

# Men's Softball League Rules

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## Leagues & Fees

- Monday Men's Over 30 League
  - Eight (8) teams maximum
  - Games played at Green Isle Park
  - Games begin at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM
  - 12 Week regular season, followed by a double elimination tournament
- League Fees:
  - Team Fee: \$350 per team
- Misc. Fees:
  - Protest Fee: \$15 per protest
  - See protest section for details

## Eligibility

- Managers
  - Managers are the official team representative to the Park & Rec Department
    - Any change in manager or manager's address, telephone, etc. must be reported to the Park & Rec Department
  - Managers are solely responsible for:
    - Releasing player from team
    - Providing batting order at the start of the game
    - Informing opposing team of substitutions
    - Protesting calls, game decisions, rules, etc.
- Players
  - Players must be 30 or over by the start of the league season
  - All teams must have a minimum of 12 players registered
  - A maximum of 16 players may be on the roster, including substitutes
    - For a new player to be added, team must be below the 16 player threshold
    - A player may be dropped to make room on the roster
    - New players may not be added with 2 or less games remaining in the regular season
    - No new players may be added to the playoff roster

# Eligibility

- Playing on multiple teams
  - Players may not play on more than one team in the same league
- Player Fees
  - No refunds will be given for player fees paid
  - Player fees may be transferred to new players
    - Manager to notify Parks & Rec Department of change
- Ineligible Players
  - A player is considered ineligible if:
    - His/Her ID address does not match roster address
    - Player is not 30 years of age or older
    - Player does not appear on team roster
  - Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit all games the player has participated in
  - Only Team Captains have the authority to question any and all player's eligibility
- Procedure for Questioning Player Eligibility
  - A team must inform the opposing team's manager by the end of the first inning
  - The team manager questioning eligibility will look at the player's ID and make note on the scorecard the name in question and if ID was given
  - If identification does not match the name on the roster or is not presented, the player will be considered ineligible and the team will forfeit the game, although they can still play out if they choose
  - If offending team claims player is on official team roster (located in Village Hall)
    - Team manager will inform the Park & Rec Department of player in question. If the player is not on the team roster, the offending team will forfeit the game if they won
    - The Park & Rec Department will contact the two team managers with the results

**Let your players know they should have ID on them!**

# Equipment

- Dress
  - Players are not required to wear uniforms
    - Pants or shorts, shirt, and shoes must be worn at all times
  - Any player with a splint or brace will have to have it covered in an acceptable manner
  - Players may wear rubber-tipped spikes
    - Players cannot participate with metal or metal-tipped spikes
    - The game will not continue until there is compliance with this rule
  - Any fielder can use a glove as long as it is of legal size
    - Only the catcher and 1<sup>st</sup> baseman may wear mitts
- Bats
  - All bats must be tagged with a neon pink "Greater Green Bay" approved bat tag
    - The cities of Green Bay & De Pere and the Villages of Allouez, Ashwaubenon, and Howard have cooperatively adopted the ASA banned bat list
  - No tagging will be conducted at any ball field
    - Tagging of bats will be conducted at:
      - Managers meetings
      - Allouez Village Hall
      - Ashwaubenon Village Hall
      - Managers meetings
      - Allouez Village Hall
      - Ashwaubenon Village Hall
      - Howard Village Hall
      - Green Bay City Hall
      - De Pere Community Center
  - Bats NOT tagged will be considered illegal and NOT allowed
- Balls
  - Village of Allouez will provide balls for all games
    - Men's Over 30 Slow-pitch league uses 12" yellow softball

# Inclement

## Weather/Postponement/Rescheduling

- Inclement Weather
  - Rain Cancellations:
    - Before 4:30 PM- Park & Rec Department will notify teams by:
      - Emailing all team managers
      - Village of Allouez Facebook page
      - Website
    - After 4:30 PM- team manager's will decide collectively
- Postponement of Games
  - Postponement of a game for time limit or weather is at the team managers' discretion
  - The game will resume only at the agreed upon discretion of the team managers
  - If not a complete game, a game called due to weather or time will be played from the point of interruption provided the game is a factor at the end of the season standings
- Rescheduling Games
  - Games will only be rescheduled due to weather and time limits
    - Games will not be rescheduled due to teams unable to play because of lack of players, injury, etc.
    - All games scheduled are final
    - Village will make all attempts to reschedule any canceled game, however reserves the right to not reschedule games that do not factor into the end of the year standings
- Tie Games/Postseason Ties
  - Regular season games may play out until a winner is determined
    - Judgement of team managers will determine if games need to end due to interfering with the start of other games
  - Postseason Ties: When necessary, the following methods will be used to break a tie:
    - Head to Head competition
    - Least number of runs given up amongst teams involved
    - Least number of runs given up within the league
    - Coin flip

# Game Play

The 2019 ASA Rules for slow-pitch will be the official rule book with local adaptations as stated below

