LAYTON CITY PARKS \& RECREATION<br>SOFTBALL SPECIFICS<br>REVISED April 3, 2023<br>Adult Sports Info @ www.laytoncity.org<br>www.usssa.com<br>Go to www.quickscores.com/laytoncity for schedules and standings

## PHILOSOPHY

Welcome to Layton City Parks and Recreation. The philosophy and intent of the Layton City Recreation Adult Softball Program is to provide participants with an opportunity to associate and play the game of softball in a structured, but recreational manner.

The softball program inspires area residence, regardless of sex, race, creed or color to practice the ideals of sportsmanship and physical fitness. In addition, to provide an athletic or physical contest that is governed by the rules of the sport. By design, the role of the athlete will be emphasized in facilitating equity and safety among participants to promote individual growth and development.

More important than any game are the individual participants and their needs. Our focus is the participant. The game is our tool for working with people. The adult softball program will help to bring area residents closer together through common interests in sportsmanship, fellowship, cooperation and sports endeavors.

We urge you as managers to promote this philosophy with your players to maintain the success of the Layton City Adult Softball Program.

In accordance with Layton City Ordinance 9.20 .010 (drinking in public places) there will be NO alcohol allowed on City property. If you or any member of your team is caught with alcohol or smelling of alcohol your team will forfeit that game. If you are caught with it after your game you will forfeit your next game and the police will be called.

NO PETS ALLOWED IN THE PARK.
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A MANAGER/CAPTAIN TO NOTIFY YOUR TEAM OF ANY DECISION MADE ON THE FIELD BEFORE GAME TIME.

## Metal cleats will NOT be allowed.

## Players must play in two (2) games to be eligible to play in tournament. No exceptions. If your team attempts to play with a player that is not eligible for tournament, your team will

forfeit the rest of your tournament games. It is the responsibility of Layton City, Layton City staff member and/or
the opposing team to determine if a player is eligible for
tournament play.
No offensive music will be allowed on or near the fields.

## Bats must have a USSSA Certification Mark of BPF1.20

USSSA rules govern with the following exceptions:

1) $\mathbf{3}$ Ball - $\mathbf{2}$ Strike Count: The batter is out on the second foul ball after one strike. (Pitchers must pitch from the back pitching rubber). Teams may not argue balls and strikes. A pitch must be pitched within 5 seconds from the time the pitcher has the ball and the batter has taken his/her position in the batter's box. The pitch must have a $3^{\prime}$ arc from release before it passes any part of the plate and cannot rise higher than $10^{\prime}$ above the ground
2) Slide Rule: If there is a play at the base and/or plate, the RUNNER MUST avoid contact. This may mean you must slide or you may not run into the fielder. If hard contact is made and could have been avoided, the RUNNER WILL be called out. If flagrant contact, the runner may be ejected.
3) Running to First Base: As you run toward first base, you will see two bases. If there is a play at first, you MUST run to the outside base (should be orange). The first baseman will make the defensive play using the inside base (should be white).
4) Home Run Rule: Coed: There will not be any rule in effect unless teams show a lack or responsibility in bringing back balls hit over the fence, either foul or fair. If the city deems it necessary to develop a home run rule, you will be notified one-week prior to installing the rule. Men's Leagues: Lower Rec: There will be a homerun rule in effect. One home run per inning over the fence per team. Any other home run over the fence in an inning will be an out. The batter and base runners only have to advance one base on home runs. Upper Rec: unlimited homeruns as long as teams are retrieving the balls.
5) Game Time: 55 minutes or seven innings. Game time is game time. There will be no grace period for any games. The scorekeeper is the official timer. The umpire and scorekeeper jointly make the decisions affecting the game time. Legitimate additions include rain delays, serious injuries, unexpected field maintenance, etc.
6) Pitchers must pitch from the back rubber. (50')

Rosters: All rosters and Code of Conduct agreements are due at the first game, prior to the first pitch with first and last names. All names must be legible. If a player has not signed the roster and Code of Conduct, they are not allowed to play. A player may only appear on one (Coed, Women's, or Men's) roster per season. This means a player cannot play in an Upper, Lower, or different color league). (If a player is on more than one roster or caught playing with another team that player and possibly those teams will be asked to leave the league without a refund). Players may be added to the roster at any time during league play.
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ID'S: The site supervisor may ask for the identification from any player he/ she feels is violating the rule of using someone else's name. ID'S WILL BE REQUIRED AT TOURNAMENT TIME. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THEM YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY. If a team brings in an ineligible player during tournament play, that team forfeits the remainder of the season.

AGE: A player must be $\mathbf{1 6}$ years or older. Those players, who are between the ages of 16 and 18 must have a guardian sign a waiver to play in the adult league prior to playing in the game.

PENALTY: If a team is caught with a player that is younger than 16 years old that team will forfeit the season with no refund.
9) Line-ups and Player Minimums: Line-ups are due FIFTEEN minutes before game time. Lineups MUST have names and numbers of the players and subs. They may be turned in to the Site Supervisor or scorekeeper up in the booth.

Each team will be required to have a minimum of $\mathbf{8}$ players to play a game. If there are not 8 players present at the ballpark at game time, that team forfeits the game. Once the line-up is turned in it stands. If any changes are going to be made it has to be before the first pitch of the game.

For example: At game time you only have 8 legal players. You turn in your line-up with 8 names; you are NOT penalized with any automatic outs.

