

## 2025 Adult Coed Softball League Rules

1. 20 player roster limit.
2. Players must be 18 years in age and or out of high school. If of age and still in high school, player must not be playing a WIAA spring sport. Player will not be eligible until spring sport is finished. Teams caught using an ineligible player(s) will forfeit game played and will be expelled from league for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.
3. Games are 7 innings or 50 minutes in length. 10 minute grace period for game start, failure to start at that time and game is forfeited. The team that causes a later start will start with a 3 run deficit. Forfeited game will be 3-0.
4. 15 run rule in effect after 5 innings. 10 run rule in effect after 6 innings.
5. 3 ball 2 strike count will be used. All of home plate and the extended black mat will be used as the strike zone.
6. Limited arc will be used. A pitch must have reached at least 6 foot arc but not more than a 12 foot arc before it reaches the batter. If a pitch is either too low or too high, it will be called a ball immediately. If the batter swings anyway, play the resulting action.
7. A courtesy step will be allowed on a swing and miss. Leading off on a called ball will result in runner being called out.
8. Courtesy runner may be used anytime, but it must be a female for female or male for male.
9. League ball will be the 52 core 300 compression red stitch ASA approved softball (52/300).
10. Only ASA approved bats are allowed.
11. No steal spikes allowed.
12. Players coming home may touch either home plate or the mat to be safe. The defense has the same options for recording outs. HOME PLATE LINE on 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of home. A 5' safety line will be drawn at home towards the foul line from the front of home plate. Runners just need to cross that line before the ball is caught at home plate or the mat area to be called safe.
13. 200' line will be marked in the outfield. All defensive players must start behind that line until ball has been hit by female batter. Failure to do so will result in batter being awarded a single and all other base runners will move up 1 base from time of pitch.
14. A suicide line will be drawn at the 30' line. Halfway between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate. Once a runner has passed this line, they must continue home. No going back to 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
15. Players do not have to slide at any base. If they do slide it must be a legal slide. A legal slide is one in which the sliders feet are below the defensive players knee and must be going towards the base, not trying to take the defensive player out. If runner is not sliding, they must make every effort to avoid contact or interference could be called and both the runner and batter could be called out.

16. Base runners must run to the orange part of 1<sup>st</sup> base if a play is being made on them. Defense must use the white part of 1<sup>st</sup> base to record an out on the batter.
17. Batting order must alternate between male-female. If a male walks, they automatically be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> base. The next batter, female, will bat unless there are two outs, they then have the option of batting or taking a walk. Teams may bat 12 players (6 males and 6 females). More females may bat, but not males.
18. No five person infield. Four outfielders and four infielders must be used. Defensively teams must have two males and two females playing infield and outfield positions (unless playing more females). Defense may play male-male-female-female or vice versa in the outfield or infield. Pitcher/catcher positions must still remain opposite gender. The defense set up at the start of the inning must remain the same for the entire inning. No rotating players to different positions unless injured or ill and must be gender specific.
19. Teams must play with equal number of males and females. They may, however, have the option of playing with more females than males, but not more males.
20. Umpire is in charge of keeping score of the game. End of evening they will report scores to Parks & Rec office.
21. Zero tolerance rule will be enforced. 1<sup>st</sup> offense could lead to an ejection from the game. If ejected, automatically suspended for two games.
22. Umpire decision is final. No protests allowed.
23. In case of bad weather Parks & Rec will send a message out to captains. Always assume games will be played if you do not hear anything. A message will also be sent to the radio station WWIS 99.7 FM and 1260 AM.
24. Questions can be directed to the Parks & Rec office at 715-284-9246 or [brf.rec@blackriverfallswi.gov](mailto:brf.rec@blackriverfallswi.gov)