

# **Weiser Recreation Department**

## **Adult Co-Ed Softball League Rules**

The purpose of this league is to establish a fun playing opportunity of this national sport, thus promoting a healthy recreational use of leisure time. The following are the league rules for Adult Co-Ed Softball for Weiser Recreation. All teams shall abide by the same rules in all situations.

\*Rules: ASA Softball Rules will apply to all situations, except for those changes below.

### **1) AWARDS:**

- **League:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive a Trophy.
- **Tournament:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Trophy.

**2) UNIFORMS:** All players are encouraged to have matching shirts, but it is not mandatory.

**3) ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be 18 years of age or older. If under age 18, a parent or guardian MUST sign a release waiver at the WRD office for the player to participate.

**4) CONDUCT:** See "Player Code of Conduct" attached.

**5) DRINKING:** Absolutely no alcohol is allowed in dugouts or on the field.

**6) GLASS:** Glass containers are not allowed.

**7) EQUIPMENT:** Weiser Recreation will furnish umpires and an ASA approved ball. Men use 12" ball and women use an 11" ball. The Umpire will also have a Catcher's Mask for catchers to use at the game. Possibly a pitcher's mask.

### **8) GAME DAYS & TIME/FORFEIT:**

- Games will be Tues/Thurs. unless High School Football interferes. If needed, there may be some Saturday games. Game times: 6pm, 7:15 & 8:30 pm. Please be early.
- No new inning will be started after (1) hour and an absolute DROP\_DEAD time will be 1 hr. 15 mins, doesn't matter if "Home" team gets last at bat.
- A team will be allowed a 10-minute grace period for the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the night only. Please arrive early and be prepared to take the field at game time. If you are late, it affects all the teams for that night. Please be courteous.
- If for some reason you will be unable to field a team, please notify the opposing team and Weiser Recreation (208) 414-0301 in advance. You may play with fewer than 10 players. You must have at least 8 players.

**9) GAME LENGTH:** The game will be (1) hour time limit.

**Rule Run: Game will be called if a team is leading by:**

- 20 Runs after 4 innings.
- 15 Runs after 5 innings.
- 10 Runs after 6 innings.

## **10) ROSTERS:**

- Rosters should be turned in prior to the first scheduled game for each team. Rosters will become frozen after each team's final regular season game.
- If players are added to your roster after the first scheduled game, there will be a \$20.00 per player charge. NO EXCEPTIONS (If you do not turn in a full roster and add anyone after the first game the \$20.00 per player charge will apply).
- Teams may have up to 15 players on their roster. Each player on the roster **MUST** play in at least 3 league games to be eligible to participate in the tournament.

## **11) PLAYERS:**

- All players **MUST** be on a registered team roster otherwise considered ineligible to play.
- You must play 5 Women and 5 Men (2 Women in outfield, 2 Women in the infield). If a Man pitches, then a Women must catch. If a Women pitches, then a Man must catch. You may have more Women than Men but **NOT MORE MEN THAN WOMEN ON FIELD.**
- You may play with fewer than 10 players, but your team **must have at least 8 players.**

**12) PICK UP PLAYERS:** All teams will be allowed to pick up 2 players to have the minimum number of eight (8) or a maximum number of ten (10) players to start a game. Conditions are as follows:

- If you have 10 players, you may **NOT** pick up players.
- Pick-up players should bat last in the order.
- **Pick-up players must be substituted if your original player shows up, you must play your rostered player.**
- The pick-up player **MUST** be on a WRD Adult Co-Ed Softball rostered team.
- Failure to comply to these rules will result in a forfeit.
- **Teams may AGREE** to allow more pick-up players that rule allows by mutual agreement during league play **ONLY.**
- **NO PICKUP PLAYERS DURING THE TOURNAMENT**

**13) SCORE KEEPING:** Both teams are encouraged to keep a score book to help keep everything honest, but Home Team score book will be the official book. The home team is determined by **coin toss.**

**14) BASES:** Will be set at 70 feet. The pitcher's mound will be set at 50 feet. Base stealing is NOT allowed, NO leading off. Base runners **MUST** try NOT to interfere with defense once they are called out on a play.

**15) PITCHING:** Arc follows the USA National Rule: 6-10 feet.

- One foot must remain in contact with the pitching rubber when the pitch is released in an underhand motion.
- A step simultaneous with the release of the ball may be taken in any direction with the free foot.
- The pitcher must be facing the batter with delivering the pitch.
- No Quick Pitching.

**16) BATTERS:** Will start with a 1-1 ball-strike count with one (1) courtesy foul ball allowed. Any walk to a Male player, automatically sends the Male batter to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, the male batter does not have to touch 1<sup>st</sup> base on their way to 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

**Exception:** If there are 2 outs, the Female has her choice to hit or walk to 1<sup>st</sup> base.

- **Batter Limit:** You will be allowed to bat **ONLY 15** people on the line up,
- **Batting Line Up:** Line up **MUST** alternate Men and Women. Women can bat back-to-back; men must take an out if batting back-to-back. STAGGERED line up is allowed.

