

Park District of Oak Park Fall 2014 Softball Manual

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Co-ed league rules

- * The co-ed league will follow all of the appropriate rules above as well as the following additions.
- *The short center has to be positioned behind second base as the pitch crosses the plate. If the short center is not in this position the umpire will call an illegal pitch and the pitch will be called a ball if the batter does not swing. Positioned behind second base means the player can be positioned in the Infield dirt or Outfield grass as long as it is behind 2nd base in regards to distance.
- *The batting order should alternate between male and female. Two males can never bat back to back, while females can. You can bat as many people in the lineup as you wish, just be aware of the consequences.
- *At least two outfielders and three infielders must be female, the short center is considered an outfielder, and the catcher is considered an infielder.
- *Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award. The next batter (female) must bat. Exception:
- *With two outs the female has the option to walk or bat.
- *A maximum of 5 and a minimum of 1 male on the field at all times.
- *You must have at least 5 females on the field at one time.
- *A game may start with 4 women but the 5th woman must arrive by the top of the 3rd inning. If the 5th woman does not arrive it will be called a forfeit. If the umpire feels a team is delaying the game he may call a forfeit at anytime before the top of the 3rd inning.

Alcoholic Beverages

- *No alcoholic beverages are allowed. If any members of a team or the team's fans are seen consuming alcohol on park property, during or after the game risk forfeiture and disciplinary action up to and including removal from the league.
- *Teams are responsible for their fans. It is up to the team to inform their fans of this policy.

Site Specific Rules

- *No outside food or beverages
- *No pets
- *No glass bottles/containers
- *No sunflower seeds
- *No gum
- *No smoking or tobacco products

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct Policy

- *No player at any time bump, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official or individual.
Max Penalty: One year suspension
 - *Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent by throwing equipment or any other forceful action.
Min Penalty: Warning by the umpire
Max Penalty: Ejected from the game and playing field area.
 - *Discuss with an official, in any manner, the decision reached by such official except the captain.
Min. Penalty: Warning by the umpire
- Code of Conduct cont;**

Max. Penalty: Ejected from the game and playing field area.

*Be guilty of unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game.

Min. Penalty: Ejected from the game and field playing area.

Max. Penalty: Two game suspension

*Be guilty of a physical attack as an aggressor upon any player.

Min. Penalty: Ejected from the game and playing field area.

Max. Penalty: Two game suspension.

*Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any official or player on or off the field.

Min. Penalty: Ejected from the game and playing field area.

Max Penalty: Two game suspension

*Using profane, obscene, or vulgar language in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field directed at a player or official.

Min. Penalty: Warning by the umpire

Max Penalty: Ejected from the game and one year probation.

*Using profane, obscene, or vulgar language in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field in an undirected manner.

1st offense of game: Warning by the umpire

2nd offense of game: Ejection from the game.

A second ejection during the course of the season: The player and captain will have to show up to Sport Court with a looming suspension of up to four games.

A third ejection during the course of the season: The player and captain will have to show up to Sport Court with an automatic season suspension. The player and captain must show up to the Sport Court if the player wishes to play the following season. Season suspensions will carry over to the next season to meet the amount of required games.

Enforcement: An ejected/suspended player shall be allowed two minutes to remove himself/herself from the field area. If this limit is not met, the game shall be forfeited to the offended team.

The Park District of Oak Park reserves the right to modify any penalty as necessary.

Captains' Responsibilities

*All teams should send a captain or team representative to the captains meeting.

Note: Modifications to the league, including, but not limited to rules and awards, may take place at the captains meeting. Failure of a team representative to attend shall not exempt that team from any modifications that may be made.

*All captain's are expected to inform their players concerning all rules, and regulations, prior to the first game and as many times thereafter as necessary to make sure that no violations will occur.

*It is the captain's responsibility to make sure all league fees and rosters are submitted.

*All captains are expected to inform their players of scheduled games, schedule changes, make-ups and standings. Note: All captains should be checking their e-mail on a frequent basis for information re: softball. If no access to a computer a captain can be called with info updates.

*Captain's are responsible of contacting the Adult sports supervisor of a change in address, e-mail address or phone #.

*It is the captain's responsibility to check the score each inning to insure accuracy and to check the final score which is listed on the official score sheet.

*Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their team members and any team spectators at all times, including prior to, during, and after completion of the game.

*Only team captains are to discuss a disagreement with an umpire.

*If it is unknown that the captain will be unavailable during a certain period of time, it is the responsibility of that captain to call the Adult sports supervisor and submit another contact name, if other than the co-captain.

Protests

* Only protests based on rule interpretation or player eligibility will be considered. The umpire must be notified immediately of the team's intention to protest. A completed protest form must be submitted to the Park District's office with a \$75.00 protest fee within 24 hours after the completion of the game.

Website

*To check out season and play-off schedules, rain-out make-up schedules, standings, league information, please log on to www.quickscores.com/oakpark

Tie Breakers

*In the event of a tie between teams, here are the tie-breakers:

Head-to-head

Head-to-head run differential

** If there are three or more teams tied, the head to head tie breakers may not apply as all teams involved may have not played each other or the same amount of times. Therefore the tiebreaker would be avg. run differential.

Average run differential

Explanation: Essentially the total number of runs scored by this team in all games, minus the total number of runs scored by the team's opponent in all games. Some league administrators are hesitant to use Run Differential as a tie breaker because it could encourage dominant teams to run up the score on weaker opponents. To counter this tendency, the administrator can specify a **Max Differential**, which is the maximum number on the run differential that can be earned in any single game. In this league the max diff. will be 12.

Total runs against

Coin flip

Winnings

Winner \$400

Runner-up \$250

*There are no trophies only cash winnings.

*A captain who has not received winnings in the past few years will have to fill out a mandatory I-9 form for the Park District of Oak Park to receive winnings.

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