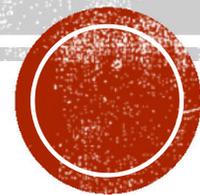


COON RAPIDS SOFTBALL

Manager's and League Information to Know!



LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION

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



LEAGUE FORMAT

- Leagues will be split into two seasons, summer and fall. Teams will be able to play summer, fall, or both. If weather dictates, summer will be extended and fall shortened.
 - Each league will generally consist of 6 weeks of double-headers
 - Divisions will be determined by team request and past results for Upper and Lower.
 - 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



SPECIAL COVID-19 RULES/POLICIES

- All players must sign and submit to two waiver forms. The City must retain waiver forms for two years.
 - City of Coon Rapids Waiver
 - USSSA Waiver
- Please familiarize yourself with the COVID Guidelines that were distributed to managers and on the league website.



ROSTERS

- Managers should complete and submit a roster form before the first game with all players that are expected to play, up to 20 players.
- Game rosters must be provide each week to your opponent and the City. Please utilize the mailbox on field #1 to submit rosters. The City needs to know who is at the park each night for games.
- Only rostered players may be used for all games.



WEATHER

- 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.



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

- Game balls are provided to each team week 1 for the season. Teams will provide their own balls when pitching. New and used balls are allowed if in good condition. Clean and sanitize game balls regularly.
- Each team will be provided 1 dozen game balls. Mark you softballs with a team marking.
- Scorebooks are provided to teams
- 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



UMPIRES CONT.

- 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.



PLAYING RULES

- Please find current league rules at:
<https://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3504/Rules--Regulations?bidId=>
- 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.
 - 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



PLAYING RULES CONT.

- **Courtesy 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.**
- **A strike zone mat will be placed behind each home plate for balls and strikes. Umpires will judge pitch height and whether the pitch hits the mat.**



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

- 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.
- These uncertain times require great sportsmanship and flexibility to have the best experience possible.
- It is a privilege to be allowed to play this year. Don't ruin it for others.