**17) COURTESY RUNNERS:** Courtesy runners are allowed for injured players. Use last out. You must report to the umpires.

**18) FIELDING POSITIONS:** Must have a minimum of two women in the outfield and two women in the infield. Catcher and pitcher MUST be the opposite sex. Outfielders may move into the infield only after the ball is hit.

**19) STEALING:** There is **NO** stealing allowed.

**20) CLEATS:** Recommended, not required. **STEEL CLEATS ARE PROHIBITED**, including hard plastic or polyurethane spikes similar to metal or sole & heel plates, in any league or tournament. Cleats may be worn by any player.

**21) BATS:** WRD will adhere to the current years ASA allowed bats. Bats that do not have ASA stamps on them are illegal.

**22) SLIDING:** Sliding is legal on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> base. **NO SLIDING AT HOME PLATE.**

**23) HOME RUNS:**

- 3-Home runs **IN THE AIR**. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> home run, all home runs will be an OUT. Female homeruns do not count against team homeruns.

**24) ONLY PLAYERS:** Are allowed in the dugout. No children are allowed in the dugout or on the playing field.

**25) PROFANITY RULE:** Any player or anyone connected with the team (i.e., anyone on the bench) using profanity, the ASA profanity rule will be enforced.

- Defensive player using profanity- 1<sup>st</sup> out of inning is recorded, etc.
- Batter using profanity-batter is out, if last out, 1<sup>st</sup> batter next inning is out.

**26) HOME PLATE SCORE LINE:** A home plate score line will be in place. This is for the safety of runner and catcher. If you run to home plate, ONLY one (1) warning will be given, second offense will be considered an out.

**NO RETURN LINE:** A line will be drawn between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate, if you cross that line, you must commit to running home, if you return to 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will be considered out.

**27) STRIKE MAT:** A strike mat will be used along with the plate. If the pitch is legal, and the ball touches ANY part of the plate or the mat, it will be called a strike.

**28) TIES:**

- If a game is tied at the end of 7 innings and the time limit has expired, the game will remain a tie.
- If the game is tied and the time limit has not been reached, only (1) additional inning will be played. Extra inning will start with the player that made the last out of the previous inning starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> base.
- If the game is still tied at the end of the extra inning, the game finishes as a tie.

**29) PROTEST:** Any protest should be brought to the Official and other team Captain before the game or as soon as you have an issue. You cannot protest Judgment calls.

**30) FEES:** Must be paid in full by deadline date or a \$25.00 late fee will be added (**NO EXCEPTIONS**)

**31) Military exception:** If a player is called out to training or any other military reasons. Said player will not be held to the 3-league game rule for the tournament.

**32)** Umpire will determine if a player is too intoxicated to play. Said player then must leave the game.

**33) Substitution Rule:** Open substitution allowed when entire team bats.

**34)** One official will do the games. Tournament may have 2 officials if WRD feels it is necessary.

# **Weiser Recreation Department**

## **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following “Player Code of Conduct” has been adopted by the Weiser Recreation Department for use in the Adult Softball Program.

**These rules will be strictly enforced at all times!**

No player or manager shall; at any time lay a hand upon, push, bump, strike, or threaten an official for any reason. Officials are required to immediately suspend players from further play and report said players to the league supervisor. Such player will remain suspended until his/her case has been reviewed.

**Minimum penalty:** Suspension from two league games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**Maximum penalty:** Suspension for life-possible assault charges filed.

No player or manager shall refuse to abide by an official’s decision. Officials are required to suspend players from further play and report player to league supervisors. Such players will remain suspended until the league supervisor has reviewed the case.

**Minimum penalty:** Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**Maximum penalty:** Suspension from two league games and probation for the remainder of the season.

No player or manager shall be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent or use of foul language at any official at any time.

**Minimum penalty:** Warning by official.

**Maximum penalty:** Removal from game.

No player shall discuss in any manner with an official, a decision reached by an official. (Except the manager or team captain).

**Minimum penalty:** Warning by official.

**Maximum penalty:** Removal from game.

No player or manager shall badger or taunt opposing teams in an unsportsmanlike manner, or provoke fights before, during or after a game.

**Minimum penalty:** Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**Maximum penalty:** Suspension from league for the remainder of the season.

No player shall be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the player of a game. No attempt to step on, cleat, kick, or otherwise injure an opposing player in any manner will be tolerated. Officials are required to immediately suspend players from further play and to report said player to league supervisor.

**Minimum penalty:** Removal from game.

**Maximum penalty:** Removal for life.

No player shall engage in activities, action or other conduct deemed detrimental to the spirit of fair play, reputation of the league, or reputation of the Weiser Recreation Department.

**Minimum penalty:** Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**Maximum penalty:** Suspension for the remainder of the season.

### **SPECIAL NOTE**

Any player who is placed on probation for the remainder of the season and is reported again for violating the “Code of Conduct” will be suspended from further league play for the remainder of the season. Any player who is ejected from a game for profanity or any misconduct of any type will be required to sign a letter of probation after which time the player will be suspended one game.