

Normal Parks and Recreation
100 E. Phoenix Ave.
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CO - RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

2021

GENERAL RULES

1. Leagues will be offered Wednesdays at Champion Fields with games starting times ranging from 6:00-9:00pm. Games cancelled due to the weather or unplayable fields will be rescheduled by the Normal Parks and Recreation Department.
2. There will be no grace period for starting times. Scheduled game time is forfeit time. Teams forfeiting a game will be contacted for an explanation. Two forfeits may result in expulsion from the league.
3. The cancellations of games for a given evening will be decided by the parks and recreation department between 2:00-5:00pm. If games are cancelled, it will be announced on the Town of Normal Rec Line, 433-3434, category 4.. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE PARKS & REC OFFICE.** Games can still be cancelled after 5:00pm, but at this time it will be left up to the umpire/site supervisor's decision. Four innings will constitute a complete a game. Any game cancelled before four full innings will start over when rescheduled.
4. All players are encouraged to have some type of accident insurance coverage. Neither the Parks and Recreation Department nor the Town of Normal is responsible for covering medical expenses resulting from an injury. Team insurance may be obtained through USA Softball
5. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Town property. Players may not play while under the influence of alcohol. **Smoking is prohibited** inside Champion Fields except for designated areas between fields 2 & 3.
6. Respect the decision of the umpire at all times. Umpires have the authority to eject a player from a game and can recommend to the Recreation Supervisor that the suspension be for one game, several games or if severe enough for the remainder of the season.

ROSTER RULES

1. Players must out of high school to be eligible for play.
2. A team shall consist of ten players. A team may start a game with only nine players present. If a team only has nine players (4 females, 5 males) there will be an automatic out for the 10th spot in the order. If 5 females and 4 males no penalty. Males can't bat back to back w/out

penalty. The tenth person may be added at any time during the game and then penalty waived from then on.

3. There is a limit of 25 players allowed on the official roster.
4. Managers may add/drop a player to/from the roster by filling out an add/drop form. These forms must be submitted to the parks and rec office by the team manager. **LAST DAY TO ADD PLAYERS IS JUNE 18. No additions after this date for post season tournament.**

LEAGUE RULES

1. Official ASA 12" Co-Rec rules will be observed, including the following:
 - a. Umpire will keep the official score. **HOME** team will keep the official scorebook; visiting team should also keep a book to avoid discrepancies.
 - b. Batter will begin with **an 0-1** count, after 2 strikes, 2nd foul ball is an out. Mat will be used to determine balls and strikes. Pitches range from 6' – 12' in height.
 - c. **Intentionally hitting up the middle in direction of the pitcher is not permitted. For safety if the umpire feels a batter intended to hit pitcher or even comes close the play is ruled dead ball out with batter ejected from the game. Champion Fields has pitchers masks that can be borrowed during games. Check with the concession stand and be prepared to leave your driver's license.**
 - d. **RUN RULES: 20** after **three**, **15** after **four**, **10** after **five**.
 - e. If an EH (extra hitter) is utilized, it must be used for the 11th and 12th spots in the order.
 - f. Each team must have two males and two females in the outfield, two males and two females in the infield and one male/one female in the pitcher/catcher positions. (If a team has only nine players, the odd combination must be in the outfield. If line-up is 5 males/4 females an automatic out will be used for the 10th spot in order.
 - g. The batting order shall alternate sexes.
 - h. **No metal spikes allowed.**
 - i. On a walk to a male batter (intentional or not); he will automatically go to second base, other runners will also advance. Runners must touch bases in order. Female must then take her turn at bat. **Exception: 2 outs female has a choice of hitting or walking.**
 - j. **SAFETY RULE:** All plays at home plate are force-outs, with defensive player needing to only step on plate, NO tags or sliding for plays at the plate are allowed in this league. A chalk line will be located 20' from home plate, once runner crosses on his/her way home they cannot return to third base. **Runners are permitted to step on ball/strike mat instead of plate on close plays. Catcher can only use plate.**
 - k. **TIME LIMIT - 60 minutes. NO INNING WILL BEGIN AFTER TIME LIMIT!** Inning underway will be played to its completion. If a game is tied after completion of inning, it will remain a tie in league standings.
 - l. **HOME RUN LIMIT: 2** homeruns (over the fence) allowed in this league.
Penalty: automatic out
Baserunner(s) & batter are not required to run bases

- m. **Courtesy Runners** -- Any eligible player on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. A courtesy runner may be used only once per half inning and must be gender specific.
- n. **Outfielders are required to stand behind a painted line placed 200' from home plate until the pitch is released.**

PROTESTS

All protests must adhere to the following procedure. Failure to do so will mean the protest will not be heard.

1. The manager of the offended team must notify the umpire before the next pitch that the remainder of the game is being played under protest.
2. The umpire will then mark the scorebook; sign it, showing the balance of the game is being played under protest.
3. The game will continue. Before the game ends, the offended team must leave \$10.00 with the umpire as a protest fee.
4. The offended team must, within 24 hours, present in writing to the Parks and Rec office the basis of their protest.
5. If the protest is allowed, the game will be rescheduled and resumed from where it was protested, the \$10.00 will also be refunded.
6. If the protest is **not** allowed the \$10.00 is forfeited.

AWARDS

1. Trophies or plaques will be awarded to the top team in each league. T-shirts will be awarded to the league champion and tournament champions.
2. Ties in league standings will be broken in the following sequence.
 - a. Basis of direct competition with team in question.
 - b. Runs scored versus runs against in direct competition with teams in question.
 - c. Total runs scored versus total runs against for the entire season for all games played in league competition.

BLOOD RULES

If at any time blood is seen on the body of a player, the umpire will stop the game. The wound must be cleaned and/or covered before the injured player is allowed to resume play.

If the uniform has blood, the player must remove that article of clothing and exchange it with another or clean it thoroughly with water.

Should the umpire feel that it would take too long to take care of the situation at hand, a substitute may report for the injured player without using the re-entry rule.

POLICY FOR SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

The Town of Normal Parks and Recreation Department has established the following policy for softball leagues taking place when severe or tornado weather is in the area.

If, during the time a game is underway, the Civil Defense Tornado warning sirens are activated, all games will be immediately cancelled for remainder of the evening.

If these same sirens are sounded within an hour of the beginning of league play, all league games for that evening are cancelled.