COON RAPIDS SOFTBALL

2022 Manager’s and League Information to Know!
LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION

- League director, Ryan Gunderson - Recreation Supervisor
  - Email: rgunderson@coonrapidsmn.gov (Primary Contact Method)
  - Office Phone 763-767-6513
  - League Website: https://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/1041/Adult-Softball
SUMMER LEAGUE FORMAT

- Summer league consists of 10 weeks of double headers and then a single elimination playoff. 21 scheduled games total for each team.
  - Divisions are based on past history and competitive balance.
  - Competitive balance is the goal of all leagues and divisions.

- Schedules
  - Schedules will be posted and emailed at least one week before the first game.
  - Changes and updates to the schedule will be posted and emailed to managers.
  - Playoffs will be emailed and posted after the last regular season game.

- Standings
  - Standings will be updated each Friday and posted on the league website
Managers should complete and submit a roster form on the first night of games with all players that are expected to play, up to 20 players.

- Rosters should be emailed to rgunderson@coonrapidsmn.gov or put in the mailbox on field #1, first base dugout.

- Only rostered players may be used for all games.

- Roster changes are allowed until June 1st. Fill out a roster change from the website to make changes.
The weather hotline of (763) 951-7240 will be updated by 4:30 when weather is in question.

If before 4pm, and if the director has access to computer, an email will be sent to managers, in addition to the hotline being updated.

After 4:30pm the decision will be left to the umpires at the fields. If the first game is canceled, all games are canceled for the night.

Games will be made up at end of the schedule, extending the season. Season may run into August.
GAME TIME/FORFEITS

- Game times are 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, & 9:15.
- A 5 minute grace period will be given for the first game.
- Teams shall start the game if they have 8 players.
- Games are up to 7 innings, with no new inning starting after 55 minutes.
- If you must forfeit, contact the office and your opponent by 1pm of game day.
- Unannounced forfeits are subject to a $25 fine.
**BALLS/SCORECARDS**

- Due to shortage and supply chain, game balls will be provided by the umpires each week. New or lightly used balls are allowed if in good condition.

- Scorebooks are provided to the teams at the first night of play.

- Each team should keep score and confer with the opponent and umpire after each half inning to acknowledge the score.
BATS

- All bats must have the newest USSSA 1.20 BPF Stamp.
- Bats must be in good condition and unaltered.
- For a softball bat to be legal in USSSA sanctioned activities, it must have the USSSA logo, follow the USSSA rule book and be manufactured by a current USSSA licensed softball bat manufacturer.
CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP

- The focus of Coon Rapid’s league is on all participants having a fun, recreational experience.
- Good sportsmanship is expected at all times.
- Umpires shall be assisted by managers in supporting good sportsmanship.
Umpires

- USSSA Certified umpires through Hammer Sports assigning are used for all games.
- Brief respectful discussion can occur between the umpire and manager on calls & rules.
- Umpires are human and make mistakes. The games become scrimmages without them.
- Ejections may occur at the discretion of the umpire for, but not limited to:
  - Non-manager arguing calls
  - Profanity
  - Personal attacks or statements
  - Taunting or threats
  - Continues behavior after being warned
Give feedback when warranted in these areas:

- Game management
- Rules knowledge
- Hustle
- Professionalism

Positive comments are also always welcome.
PARK RULES

- Parking- Please park all vehicles in the far south parking lot and enter the wheel of fields from the South.
- Clean up dugouts after each game.
- Respect other park users.
- No alcohol during games.
- Coon Rapids participates in the tobacco free park program. (no smoking within 25 feet of any field)
PLAYING RULES

- Please find current league rules at: https://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5875/RulesFinal

- Home Runs
  - All Men’s leagues have a 4 homerun limit. Any other ball hit over the fence between the foul lines (except when touched by a fielder) after the home run limit is reached shall be declared an out. Retrieve your HR balls.
  - All Co-Rec leagues have a 3 (Men) & 3(Women) homerun limit. Any other ball hit over the fence between the foul lines (except when touched by a fielder) after the home run limit is reached shall be declared an out.

- 3:2 Rule will be in effect for all games - three balls, two strike count with NO courtesy will be used. **Foul strike two is an out and dead ball. Runners may not advance.**

- No digging in Batters Box. Warning, then Strike to the batter. No metal spikes
Courtesey Runners will be allowed once per inning. The pinch runner may be any player on the bench. If the pinch runner is still on base when they are to bat, they are out.

All runners must get down or out of the way on close plays at any base except for first. If the base runner does not get down or out of the way, he/she will be out and/or called for interference.

No Buzzing the pitcher! Warning and then ejection.
CO-REC PLAYING RULES

- All regular USSSA and Coon Rapids Softball rules and regulations will apply with the following exceptions.
- Teams must begin and end a game with at least eight players on the field and at least 50% must be female. Example: If there are 9 players, then 5 must be female. If there are 9 players with only 4 females, then the team may only play with 8 players with one man on the bench.
- Teams may use the zipper line-up if short male players to alternate men and women.
- Men may not pinch-hit or courtesy run for women.
- There must be a female between 2 males in the batting order.
- When a male is walked, the following female has the option of also walking or batting. The male is automatically awarded 2nd base whether the woman bats or walks.
- Players may play at any position in the field.
Thank you for choosing to play recreational softball in Coon Rapids.

- We hope that you have a fun, safe, experience that adds to your quality of life.
- Remember that COVID-19 is still prevalent. Remind players to stay home if sick.