

**Mayville Recreation Department
2017 Adult Softball Leagues
Rules and Regulations**

1. Registration

- A. All Players must be registered on the teams registration form before playing in league competition. Failure to do this will result in a forfeit for every game that the illegal player played in.
- B. All Players must be 18 years of age or graduating in 2017 by the time league play begins. Graduating Players cannot play until their spring sport is finished for the season.
- C. Teams will be allowed to add players through the third game of the season. After that point in the season additions can only be made with the approval of the Recreation Department. (387-7900 x1216); text (920) 210-9823 or e-mail mkurutz@mayvillecity.com prior to playing in the game. **Players must play at least 3 regular season games in order to play in the league playoffs.(Mens League)**
- D. Team rosters will be limited to 20 players at any one time.
- E. All fees must be paid before a team will be allowed to play. If a team has not paid its fees by the first scheduled game, a forfeit will be declared unless prior arrangements are made with the Recreation Department. Individual Player fees (\$2.00 per player) are due after the third game of the season. If roster additions are made after the third game players must pay the \$2.00 player fee before being allowed to play.

2. General Rules

- A. Uniforms are optional. All players must be properly dressed. Shirts, pants or shorts and a flat-bottomed shoe are required at all times.
- B. Metal spikes are not allowed. Rubber or plastic spikes are permissible, as well as any flat bottomed shoe.
- C. Bats shall be only on the approved ASA Bat List. If they are on the non-approved list they are deemed illegal.
- D. Profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed. If a player uses profanity the umpire shall give the team one warning. The next use of profanity will result in an out being given to the team. If the team is at bat and the umpire hears profanity used, an out will be immediately called and the play is dead. If the team is in the field then the out will be assessed the next time they bat. Any player or manager who makes physical contact with an umpire will be suspended for the remainder of the season and possibly from playing in Mayville indefinitely.

- E. Only the Recreation Department or a designated representative can cancel games before the evenings scheduled games. Managers will be notified by 5:00 PM if the games are canceled. Only one phone call will be made per team. After that point it is the manager's job to call and inform the players on their team. Listen to WBEV (1430 AM) or WMDC (98.7 FM) for information regarding rainouts or call the TAG Center 387-7988.
- F. All rainouts will be made-up. Dates and times will be set by the Recreation Department and will be at 9:15 until all games are made-up.
- G. Only the team manager may discuss a call or rule interpretation with the umpire.
- H. Trophies or \$35 will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers. Individual T-shirts for league champions.
- I. Team must have 8 players to start a game. Teams will have 5 minutes for the scheduled start to field at least 8 players. Additional players can be added to the line-up when they arrive but they must go into the last position in the batting order. If a team fails to field 8 players in time, the other team will take the field and throw one pitch and the umpires will declare a forfeit. If a team forfeit it must pay a \$30.00 fee before the next game. Two forfeits by the same team will result in removal of that team from league play and their remaining games counted as forfeits.
- J. Teams may have the opportunity to move their scheduled game time only if they are playing in a tournament and it is agreeable to all teams involved. The Recreation Department must be notified at least 5 days before their scheduled league game. There will be absolutely no exceptions to this rule.

3. Playing Rules

- A. Games will be 7 innings for all men's league games with no time limit. All women's league games will be 7 innings with no time limit.
- B. All leagues will play a 12 run rule after 5 complete innings. If the visiting team gets ahead by 12 or more runs in the 5th, 6th, or 7th, innings the home team will have their opportunity to bat in the bottom half of the innings.
- C. The men's league will play with a (5) home run limit per team per game. Any home runs after that will be considered an out and runners will not advance. A home run will be considered an over the fence home run.

- D. In the event of rain during a game, 5 completed innings must be played to be classified as a legal game. If 5 complete innings (or 4 and ½ innings if the home team is winning) are not completed then the game is classified as a rainout and will be made-up from the start. If there is a tornado warning the game in progress and all remaining games are cancelled for the evening. Games will be made up from the exact point the game was suspended. If a game is stopped or postponed due to lightning, the games will be picked up exactly at the point where the game was left off.
- E. All leagues will play 2 strikes swinging or called and three balls.
- F. The mat and plate will be used for a strike and pitches must be delivered with a perceptible arch and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground while not exceeding a height of 12 feet from the ground. If a pitch does not reach these requirements the umpire shall put his left hand out from his shoulder. The batter has the option to swing at the pitch or else it is an automatic ball.
- G. Bases are 65 feet for men and 60 feet for women. The pitchers plate is 50 feet for men and 46 feet for women.
- H. All players are encouraged to slide on close plays. Any intentional collisions may result in the player's removal from the game by the umpire.
- I. All teams have the option of using roster hitting. The entire roster bats and any 10 play the field. Teams that use roster hitting must finish with it. The only exception is when a player gets hurt or has to leave for EMS or Fire Dept. duties. When it comes to that spot in the batting order, it will be passed over. If a player simply leaves during the game the team is using roster hitting, then that person's spot in will be counted as an out. Once a team has gone thru the batting order one time additional players cannot be added to the line-up if a team is using roster hitting.
- J. COUTESY RUNNER (New 2011) Teams are allowed to use one courtesy runner per inning. The Courtesy Runner must be the last person to make an out. If there are no outs the player from the previous inning would be the Courtesy Runner. If it is the first inning the player at the furthest spot from the batter will be the Courtesy Runner**
- K. All starting players may be taken out of the game and re-entered once. The extra player may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting EP may re-enter.

- L. No beer will be allowed in the dugouts. If the umpire notices beer in the dugout, one verbal warning will be given followed by the game being called as a forfeit on the second offense during a game. **NO CARRY-INS TO THE PARK. If a team is caught with carry-ins they may be removed from league play.**
- M. Women's league will play with an 11" ball while the men will play with a 12" ball. The night will start with one new ball and the umpires will decide when and if to put another new ball into play.
- N. All protests must be put into writing no more than 24 hours after the scheduled game they are protesting. All with the written protest a \$10.00 fee must be submitted that will be returned if the protest is ruled in their favor.
- O. All concession stands will close by 11:00 PM (City Ordinance)
- P. All rules not covered in these rules, are covered by the official ASA softball rulebook. The rulebook is in the press box and the concession stand.