



Adult Softball Rules - 2023

General Rules

1. Glass bottles are prohibited at the park.
2. Smoking is prohibited on playing fields, dugouts, and/or coaches' box.
3. NSA rules will apply unless otherwise specified.
4. All teams are required to use NSA approved/stamped (.44/400) softballs. Softballs are available for purchase at the concession building.
5. All bats must bear 2012 NSA approved stamp.
6. Comstock Adult Softball pitch height 6'-12'.
7. Any player who plays in a professional league or receives money for playing is ineligible.
8. Only players listed on a roster may participate. Teams may add or delete from roster prior to the end of the season tournament. Contact Amy at the field with changing of the roster. There will be ZERO roster changes during playoffs.
9. If a person is detected playing that is not on a team roster, the offending team will forfeit, and the offending team manager will receive a one game suspension.
10. An umpire will not officiate any game where an unregistered person is participating. The game will be instantly forfeited. (See above for penalties)
11. Game times are: 6:15, 7:30, & 8:45.
12. No new inning, unless a tie game, will start after 1 hr, 10 min. from game start time.
13. Game time is forfeit time, except the first game has a 15 min. grace period.
14. Mercy rule is twenty runs after three, fifteen after four and ten after five innings.
15. Fighting and profanity will not be tolerated. The program coordinator will determine length of suspension after consulting with the on-duty umpire.
16. Verbal abuse toward an umpire will not be tolerated. If offending player is ejected for such, impending suspension will follow.
17. Physical contact toward an umpire is cause for immediate ejection from the game and permanent removal from the park for the rest of the season.
18. In case of an extra inning game, the person making the last out will begin the extra inning on 2nd base. If the game goes another inning, the last out will go to 3rd base.
19. 8 players are needed to start and end a game.
20. No steel spikes. Immediate ejection with no re-entry.
21. Home & Visiting Teams both must furnish an official baseball/softball scorebook. Home Team will be considered official book for the game.
22. Open end batting order is allowed. No penalty if player is removed from line-up due to injury and is not able to continue.

23. No protests allowed except for player eligibility.
24. One pinch runner is allowed per inning. Runner may pinch run at any time and any base position.
25. Runners must touch orange base upon running through 1st base on a routine single.
26. 3rd strike fouls will be considered a strike out. No foul balls.
27. Mat used will be a deeper & wider mat, referred to as a Canadian mat.
28. Plate is not considered a strike.
29. Games in process that have been called due to inclement weather or field conditions after 3 ½ innings with Home Team leading will be considered a completed game.
30. If a team cannot play, they must provide a minimum 24-hour notice to the Comstock Parks & Recreation Department via email (dmyrkle@comstockmi.gov) for consideration of the game to be rescheduled. The Comstock Parks & Recreation Department will not make up any games that were cancelled without a 24-hour written notice and forfeit fee will be implemented.
31. There will be no schedule changes during playoffs, not even with 24hr notice.
32. Field lights will be turned off 10-15 minutes after game completion.
33. The gate will be locked no later than 20 minutes after last game completion.

Co-Ed Rules

1. "Weaving" of batting order is allowed if agreed upon by both teams. Any questions about weaving see Amy.
2. Must alternate male/female in batting order only; any alignments on defense is allowed.
3. Can use open end batting order.
4. Pinch runner must be gender for gender, runners may pinch run at any time and any base position.
5. If a hit ball gets through the infield, the runner can not be thrown out at first base.
6. Outfielders must stay behind the 200ft commitment line until the ball is hit.
7. If a male walks with two outs the female has her choice on batting or not. If she walks, the male batter will go to 2nd base. If she bats, the male runner will stay on 1st.
8. You cannot have more than 5 males playing defense at a time.
9. Co-ed is allowed two home runs per game with one up. All others are dead ball outs.
10. If you cross the first extended line rounding third, you must continue to home. You may not return to third base.
11. A person attempting to score must not touch home plate, rather cross the extended line at home plate. All outs will be a force assuming the defensive player has their foot on the plate.
12. In case of an injury that causes two males to bat after each other, the second male will share a spot in the lineup with the previous male.

Men's Rules

1. Men's is allowed three home runs, with one up per game. All others are dead ball outs.
2. Open batting order is allowed.