



Parks & Recreation 2020 Adult Softball Organizational Procedures

Team Managers are responsible for knowledge of League Procedures and Rules.

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this program is RECREATION - to provide organized softball for those adults who are interested in playing the game for the fun derived.

LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

1. The following leagues will be offered:

NIGHT

Sunday	Coed
Monday	Women's
Monday	Men's
Tuesday	Old Guy Slow Pitch (40 and Up)
Wednesday	Men's
Thursday	Church
Friday	Coed

2. When a team registers in the program, they are registering for the night of play only. They are not guaranteed play at a specific park. The Recreation Office reserves the right to make the final determination on league placement based on ability and previous record.

FEES

1. Team registration fee for Men's, Church, and Coed Leagues:
\$400.00 Early Bird Discount (if paid on or before April 10, 2020)
\$450.00 After April 10, 2020
Team registration fee for Women's and Old Guy Slow Pitch:
\$300.00 (if paid on or before April 10, 2020)
\$325 After April 10, 2020
2. The complete registration fee must be paid at the time of registration. A completed roster must also be turned in at this time. We cannot hold a space open for any team until we receive full payment and the roster form.
3. Fees are non-refundable.
4. Please make checks payable to "City of Beloit".

5. Fees paid by teams cover 100% of the direct costs of the program. Direct costs include umpires, balls, awards, first aid supplies, scorecards, lights, field equipment, etc.

REGISTRATION

1. Registration is open to new teams and returning teams on a first-come, first-serve, basis until Friday, April 10, 2020.
2. Registration will be taken at the Recreation Office, 2351 Springbrook Court. Office hours are 7:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Friday. There is also a 24 hour drop box affixed to the building near the main entrance.
3. Mailed in registration should be addressed to City of Beloit, Recreation Office at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511. Make sure to include a completed registration/roster form and proper payment.

SOFTBALL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. An optional Manager's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at the Edward's Sport and Activity Center, 2101 Cranston Rd. Schedules will be handed out, rosters may be updated, and rules discussed. The meeting will be held from 6:00-7:00 pm.

GAMES AND SCHEDULES

1. The Recreation Office, in accordance with team registration in each league, will make schedules.
2. All teams will play a 14 game regular season. There will be a single elimination tournament after all regular season games are complete.
3. There will be no changes in the schedule. Teams may not request to cancel games or request schedule changes.
4. Any games postponed due to weather will normally be made up after the last regular scheduled games. However some games may need to be made up during the regular season schedule. All managers will be notified of make-up games. Weather information will be maintained on our Sports Page- www.teamsideline.com/beloit and on our Facebook Page, City of Beloit- Parks and Recreation.
5. Games will begin the week of April 27, 2020.

ROSTERS

1. Team rosters are limited to 25 players (church league teams may list up to 30 players). **Players must be at least 18 years old in order to participate in Adult Softball Leagues.**
2. A completed roster form must be submitted to the Recreation Office at the time of registration. Regular season games will be forfeited until a roster is submitted.
3. Players may be added to the roster at no charge until June 24, 2020 at which time the roster will be frozen.
4. All players must be listed on the team roster at the Recreation Office. Use of players not listed on the roster will result in an automatic forfeiture of all such games.
5. Any team manager needing to add players after June 24, 2020 must have the permission of the League Director, and if permission is granted.
6. Registration of additional players must be through the Recreation Office. Roster changes may be done in person, by calling (608) 364-2890 or by email waites@beloitwi.gov. All additions must be done 24 hours prior to playing. Absolutely no player additions will be accepted at the field.
7. Players are limited to playing on only one team per night.

RULES AND OFFICIALS

1. City of Beloit Adult Softball rules will be followed. Printed rules and regulations are available at the Recreation Office.
2. At least 1 Umpire will staff and officiate each game.

TEAM DUGOUT

1. Only the coaches, roster players, team scorekeeper and one batboy are allowed in the dugout. All other fans must remain in the bleachers.

START OF THE GAME

1. Games will begin at their scheduled starting times. THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD.
2. Teams must have nine (9) players to start and continue a game. If a tenth (10th) player arrives after the game has begun, he/she can be added to the end of the batting order without penalty.

FORFEITS

1. A team will forfeit a game when:
 - a. A team does not have a minimum of nine (9) players to begin the game. Teams must have a minimum of nine (9) players in the lineup at all times. Losing players because of injury, ejection, or any other reason does not affect the requirement to have nine (9) players.
 - b. An ineligible or suspended player is used.
 - c. An ejected player refuses to leave the premises.
 - d. There is continued unsportsmanlike conduct after a warning has been issued by the umpire or an authorized official of the Beloit Recreation Office.
2. Teams are allowed one forfeit without penalty. However, if a team forfeits a second time, they must pay a \$25.00 re-entry fee. Re-entry fees must be paid at the Recreation Office, a minimum of two (2) business days prior of the team's next game.