- If another player shows up late, you may NOT add them to the lineup, but may use them as a substitute.
- If one of your 8 players gets injured, and/or cannot finish the game, your team will forfeit the game.
- You know a player is going to be late so you put them on the line-up; if they do not show up before they come up to bat in the line-up they are an automatic out until their position is filled.
- If you have put down 8 names on your line-up you are not allowed to finish fielding your team as they show up. You will play the game with 8 players.
- Additional hitters: Men's and Women's Leagues may choose to use one additional hitter. Additional hitters may play defensively, but the
batting line-up remains the same, always. If a team chooses to bat eleven players and a player is ejected, a team must have a replacement player or the team will forfeit the game.
- Batting Out of Order: If teams are caught batting out of order from the lineup that is turned into the scorekeepers the scorekeepers will stop the game and get the correct batter in place. The first time it happens will be a warning and the correct batter will resume the count of the previous batter that took his/her place. If there is a second offense, it will be an automatic out. If a team continues to bat out of order that team will forfeit the game.


## 10) COED Rules:

A) No more men than women on the field, however, there may be more women than men on the field. Batting order must alternate; no two men will bat back to back. If you are hitting and one of your females does not show up your next hitter (male) will be out also. If you choose to use additional hitters, a team must use both a woman and a man or neither (i.e. teams cannot bat $\mathbf{1 1}$ batters). Additional hitters may play defensively, but the batting line-up remains the same, always.
B) The Pitcher and Catcher must be opposite sex (unless playing with more women than men). The other positions must be $2 \mathrm{men} / 2$ women in the outfield; $3 \mathrm{men} / 3$ women in the infield. Infielders are infielders and CANNOT start in the grass. Outfielders are outfielders and MAY NOT make contact with a hit ball until it crosses into the outfield playing area. If a pitcher walks a man, he is awarded second base and the woman following may have the option to bat or occupy first base.
11) Player Ejection: A player or manager ejected from a game will be automatically suspended from the next 2 games. THIS EJECTION INCLUDES THE PLAYING FACILITY AND LAYTON CITY PARK PROPERTY. If the player/manager does not leave the facility within five minutes, the game will be stopped and declared a forfeit. Additional action may be taken including, but not limited to, probation and total suspension.
12) Uniforms: Each team MUST have uniform shirts with NUMBERS. The uniform shirts will be the same color with $4-6$ inch contrasting numbers on the back. If a player is out of uniform, they will not be eligible to play in that game. Teams are allowed two (2) weeks to get uniforms. (Uniforms do not have to match exactly. If teams have subs they can wear a similar colored shirt). This decision must be made clear by the team representative to the official during the pre-game meeting. We strongly encourage team managers to keep a few extra team shirts with them at all times. They also come in handy if a bleeding situation occurs.
13) Protests: Notification of intent to protest must be made BEFORE the next pitch. The manager shall immediately notify the plate umpire and the scorekeeper that the game is being continued under protest. Protests then must be filed in writing at the recreation office by $\mathbf{5 : 0 0 p m}$ the following work day with a $\$ 50.00$ protest fee. If the protest is upheld, then the $\$ 50.00$ will be returned. Protest forms are available from the scorekeeper.
14) Slaughter Rule: 15 runs after 5 innings or 20 runs after 3 innings for ALL leagues.
15) Weather: (Manager Only) PLEASE DO NOT CALL the Recreation Department before $\mathbf{4 : 0 0} \mathbf{p m}$ if the weather is questionable. After 4:00pm call 801-336-3920 for a recorded message. Rainouts will be rescheduled at the earliest date possible. (NOTE: Your team may play on a different night than you have registered for). Check with the Recreation Office to verify dates and times. You may also check the city website @ www.laytoncity.org.
16) Awards: Individual awards for $1^{\text {st }}$ place teams will be awarded for the Tournament, and limited to $\mathbf{1 3}$ players per team, $\mathbf{1 4}$ for Coed.
17) Tournament Eligibility: For a player to be eligible for tournament play, they must have played in at least 2 games during the regular season. It is the responsibility of Layton City/Layton City Staff and/or the opposing team to determine if a player is eligible for tournament play. Any team attempting to bring ineligible players will be disqualified from the tournament. If you cannot field a team of at least 8 eligible players, the game will be forfeited.
18) CONDUCT: Please refer to the Players Code of Conduct. As a manager or team representative, I consider you to be responsible for your team. Please inform your team members of the rules governing Layton City Adult Softball. The officials have been encouraged to be quick to correct any abusive language or actions. My personal philosophy, THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS! If your behavior would offend or embarrass any member of your family or mine, any recreation department personnel have the right and responsibility to ask you to leave the field and possibly the program. If you or your team members refuse to leave the premises, the local police agency will be contacted for your immediate removal.
19) COURTESY RUNNERS: Will be allowed. The team that needs a courtesy runner must inform the umpire. The runner will be replaced with the last person who made an out. Coed: the courtesy runner will be a male for male and a female for female. The scorekeepers will let you know who the runner should be.

Layton City Parks \& Recreation reserves the right to amend or make additions to the rules, as they deem necessary. If you have any questions please call or email Natalie Flint @ 801-3363922, nflint@laytoncity.org. If you have comments and/or complaints regarding the officials, please call Ryan @ 801-388-6856.