- Time Limits
  - Team managers will be the official time keepers
  - Games will consist of 7 innings unless:
    - After 50 minutes of play, a team is ahead by 10 or more runs
      - Team ahead will be declared winner
      - Exception: all tournament games will be played in their entirety
    - No new inning may begin after one hour of playing time has elapsed
    - Weather causes postponement of game
      - In which case 4 innings constitutes a complete game (tournament games will be played in its entirety)
- Players to Start Game
  - Ten (10) players constitutes a full team
    - A minimum of 8 players is needed to start a game
    - If a team does not have 8 players, a 10 minute grace period will be given
      - After grace period, the team with not enough players will forfeit the game
- Batting Order
  - A team may bat their entire roster
    - This must be declared to umpire prior to start of game
    - Batting order cannot be changed after the game has started
- Substitutions
  - Teams may freely substitute players defensively throughout the game
    - All substitutions must be reported to opposing team
    - All players used in a game must be on team roster
- Injury Substitution
  - A courtesy runner will be allowed- one per inning
    - If more than 1 courtesy runner is requested in an inning, it will be to the discretion of the umpire and the opposing manager
    - The courtesy runner must be the runner who made the last out and must be entered prior to the first pitch to the succeeding batter

# Game Play

- Defensive Rules
  - Fielders should avoid contact with runners at all times
  - Fielders not making a play must leave the baseline
  - Infield fly rule:
    - Less than 2 outs, runners on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, batter is automatically out on fair ball only. Runners advance at their own risk
- Pitchers
  - An illegal pitch is called by the team manager
  - A 3-2 count will be used
  - Strike Zone:
    - Ball must land on any part of the mat or plate
  - Legal Pitch
    - must maintain perceptible arch minimum of 6 feet
      - No maximum height
    - An illegal pitch shall be called immediately when it becomes illegal
      - Hitter may swing at that pitch thus making it legal
  - Pivot foot must remain in contact with pitcher's plate until the pitched ball leaves the hand

\*A step can be taken in any direction, provided the pivot foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate and the step is simultaneous with the release of the ball

- Batting
  - A batter may only choose to switch sides of the plate prior to the first pitch
    - Once the first pitch is thrown, the batter may not change
  - Batter will be considered ready once in the batter box
  - Batter may ask for time from catcher
    - It is at the catcher's discretion to grant request
  - Throwing of equipment (i.e. bats, helmets. etc) is NOT permitted
    - Entire team will be warned once
    - Next infraction will result in the batter being called out on the play
      - The play will play out unless the bat causes an interference of the ball, runners, or defense
      - In this case a dead ball will be called with no runners advancing

## Game Play

- Base Running
  - Sliding is permitted
  - Any runner who intentionally targets a defensive player by not sliding is automatically out, along with the batter
  - Baserunners may not attempt to break up a double play with contact
    - Initiating contact to break up double play will result in an automatic double play enforced by the team managers
  - Player is out if they attempt to run over the catcher
  - Runners are always awarded two bases on overthrows which go out of play or become blocked
    - Two bases from the last base touched at the time the ball left the hand
  - If the ball is in play, runner(s) may advance at their own risk

## General

- Protests
  - Protests on technicalities must be in writing by the manager
    - No later than 48 hours after game in question
    - The opposing team manager must be notified at the time of the infraction
  - All protests require a \$15 fee
    - Fee will be returned if the protest is upheld
  - A protest should contain the following:
    - Date
    - Time
    - Teams involved
    - Rule and section of the official rule book under which the protest is made
    - Decision and conditions surrounding the making of the decision
  - Be sure to report all essential facts
    - Under no circumstances shall any player or person other than the manager of the captain of either team have any legal right to protest on any decision and seek its reversal on a claim that is in conflict with these rules. ASA Rule 10, Sec. 3

## General

- Forfeit Rule
  - 1<sup>st</sup> infraction/forfeit- no penalty to team
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction/forfeit- \$15.00 fee to be paid prior to the following week's game
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> infraction/forfeit- Out of the League
  - Collection of forfeit fees:
    - Any team owing forfeiture fees from the previous week must make arrangements with the Village of Allouez who will monitor fees for timely collection
    - Any team owing forfeiture fees from the previous season will not be eligible to play in the league until those are paid
    - Members from these teams will not be eligible to play on another team
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct
  - Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after a game, include but are not limited to:
    - The use of profane language
    - The use/prior use of controlled substances (i.e. drugs, alcohol, etc.)
    - Actions the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry staff deem not representative of the department or in bad taste
  - Any player, coach, or team performing acts listed above may face removal of the offending player, coach or team from the playing area of the premises by the order of any working Parks personnel
  - Successive game offenses will result in player(s) or team being dropped from the league and forfeiture of all fees
- Ejected Player
  - Any player(s) ejected from play must sit out the next scheduled game
  - If the game is rained out, the player(s) will then miss the next game scheduled
- Prohibited Substances
  - Drinking of all alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all parks except Green Isle Park
    - Drinking of alcoholic beverages is not permitted for anyone on the roster before or during the game
    - Violation will result in one warning. Further violation will result in forfeit. Further violation will result in forfeit

**Please remember this is meant to be a fun, social atmosphere, no one is trying out for the majors, so RELAX and have fun!!!**



Thank you for  
Choosing the  
Village of Allouez!

**Good luck this season!**

