

WEBER COUNTY RECREATION SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

MENS, WOMENS, AND CO-ED

1. THESE LEAGUES WILL BE ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED BY WEBER COUNTY RECREATION.
2. TEAMS AND THEIR INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS WILL COMPLY WITH THE LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS OR THEY WILL FORFEIT THEIR RIGHT FOR FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAGUE. GAMES WILL BE PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICIAL ASA RULES, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THESE GROUND RULES.
3. NO MORE THAN 20 PLAYERS MAY OCCUPY A PLACE ON EACH TEAMS ROSTER, INCLUDING PLAYING MANAGER AND COACH. ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS IS THAT A PLAYER MUST PLAY 75% OF LEAGUE GAMES.
4. AGE LIMIT WILL BE 16 YEARS AND OLDER AS OF JUNE 1.
5. PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED, BY FILLING OUT THE PLAYER ADDITION AND RELEASE FORM THAT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR. PLAYER WILL BE ELIGIBLE THAT NIGHT. IF A PLAYER FAILS TO SIGN THE RELEASE, HE/SHE WILL BE PULLED FROM THE GAME FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT.
6. NO PLAYER MAY BE ADDED TO YOUR ROSTER AFTER THE SCHEDULED TIME AS STATED BELOW. IF A TEAM IS FOUND TO HAVE PLAYED A NON-ROSTERED OR ILLEGAL PLAYER, GAME WILL BE FORFEIT. NO NEW PLAYERS AFTER 3RD ACTUAL GAME.
7. REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS WILL BE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD. COACHES MUST SUBMIT WRITTEN REQUEST INCLUDING ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION TO THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR. THE ONLY EXCEPTED REASONS FOR PLAYER REPLACEMENT ON ROSTER IS INJURED PLAYER, PREGNANCY, MILITARY (IE PCS, REASSIGNMENT, EXTENDED TDY) MOVING OUT OF THE COMMUTING AREA. NO NEW OR REPLACEMENT PLAYERS WILL BE ADDED AT TOURNAMENT TIME. ALL REPLACEMENT REASONS WILL BE REVIEWED AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR.
8. THERE WILL BE A \$30.00 PROTEST FEE ON ANY PROTEST FILED, PAYABLE ON THE DAY OF THE PROTESTED GAME. IF PROTEST IS UPHELD IN PROTESTING TEAMS FAVOR, THE PROTEST FEE WILL BE RETURNED.

PROTESTS MUST BE REPORTED BY THE COACH OR MANAGER, TO THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE BEFORE THE END OF THE GAME, THE UMPIRE WILL IN TURN IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO THE FIELD SCORER. A WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE PROTESTING COACH MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY. OPPOSING COACH MAY TURN IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT IF THEY DESIRE. GAME WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT DELAY AFTER PROTEST IS REPORTED TO OFFICIALS.
GAME CLOCK WILL NOT BE DELAYED.

9. TEAMS MUST BEGIN/END WITH A MINIMUM OF EIGHT (8) PLAYERS. TEAMS WILL TAKE AN AUTOMATIC OUT IN THE BATTING ORDER FOR EACH PLAYER NOT PRESENT. THIS RULE WILL OVERRIDE THE SHORT HANDED A.S.A. RULE. CO-ED MUST BEGIN WITH EQUAL NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN OR ONE MORE WOMEN THAN MEN. NEVER MORE MEN THAN WOMEN. IF AN EJECTION OCCURS AND YOU DO NOT HAVE A PLAYER TO REPLACE, THE GAME IS A FORFEIT.

****NOTE** LINE-UP SHEETS WILL CONTAIN STARTING LINE-UP ONLY!
COACHES OR REPRESENTATIVE ONLY ON SCORERS LEVEL.**

10. THE GAME PLAYERS LINE-UP SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICIAL SCORE KEEPER 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED GAME TIME. THE GAME CLOCK WILL BEGIN AT THE PRECISE SCHEDULED GAME TIME. IF A TEAM HAS NOT TURNED IN THEIR OFFICIAL LINE-UP AT GAME TIME, GAME TIME WILL BEGIN. THIS MEANS THAT EVEN IF NO PLAY IS OCCURRING ON THE FIELD, GAME TIME IS PROGRESSING. THE GAME CLOCK WILL NOT BE DELAYED. THE SCORE KEEPER ANNOUNCES "PLAY BALL" THE DELAYED TEAM WILL BE AWARDED 1 RUN. AFTER FIVE MINUTES THE DELAYED TEAM WILL BE AWARDED AN ADDITIONAL 1 RUN. WHEN GAME CLOCK REACH'S 10 MINUTES THE GAME WILL BE FORFEIT - SCORED 2-0.
11. TEAMS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN NUMBERED JERSEY'S (4" MINIMUM AND CLEARLY VISIBLE BY THE SCORE KEEPER ON BACK.) NO IDENTICAL NUMBERS OR SUBSTITUTE JERSEYS. ALL LEAGUES WILL BE GIVEN ONE WEEK GRACE PERIOD (2ND WEEK OF PLAY.) WEBER COUNTY WILL NOT PROVIDE MARKERS, TAPE, OR ANY OTHER ITEM FOR MAKING JERSEYS. **PLAYER THAT STEPS INTO THE BATTERS BOX WITHOUT A NUMBER THAT IS READABLE BY THE SCOREKEEPER WILL BE CALLED OUT.**
12. SECOND TEAM LISTED ON SCHEDULE SHALL BE THE HOME TEAM.
13. GAMES WILL BE 7 INNINGS OR 55 MINUTES, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. NO NEW INNING WILL BEGIN AFTER 55 MINUTES. **SCOREKEEPER WILL BE THE "OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER"**