POSTPONEMENTS

1. Cancellation decisions due to weather will be made, if possible, by the Beloit Recreation Office by 4:00 pm. Teams can check our Sports Page www.teamsideline.com/beloit or check our Facebook page, City of Beloit- Parks and Recreation for rainout information. A decision to cancel games will be final and may not be reversed by the umpire or players at the game site.
2. After 4:00 pm, any decision to cancel games will be left to the judgement of the umpire at the field.
3. The Recreation Office will reschedule all rainout games. Team managers will be notified regarding time and date of any such make-up games.
4. Games will be called immediately once lightning is sighted. In the event of rain, the umpire will meet with team managers to make a decision to call or continue the game.
5. When a game is cancelled, all following games that night are also postponed.

UMPIRES

1. The umpire will discuss rule interpretation with the team manager only.
2. The umpire has the power to eject players for violations of conduct. Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: persistent arguments regarding umpires' decisions, swearing, intimidation, and offensive behavior toward opponents.
3. The umpires will be reminding all players to remove any jewelry items EXCEPT for wedding bands. This is for safety reasons.

PLAYER CONDUCT

1. Each player is responsible for his/her conduct at all times. Participation in this program is a privilege that may be denied or suspended for just cause. By the act of participating, all sponsors, teams, coaches, managers, and players acknowledge that they are acquainted with, and will abide by league rules as a condition of this privilege.
2. Acceptable shoes and shirts must be worn by all players and acceptable shirts must be worn by anyone who is in the dugout. The umpire shall be the sole judge as to whether the shoes and shirts are acceptable. Sandals and open toed shoes are not acceptable. Shirts must be full length and shall not contain any language or pictures that are vulgar or offensive.
3. Profanity, excessive baiting and jockeying, unsportsmanlike conduct, or making physical contact with the game umpires will be cause for immediate ejection from the game.
4. Constant bickering with the umpire or flagrant remarks of any kind will not be tolerated at any time at the softball fields. Player ejections and/or game forfeiture are left to the discretion of the umpire.
5. Any player who runs/slides into another player unnecessarily may be ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.
6. The team manager is the only person allowed to come out on to the field to discuss rule interpretation. Any other player coming out on to the field to discuss a decision of an umpire may be ejected from the game.
7. The umpire has the right to eject any player from a game for any of the above stated reasons, however, this listing is in no way inclusive.
8. Any player ejected from a game will have two minutes to leave the field. Any further disturbances caused by the ejected player during the remaining course of the evening will warrant forfeiture of that game. The player is liable for suspension from following game or the remainder of the season.
9. Any player ejected from a second game may not be allowed to participate for the remainder of the season.

MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. It is the team manager's responsibility to inform their players of all league procedures and rules.
2. Team managers are responsible for the overall conduct of their teams and fans. Good sportsmanship and fair play cannot be overemphasized.
3. Team managers must have their team's warm-up away from the spectator areas for safety reasons. At Telfer Park, teams must warm-up inside the old tennis court area or on the side of the ball field, or in the field out front of the Edwards Activity and Sports Center.

4. Managers must have their players hustle on and off the field between innings.
5. The park will be closed five minutes after the conclusion of the last game. If the last game of the evening is a forfeit, there will be no practice game permitted.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

1. Game scores and league standings will be maintained on our Sports Page www.teamsideline.com/beloit and posted weekly at each field.
2. Any error in game scores or league standings should be brought to the attention of the League Director immediately upon discovery, so that it may be corrected.

AWARDS

1. League Champions will receive champion t-shirts and a team trophy. League Runner-Ups will receive a team trophy. Post-season tournament champions will receive a team trophy.
2. A tie for first place at the end of the regular season will be determined by a head to head tie-breaker game. All other "places" will be determined by previous head-to-head competition and if necessary, the difference of the scores in head-to-head competition will determine any position other than first place.

CASUAL PROFANITY RULE

1. This pertains to expletives not directed at umpires or opposing players, but spoken by a player, manager, or coach frustrated with themselves, a teammate, or a fan. This type of action is penalized by an "out" being declared against the offending team. Only one out may be asserted per play. The penalty for using profanity is as follows:
 - a. If the offending team is at bat and profanity is used, the umpire will declare a team "out" and play will continue.
 - b. If the offending team is on the field, an "out or "outs" will be assessed when their team comes to bat in their half of the inning.
 - c. It is possible for a team to come to bat with one or more outs already recorded or lose their half of the inning altogether.
 - d. All "outs" for using profanity will be treated as delayed dead ball situations. The "out" will not be enforced until the play is over and the ball becomes dead. If the "out" is the third out of the inning, all runners that have scored prior to the play ending will be counted.

**Profanity directed at opposing players or umpires will be penalized by the offending player being ejected from the game. No "out" will be declared if the player is ejected.

BATS:

For a complete list of current ASA approved bats, please visit www.asasoftball.org and click on "Certified Equipment".