

2015 Morrison Sports Complex Mens Softball League Rules

- We will use internet schedules and results website.
- Go to [www.quickscores.com/morrisonSports](http://www.quickscores.com/morrisonsports) and find all schedules, results and cancellations.
- **THE ONLY NEW RULE IS THAT THERE IS NO SMOKING IN ANY FIELD OR DUGOUT. SMOKING IS TO BE AT LEAST 20 FEET FROM ANY FIELD FENCE. PLEASE DISCARD BUTTS APPROPRIATELY. PLEASE DO NOT LITTER.**
- A 12" softball will be used.
- Teams will play with 10 players on the field and an extra hitter if available.
- If a team has 8 or less players the team may pick up enough players up to 9(nine) players. If they pick up anymore game will be played but forfeited before the game. This is eliminating having to take a out for under 10 players in your line up.
- In end of year tournament players can only play on 1 team. Once a player played for a team they cannot play for any other team except for playing a forfeited game.
- We will have a 3 Homerun progressive rule this year. After a team has hit 3 homeruns then every homerun after that is an out until the other team has hit 3. Then each team can match homeruns. So if team A hits 3 homeruns in the 1st inning then every homerun after that is an out. Then in the 3rd inning team b hits their 3rd homerun. Team B could hit a 4th in that inning and team A can hit another at their next at bat. At this point it goes 1 for 1 the rest of game. The 2nd homerun is an out if the other team has not hit one.
- Teams are responsible for their spectators and cleaning up the litter during and after each game.
- A roster/waiver sheet must be turned in before first game of end of season tournament and everyone on the roster must have played in at least **2 games** before 1st tournament game.
- **No steel spikes are allowed.**
 - Only official softball bats are allowed USSSA standards are our guidelines.
 - **A regulation game will be 7innings or 1 hour. No new innings can start after one hour time limit. Extra innings will only be played if time permits. Ties will remain ties if the time limit has expired.**
 - **Any ejected player or fan will not be able to attend the next played game by their team. An ejected player must umpire their teams next scheduled game to umpire after the suspension.**
- Home plate and a base umpire will be supplied and will have ultimate game authority.

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- **Remember this league is for FUN, RECREATION, FELLOWSHIP AND COMPETIVENESS in that order. Please be respectful to others.**
- **Any questions can be sent to jdubois@morrisonil.org or call 815-535-1105**

Playing Rules

- 6'-12' pitch arch will used. **Plate and the mat** will be used for strikes, scoring and force outs..
- 3 and 2 count will be used.
- No bunting is allowed. Home plate umpire will decide on decisions of bunt or no bunt. Bunting team will get 1 warning per game and any further bunts will be automatic outs and all runners will return to base at time of pitch.
- No Leading off or stealing.
- **All players must avoid contact.** Umpires discretion whom is at fault. Ejection, out or base awards can be granted.
- No fielder may block bases or make any contact with a runner without possessing the ball. If contact occurs obstruction will be called and the home plate umpire may decide on all base awards.
- No runner may make contact with a fielder immediately trying to field a ball or possessing the ball. Runner must avoid contact by a slide, surrender or run **behind** the fielder.
- Punishment for contact will be home plate umpires discretion and may include base awards, automatic outs and or ejection.
- A safety bag is being used this year at first base.
- **A pinch runner may be used for anyone as long as the substitute is not presently in the game.**
- **A Substitute runner for a injured player can be a any player that is not presently in the game or ONLY if no substitute is available the player that made the last out before the injury.**
- **Reentry of a player can occur at anytime during the game. But that player must come back in at the exact same location in the batting order as previous position.**
- **Any Part of the homeplate or mat can be used for force outs or scoring.**

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Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- Only the team captain or manager is allowed to speak to a home plate umpire regarding a rule interpretation. Only after calling timeout and being granted timeout.
- Judgment calls will not be discussed or questioned. Only rule interpretations. Questioning balls and strikes can result in a automatic ejection.
- No verbal or physical confrontations will be allowed. This includes vulgar language. Umpires hearing vulgar language will only give 1 warning per team then an ejection of next player involved.
- All team comments must be directed towards their own team. Any comments towards umpires or other team will get 1 team warning and any further actions will result in an ejection of players involved and or manager /captain.
- Any physical confrontation will result in 2 year suspension and will be referred to the proper law enforcement agency.
- **It is against city ordinance to have alcohol in any City of Morrison Park.**

MAKE-UP DATES:

Regular season games that are cancelled will be made up on a date convenient to teams and facility. *All end of season tournament games will be completed.*

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Cancellations will be determined and posted after **4:00PM** on game day
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