

**MAYVILLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CO-ED SOFTBALL
RULES & REGULATIONS**

- A. Registration
1. All Players must be registered on the team's registration form before playing in league competition. All players must be 18 years of age or out of high school by the time the league begins. Failure to comply will result in a team forfeit.
 2. 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) or e-mail mkurutz@mayvillecity.com prior to playing in the game.
 3. All fees must be paid before a team will be allowed to play. If a team has not paid its fees (\$185) by the first scheduled game, a forfeit will be declared unless prior arrangements are made with the Recreation Department. .
 4. Team rosters will be limited to 20 players at any one time.
- B. General Rules
1. Metal Spikes are not allowed. Rubber or plastic spikes, as well as a flat bottomed shoe are permissible.
 2. Bats shall be only on the approved ASA Bat List. If they are on the non-approved list they are deemed illegal.
 3. All games will be 7 innings with no time limit. **Home Team is first team listed on the schedule.**
 4. All games will have a 12 run rule. If a team is ahead by 12 runs or more after 5 complete innings the game will be terminated. The home team has their chance to bat in the bottom of the inning.
 5. 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 or the game is stopped suddenly due to lightning, the games will be picked up exactly at the point where the game was left off.
 6. 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.

7. Teams are made up of 10 players. The team must be equally divided up between men and women, or there can be more women than men. If an extra player is used teams can have up to 12 players. This again must be equal men and women or more women than men. Teams may use roster hitting. This means everyone who shows up on the team may bat and any ten can play the field. The same ratio for male and female must be kept, and captains must notify each other if they intend on using it. If one team uses it the other does not need to.
- Teams are allowed five minutes to field at least 8 players. If not a forfeit will result. 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.
- Field Alignment will be as follows: (10 Player Team)
 - 2 Males and 2 Females in the outfield
 - 3 Males and 3 Females in the infield (Includes Pitcher & Catcher)

Players must remain in the same position for the entire inning with the exception of the Pitcher. The Pitcher can be replaced during the middle of an inning. (New 2014) **The Pitcher can be replaced and the field alignment can be adjusted to accommodate the desired position for the replaced pitcher (New 2015)**
Example: Pitcher is replaced by shortstop. Pitcher could go to right field and the right fielder could go to shortstop.

- If a team plays short handed with either three in the infield or outfield, at least one of the three must be a male or at least one of the three must be a female.
8. 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. Teams can use roster hitting but must finish with it. The only exception is if a player is injured or must leave due to Fire or EMS call. If they leave for any other reason than that position is declared an out
 9. Women and Men will use the 12” softball. **(Rule Change 2016. One Ball size)**
 10. The batting order will alternate between men and women. There can however be two women that bat in a row.
 11. 3 balls and 2 strikes. The mat and plates are strikes. If a male player walks then the female batter that is next will automatically have a count of 2 balls and no strikes.

- 12. 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**
13. Teams will be allowed 5 home runs per game. After that any Home Runs will be considered an over the fence Home Run. **Players cannot intentionally direct the ball over the fence to make a home run. This is at the umpire's discretion. If it is ruled the runner is awarded second base and everyone advances one base. (New 2015)**
- 14. All Home Runs are Hit and Sit. This means that a player that hits a Home Run does not have to run the bases and the players on base can come immediately off the field. (New 2015)**
15. The Catcher must use home plate for all plays. The runner must use the pitchers mat behind home plate. Players may slide into the mat at home plate ONLY. Any contact with home plate or the catcher is an automatic out. (New 2014) **On an over throw to Home Plate the Pitcher or any other infield position can cover Home Plate. (New 2015)**
16. A line 40' from Home plate will be drawn down the third baseline. If the runner is in this box when the catcher receives the ball the runner is automatically out. There are no tag outs at the plate. The player may run back once they have crossed this line.
17. All players must play their own positions. **An outfield line 160' from home plate down the left and right field lines connecting with a point 180' from one plate in center field will be drawn and outfielders must stay behind it until the ball is hit.(Rule Change 2016 on distances added 10')** If the umpire sees that an outfielder has crossed the line the batter will be awarded first base and all players will advance one base. If the umpire feels that someone is not allowing other fielders to field their position, he can award a single, or a double, and advance the runners one or two bases.
18. Bases are 65' and the pitchers plate is 50'.
19. No profanity is allowed. If the umpire hears a player use profanity either on the field or in the dugout, that team will be given one warning followed by an out to be given to the team using the profanity.

20. Limited Arc: 6ft. minimum, 12 ft. maximum from the ground.

21. ASA Rules will apply unless otherwise mentioned.

C. Prizes

1st place: Individual t' shirts & Choice of \$35 or Team Plaque

2nd & 3rd Place(Wed) Choice of \$35 or Team Plaque 1st & 2nd Places for
Thursday Night League

D. **NO Carry-Inns and no beer allowed in the dugouts**