



## **2017 Waconia Parks & Recreation Men's Doubleheader Softball Rules**

### **Eligibility Rules:**

1. ASA eligibility rules will govern all play of the Waconia Parks and Recreation Softball Leagues unless they are modified by Waconia's "Local League Rules."
2. All players must be age 18 or older as of May 3rd, 2017.
3. All rosters must be turned into League Coordinator on/before May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Non-compliance may result in forfeiture of games. Players not entered on the roster will be ineligible to compete in games and will subject their team to forfeiture.
4. No uniforms are required for local league play; however, if your team wishes to advance to state or regional play, uniforms of like color with numbers on the back will be required.

### **Game Techniques**

1. Managers are requested to carry their ASA official team roster with them at all times during league play. ASA roster must be completed and turned into League Coordinator by date above.
2. Each team is requested to keep a scorebook, which will be provided by League Coordinator. Home team will be designated as the official scorebook, but BOTH teams must keep score and have a score book with them each week.
3. Dudley Slow Stitch Red .52/CORR 300 softballs will be provided for each game by League Coordinator.
4. Each team may begin, play, and finish a game with a minimum of 9 players. If a team has less than 9 players 10 minutes after official starting time of a game, team with 8 or fewer players will forfeit the game.
5. A team batting more than 10 players will not be penalized when a player is injured and unable to continue.
6. Teams may bat all rostered players that show up for the game. Players do not have to play in the field if there are more than 10 players. There is a free substitution for any player for any player going in or out of the field at any time; however, the batting order must remain the same. Once a starting player is taken out of the batting order, he/she may re-enter the game once, provided such player occupies the same batting position. The substitute runner may enter once. A max of 20 rostered players may bat in the continuous order at a given time. Any player late to a game can only bat in the continuous order if their team has not gone through the line up one time.
7. A courtesy runner may be used during league play. The courtesy runner is to be the person who made the last out.

8. A new inning may NOT be started after 55 minutes of play, unless it is necessary to make sure that each team has had an equal number of at bats.
9. League play and tournament play will use the 3 ball; 2 strike rule with NO courtesy foul.
10. Each team is limited to 4 home runs per game. Any additional home runs will be considered an out.
11. Metal spikes are not permitted.
12. Pitching distance is 50' and base distance is 65' for league play. .
13. If a team is ahead by 10 runs after five complete innings of play, the game shall be considered complete.
14. In case of ties at the end of the season, the team or teams with the greatest number of victories against other teams involved in the tie will be used to break the tie. Next, the team's records against other individual teams in the league, starting with the first place team, would be compared until a winner is determined. Finally, if necessary a coin flip. In a three or more way tie (in cases where there is no clear winner in head to head competition); tie shall be broken by comparing all team's records against other individual teams until a winner is determined and then restarting the process with the remaining teams.
15. Teams are asked to pick up dugout area after completion of game. All trash or cans should be thrown in correct trash/recycling bins.
16. Children are not allowed in the dugout area at any point before, during, or after a game. Children who attend games must stay behind dugout area fencing for their safety.

### **Game Postponements**

When weather conditions make that week's games doubtful for play, League Coordinator will notify all team managers with an email and/or phone call by 5:30pm. Notification will also be posted on the "Waconia Parks & Recreation" Facebook page. Team managers are responsible for relaying message to their rostered players.

When playing conditions become questionable after games have started, games may be called off at playing field by umpiring crew.

1. If an official umpire fails to show up for game, team managers should mutually agree on an umpire and play that evenings game.
2. If a game has been postponed, it will be rescheduled. That game will likely be made up after the last scheduled week of the season. If nearing the end of the season, games may be rescheduled for another evening in order to finish league or tournament play in a timely manner.
3. In case of a weather emergency while games are being played, emergency shelter can be taken inside at the Waconia Ice Arena.

## **Umpires Authority**

1. Assaults and indignities to players, umpiring officials, or league coordinator may result in suspension from participating in all league and tournament play for remainder of season.
2. Any player fighting or throwing a punch will be ejected from game plus games scheduled following week. Second offense will result in suspension from all Waconia Parks & Recreation adult sports offerings and may result in meeting with Waconia Parks & Recreation Director and/or City Administration staff.
3. Umpires have authority to remove or ban player from game and park should the situation warrant it.
4. No smoking on playing field or inside dugout area. If need to smoke, please do so outside ball field area in parking lot.
5. Team manager will represent and be responsible for all actions of the team before, during, and after any game.
6. Swearing or cursing can be grounds for ejection from game or park. Ejection may be made by umpire or league coordinator
7. Team will forfeit their player conduct fee if a player on your team is ejected from game, involved in any altercation with another person on the Brook Peterson Park property (fighting/attempting to injure/throwing punch) or displays unsportsmanlike behavior during any league play or tournament games.