twelve (12) new game balls for Summer and six (6) new game balls for Fall.
3. Shirts must always be worn by those players participating in the game. The shirt does not have to be a team shirt.
4. Rubber molded, plastic cleats or all – purpose turf shoes may be worn (no metal spikes).
5. The catcher may use his/her own discretion as to whether to wear a face mask.
6. Donuts and other batting aids are not permitted.

7. BATS must meet the requirements of USSSA and be included on the list of approved bats published by the USSSA national office. Any Player in violation of the USSSA bat requirements will be given a one game suspension for first warning. Anything thereafter will result in a suspension for the season. No senior bats are allowed.

INJURIES

1. **For emergencies, call 911.**
2. The Parks and Recreation Office should be advised of any injury requiring medical attention. Please contact Traci Ruffell at (585) 545-0515 if an ambulance is called.

CONDUCT

1. The manager must always be in control of his/her players. No drinking of alcoholic beverages, taking of drugs, swearing, fighting or use of abusive language by players or spectators will be tolerated. The league coordinator reserves the right to remove violators from the league.
2. Any manager, player or spectator who physically or verbally assaults another person will be removed from the league.
3. Any player ejected from a game must leave the park. If the player refuses to do so, the game will automatically be forfeited against his team. First violation will result in one game suspension and the second violation will result in suspension for the season.
4. Only team members and scorekeepers are permitted to occupy the players' benches.
5. Only the team manager may have a discussion with the umpire over a particular call. If the manager is not present, he/she should assign an acting manager to handle debates.
6. Protests based on the interpretation of rules and not an umpire's judgment. A protest must be made upon the field of play by the Manager or Captain of the team directly to the umpire. All protests must be explained in writing and to the Webster Parks and Recreation Office the following business day. Umpire must notify the opposing team of the protest. IF A TEAMS FAILS TO PROTEST AT THE TIME OF THE DECISION AND THE GAME CONTINUES WITH THE NEXT PITCH, THEN THE PROTEST IS DISSOLVED. Any team that wins their protest will be refunded.

LOST ITEMS

1. Any equipment and/or personal items left at the fields will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Office located in the Webster Recreation Center located at 1350 Chiyoda Drive. Team members may call the office between 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to locate missing items. The phone number is 872-7103.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The league coordinator and/or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department may take any action deemed necessary to maintain order and safety within the league.
2. The department may require some teams to switch leagues for the following season.
3. The town of Webster is not responsible for any damage to vehicles parked at Kent Park or the Webster Recreation Center.
4. Town of Webster is not responsible for loss or damage of any article.

IN-HOUSE RULES OF PLAY FOR ALL DIVISIONS MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND COED

Warm-ups: In order to speed up play, there will be ONE warm-up pitch allowed for all players, including pitchers, between innings, except for the top and bottom of the first inning, or if a new pitcher enters the game.

All leagues:

- 3-2 count w/ 1 to waste
- 3' – 10' arch
- 12 runs after 5 completed innings (home team does not have to bat in the bottom of the 5th inning).
- Minimum 8 players to start game
- Home Run Rule: 3 per game, then an out
- If someone gets injured and you have no subs, no out recorded
- No fake pitching is allowed in any leagues.
- The flip/flop rule will be in effect
- ALL BATS MUST have new USSSA logo, excluding the women's league. No fastpitch bats are allowed.

Courtesy Runners:

- Each team is allowed three (3) courtesy runners per game, must be the last batted out (coed league must be same gender of last batter)
- A courtesy runner will be allowed under these circumstances only; if a player falls in Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) they will be allowed a courtesy runner, who will be the last out, and must be stated prior to the start of the game or they will not be able to be applied during the game.

Alternate Player (A.P)

- May be assigned to play any position but must remain in the same established batting order.

Coed League ONLY:

- Six (6) run MAXIMUM per inning (except for the last inning). *What this means to you?*

When you hit 6 runs your inning ends – regardless of how many outs there are. *Co-ed and Women's League!*

- Standard lineups include six (6) males and four (4) female players. (seven (7) and five (5) if A.H. is used). Any six male and any four female players must play defense.
 - o 6 males and 5 females is ok; 5 males and 6 females is ok
 - o 5 males and 4 females is ok; 4 males and 5 females is ok
 - o 4 males and 4 females is ok

If at any time there are less than 4 males or 4 females, or 5 males and 3 females forfeit will be declared. You can always have more females than males, but 8 people are required.

- Three guys cannot bat in a row at any time. There is no mandatory defensive player positioning.
- As players arrive, they can be inserted into the lineup if they meet gender requirement anytime.
- When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter having to bat. If a male is up after the person that walked the male that walked will only get 1st base.
- 5th infielder may not be used. Outfielders must start in outfield grass. **Exception:** *A minimum of 8 players can start a game. However, whenever males bat "back to back to back" (i.e. 3 males batting in a row) an out must be taken. Only 6 male players can play defensively at a time.*

All COED playing rules not specifically covered above shall be governed by the "All Rules" section of the USSSA rules book.