

2015 Morrison Sports Complex COED Softball League Rules

- We will use internet schedules and results website.
- Go to www.quickscores.com/morrisonSports and find all schedules and results.
- **Changes in rules were decided on at the managers meeting.**
- A 12" softball will be used.
- Teams will play with 10 players on the field and an extra hitter if available.
- **(New Rule) If a team has less than 10 players then cannot pick up a player to make 10 from another team. A team can play with eight players 4 must be women and they can pick up another player to make 9 as long as they have the 4 women.**
- **(New Rule) A minimum of 4 women must be in the lineup (four of 11 batters) at all times. If a woman is missing then the team can only play 5 men.**
- Players can only play on 1 team during the end of season tournament. Once a player played for a team they cannot play for any other team except for playing a forfeited game.
- 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 and everyone on the roster must have played in at least **2 games** before 1st tournament game. Additions are allowed until July 27th 2012.
- **No steel spikes are allowed.**
- Only official softball bats are allowed.
- **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.**
- Home plate and a base umpire will be supplied and will have ultimate game authority.
- **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

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Playing Rules

- 6'-12' pitch arch will be used. **Plate and the mat** will be used for strikes.
- **(New Rule) We will have a safety home plate off to the side of regular plate and a no return line. All plays at the plate are force outs.**
- 3 and 2 count will be used.
- A man rule will be implemented. Meaning if a team walks a man to get to a women then the **woman may elect to take an intentional walk or bat.**
- **There will be a 180' line installed from each home plate. All out fielders must stay behind this line until the ball is hit.** If a player crosses this line before ball is hit and catches a hit ball. The batter and all forced runners will be moved up 1 base.
- 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. Either bag is used by runner or fielder according to situation. This bag is used to prevent injuries and not give anyone an advantage.
- **A pinch runner may be used for anyone as long as the substitute is not presently in the game. A pinch runner can only run for 1 player and can continue to run for only that player during 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.**

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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.
- 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 at the teams and diamond availability, and will be made at the directors *discretion with the help of the coaches involved.* All end of season tournament games will be completed.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Cancellations will be determined and posted after **4:00PM** on game day www.quickscores.com/morrisonports.