14. RAIN-OUTS WILL BE SCHEDULED ON SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS OR AT THE END OF THE LEAGUE. ALL LEAGUES WILL PLAY RAIN-OUTS CALLED BEFORE 3RD INNING. THREE COMPLETE INNINGS CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE GAME. A GAME RAINED OUT AT ANY TIME DURING THE THIRD INNING, THE GAME WILL BE RESTARTED AT THAT POINT.
15. ANY PLAYER WHO FAILS TO PLAY IN A SPORTSMANSHIP LIKE MANNER WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR TWO GAMES. ANY PLAYER WHO STARTS A FIGHT WITH ANOTHER PLAYER, UMPIRE, OR ANY OFFICIAL WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR. SUSPENSIONS MAY BE INCREASED IF SEVERITY WARRANTS BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR.
16. ANY PARTICIPANT WHOSE LANGUAGE OR BEHAVIOR IS DEEMED BY THE UMPIRES OR RECREATION STAFF, IN THEIR SOLE DISCRETION, TO BE DANGEROUS OR OBNOXIOUS TO OTHERS USING THE FACILITY SHALL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY.
17. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE CARRIED INTO THE COMPLEX.** PLAYERS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE IN ANY FORM WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE COMPLEX IMMEDIATELY. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THEIR TEAMS FORFEITURE OF THAT GAME OR THE PRECEDING WEEKS GAME.
18. A GAME SHALL BE CALLED IF A TEAM IS AHEAD BY 15 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS AND 20 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS.
19. 1-UP HOME RUN RULE. TEAM AT BAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETRIEVING HOME RUN BALLS. ANY OTHER HOME RUN IS CONSIDERED A FOUL BALL.
20. **STRIKE ZONE COMPLAINTS.** PITCHER, CATCHER AND BATTER WILL BE THE ONLY ONES TO COMPLAIN ON STRIKE ZONE. ALL OTHERS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EJECTED. PITCH HEIGHT IS 6' TO 12'. 3 BALLS 2 STRIKES.
21. CO-ED
 1. SLIDING ONLY IF NECESSARY. INTENTIONAL OR TAKE OUT SLIDES WILL BE CAUSE FOR EJECTION. **REMEMBER**, THIS IS A JUDGEMENT CALL.
 2. CO-ED TEAMS MAY BE POSITIONED DEFENSIVELY ANYWHERE ON THE PLAYING FIELD.
 3. CO-ED TEAMS WILL STAY WITH THE SAME BALL FOR BOTH FEMALE/ MALE.
 4. ANY WALK TO A MALE BATTER WILL RESULT IN A TWO BASE AWARD. THE NEXT BATTER (A FEMALE) WILL BAT. EXCEPTION: WITH TWO OUTS, THE FEMALE BATTER HAS THE OPTION TO WALK

- OR BAT.
5. INFIELD MUST STAY ON DIRT.

 22. SPECIFIC RULES:
NO METAL CLEATS.
NO TITANIUM BATS.
NO JEWELRY ALLOWED.
NO STEALING 2ND BASE.
BATTER MUST RUN ALL BASES ON A HOME RUN.

 23. **MEN'S LEAGUE - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**
C DIVISION ANY PLAYERS
D DIVISION D #1 FIRST YEAR TEAM ONLY **NO C PLAYERS**
D #2 SECOND YEAR OR MORE TEAMS ONLY 2 C PLAYERS

 24. PLAYERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND/OR SPECTATORS.
PLAY WILL BE SUSPENDED AT GAME TIME COST, IF PLAYERS FAIL TO
CONTROL THEIR CHILDREN'S ACTIONS.

 25. YOU CAN WALK A BATTER TO GET TO AUTOMATIC OUT.

 26. LEAGUE RULES REQUIRE THAT YOU STAY WITHIN YOUR LEAGUE. FOR
EXAMPLE, NO MALES CAN PLAY ON A WOMEN'S LEAGUE & NO FEMALES
CAN PLAY ON A MEN'S LEAGUE. THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN MIX MALES &
FEMALES IS IN A CO-ED LEAGUE.

 27. WHEN SUBSTITUTING A PLAYER, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO
THE PLATE UMPIRE AS THEY BAT, NOT WHEN THEY GO IN THE FIELD.

 28. COURTESY RUNNERS ARE ALLOWED IF BOTH TEAMS AGREE. THE LAST
PERSON OUT IS THE RUNNER. COURTESY RUNNERS ARE MEANT FOR HURT
PLAYERS ONLY. IF BATTER ADVANCES BEYOND 1ST BASE, NO RUNNER IS
ALLOWED. (A WALKED BATTER IS THE ONLY EXCEPTION)

 29. ANY PLAYER THAT STEPS IN THE BATTER'S BOX WITH A NON-CERTIFIED
ASA (AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION) BAT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED
FROM THE GAME.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT THE WEBER COUNTY
RECREATION OFFICE AT 399-8491. A FIELD STATUS RECORDING CAN BE
REACHED AT 399-8226 ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS AFTER 2:00 P.M.**