



Co-Ed Adult Softball League 2023 Spring Information



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Program Overview:

The Adult Softball League offers weekly scheduled games and one guaranteed tournament game for registered teams made up of 12-24 players. All play takes place on *Sundays between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Holland Park in Fishers. Players must be at least 18 years old to participate.

*Mother's Day weekend will have games on Saturdays

Adult softball is divided into the following divisions:

Division A - Most competitive

Division B - Mid-level, slightly competitive

Division C - Least competitive

Registration:

Team registration opens on January 15th and runs through March 15th for the spring season at myathletics.com.

Season Overview:

The spring season begins on April 2nd.

The fall season begins in late July.

Each season runs approximately 10 weeks with an 8-game regular season and one guaranteed game in the tournament schedule.

Team Makeup:

You must have one (1) male and one (1) female for pitcher and catcher, two (2) males and two (2) females in the infield, two (2) males and two (2) females in the outfield. You may play more

females than males, but you may never play more males than females unless you are only playing with 9 players. See rule section for further clarification.

Program Cost:
\$500

Free agents can email kendi@myathletics.com to be placed on a list.

FAQs

Do I Need to Sign a Waiver?

Legally, no one can play without a waiver signed. We must keep waivers on file for five years. All players and any subs added after initial submission MUST sign off on the waiver BEFORE they play. If you play someone, and they have not submitted their waiver, the game will count as a forfeit for your team.

How Can I Access the Softball Schedule?

You will receive an invitation to log into Sports Connect, on the myathletics.com page, from your team captain. Once you've done this, you can access your schedule on your team page. Extra copies of the schedule will also be on the table at Holland Park.

How Do We Keep Score?

Scorebooks will be provided to team captains at the beginning of each game. Each team should bring a pencil or pen. Writing tools are generally provided, but not guaranteed.

- Keeping Score: Each team is required to keep score when they are batting in the provided book. You are not required to keep the other teams at bats, but it may be a good idea if you have an extra player who can do this on separate paper. Umpires will also double check the scoresheet to ensure accuracy of the score.
- Both team captains and the umpires will sign off on the scorebook following games. When you sign off on your scorebook, you agree not to dispute any scoring issues following your signature. Please make sure that team names and scores are legible. THANK YOU!

How Can I Find a Free Agent for a Game?

Mudsock Youth Athletics will manage a free agent list throughout the season. Email Kendi for the updated list. Free agents can be utilized if you do not have 10 players from your roster on any given week to keep from forfeiting or to make the proper number of males or females.



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What Happens if my Game Gets Rained Out?

Mudsock Youth Athletics will attempt to reschedule missed games due to rain outs. Depending on field availability, we will coordinate with team captains on an agreed upon date. If both team captains cannot agree, the game will be omitted from final standings. We will make every attempt to make up the game by adding an additional time slot on Sundays if possible. In some instances, other days may be utilized.

Is There a Season Ending Tournament?

Yes, there is a single elimination tournament following eight weeks of regular season play. A bracket will be sent out prior to the tournament.

How Do I Find Out If My Game is Canceled?

For notification of game cancellations, follow [@FishersFields](https://twitter.com/FishersFields) on twitter to view all updated field closures. There is no weather hotline. Email updates will be sent out as well for cancellations and weather updates.

Is There a Sportsmanship Policy?

Yes, the sportsmanship policy is included in the player waiver distributed as the season approaches.

What Equipment Can I Use?

For softballs, we will use 44 core 12" softballs, ASA.

An approved ASA bat list link can be found on the Adult Softball page or here:

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Certified-Equipment/Equipment-Bats>

What are the Rules?

See the "Rules" section below.

ASA Rulebooks & Scorebooks are available if you would like a copy.

How are Standings Determined?

Standings are determined by: Wins/Losses/Ties, Win Percentage, Head-to-Head, Total Runs Scored, Total Runs Allowed, and lastly a coin flip.

How Often are the Fields Lined?

Fields will be lined once before the first scheduled game. The lines tend to get worn away as play continues throughout the day.

Are Kids Allowed in the Dugouts?

Kids are allowed in the dugouts, but not entire families please.

Do We Need to Wear our Shirts at Every Game?

Shirts = uniforms. Wear them. Subs can borrow shirts from other players or have a shirt of a very similar color.

Is Alcohol or Tobacco Permitted Onsite?

No smoking. No drinking. This is the easiest way to get your team kicked out of the league with no refund.

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House Rules in addition to ASA Official Rules of Softball

(These rules will take precedence over stated rules in the USA Softball rulebooks.)

1. Rosters & Tournament Qualification

- a. Roster changes may be made throughout the season, which includes free agents and courtesy players. You can communicate changes by emailing kendi@myathletics.com.
 - i. All Divisions: You may recruit players from other teams to fill in as a courtesy player for your team if you do not have 10 players from your roster on any given week. Courtesy players rostered on another team or the free agent list can be utilized to keep from forfeiting or to make the proper number of males or females. Male courtesy players may play up, but never down. Females may play either up or down. For example, a male "A League" division player may only play in the "A" division. A male "B League" division player may play in either "B" or "A". *This courtesy player will not need be placed on your official roster form.*
 1. Rule above can be implemented during regular season play and tournament games. Players may not be on more than one team in the same division in the tournament.
 2. You may use courtesy players or free agents in the tournament if the above rules are followed.
- b. You may not have any more than 25 players on your active roster.
- c. In order for any roster player to be qualified to play in the season ending tournament, they must have played at least one game in the league during the regular season.
- d. All players must have a signed waiver before they will be allowed to play.
- e. The player signing the waiver must put the team name or free agent on the waiver.

2. Time Limitations

- a. A time limit shall be used *for all divisions and all games, including all tournament games*. No new inning shall begin more than *fifty-five (55)* minutes after the home team is advised to take the field by the umpire.

3. Forfeits

- a. There will be a 5-minute grace period before a forfeit is called. If your game starts late because you are waiting on players to arrive, your game will still end on time.
- b. Teams will be penalized for consistent forfeiture. Rain make-ups are excluded from this rule. Please see the forfeit guide below:
 - i. 1 forfeit: No penalty
 - ii. 2-3 forfeits: \$30.00 fine per forfeit. Must be paid to the Mudsock Youth Athletics Office before your next game.
 - iii. 4+ forfeits: \$30 fine per forfeit with additional penalty including potential termination from league.

4. Batting Count

- a. Batters will start with a one (1) ball, one (1) strike (no extra foul balls).

5. Leadoffs and Stealing

- a. Base stealing and leading off shall not be allowed.

6. In the Field

- a. You must have one (1) male and one (1) female for pitcher and catcher, two (2) males and two (2) females in the infield, two (2) males and two (2) females in the outfield. You may play more females than males, but you may never play more males than females unless you are only paying with 9 players. See rule VII-b and VII-c

7. Batting Order

- a. The batting order shall alternate genders (male/female or female/male)
- b. In order to start a game, at least nine (9) players must be present and available. Teams starting with nine (9) players will take an automatic out if two male players bat back-to-back in the batting order.
- c. You may bat more than 5 males (example: 6 males and 4 females), however an out must be taken anytime you have two males that bat back-to-back in the batting order.
- d. Teams must have at least nine (9) players to finish the game.

8. Game Substitutions

- a. When a sub goes in, they take the place of the person they subbed in for in the batting line-up.
- b. A starter and a sub each have one re-entry but are tied to the same spot in the line-up.

- c. Once a sub re-enters the game then the starter is ineligible for the remainder of the game.

9. Home Runs

- a. Your team is allowed two (2) over-the-fence home runs. After your second home run, all additional over-the-fence homeruns will count as an out.
- b. Following any over the fence home run, the team that hit the homerun should retrieve the softball.

10. Run Rule

- a. 20 after three innings, 15 after four innings, 10 after five innings.

11. Scorebooks

- a. It is each team's responsibility to complete the scorebook in its entirety and keep score of the at-bats and runs scored. The umpires will doublecheck that the score is accurate. Any question as to a score differential must be addressed before the next team bats. After the next at-bat begins, any scoring corrections cannot be made.
- b. It is the team manager's responsibility to put their team name and division at the top of the scorebook. If this is not listed, the team will be credited with a forfeit.
- c. **Scorebooks must contain a player's first and last name.** No nicknames, first name only, or last name only.
- d. Game scores must be written clearly.

12. Ties

- a. During the regular season, ties will not be played out due to time limitations (see rule #2 above).
- b. During the tournament, if the game is tied at the end of the game or the end of the time limit, the international tie rule will apply, which states that the last person scheduled to bat this inning will start on second base with no outs. Each team has the opportunity to bat. The game ends when one team is ahead at the end of an inning.

13. Weather Emergencies

- a. Please always check twitter @FishersFields for field closures. Feel free email kendi@myathletics.com with questions.
- b. If lightning is spotted, teams will be asked to leave the field and dugouts. The umpire will wait a minimum of 30 minutes to see if the weather clears. If severe weather continues, the current game will be cancelled. If the weather clears before the next scheduled game begins, the new game will begin on time.
- c. A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if five or more complete innings have been played, or if the home team has scored more runs in four or more innings that the other team has scored in five or more innings. (Example: going

into the bottom of the 5th inning, home team has 8 and away team has 4, the game would be considered complete.) The umpire is empowered to call a game at any time because of darkness, rain, fire, panic or any other cause that places the patrons or players in peril.

- d. Games that are not considered regulation shall be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped.
- e. We will utilize the rain makeup dates and before/after regular games times, if a week of games is cancelled due to weather. However, we cannot guarantee that if more than one rain makeup week is needed that there will be one added to the schedule. Due to field availability, the length of the season and the time of the year, adding games to the schedule is very difficult. It is also possible that games will be moved to another regular season day of games. There might be a possibility of playing two games in one day to make up games, as necessary.

14. Courtesy Runners

- a. You may utilize one (1) male courtesy runner and one (1) female courtesy runner per inning.
- b. A courtesy runner must be the same gender and must be an eligible player.

15. Contact Information

- a. If you have any issues regarding scheduling, or if you know you are going to forfeit a game, please contact Mudsock Youth Athletics in advance. Please keep in mind our office hours (Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM). For any issues regarding adding people to your rosters, game times, etc. please call our office (317) 845-5582 or email at info@myathletics.com. Our softball assistant will be on-site to handle any issues during games. The softball phone, to be called on game days only, will be released as the season approaches.
- b. If you take any team pictures, feel free to email them to Kendi@myathletics.com. We would love to use them on our website, flyers and other marketing materials.



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