

Fon du Lac Park District

2019 Fall Softball Rules & Regulations

Contained within are the rules and regulations pertaining to the 2019 Fon du Lac Park District slow pitch softball season. It is the responsibility of the team manager to convey this information to all persons affiliated with their team. Good luck and we hope you enjoy our Fall program.

TEAM ROSTERS: must be submitted before your team's first game with the correct amount of individual player fees. Please bring rosters and player fees to Fon du Lac Park District Administrative Center located at 201 Veterans Drive in East Peoria between the hours of 8am - 4pm Monday through Friday.

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Fon du Lac Park District Softball Program will consist of the following leagues:
Men's and Co-ed.
2. The purpose of the program is to provide a wholesome recreational activity.
3. The Sports Coordinator oversees the program.
4. The Softball program uses the A.S.A. rule book as a guideline. Altered rules are contained within.
5. Managers, coaches, players and bat boys are the only people allowed in the dugout area.
6. There is no forfeit fee.
7. Game balls are provided by the Park District.
8. 12" balls will be used in Men's & Coed leagues.

SECTION 2: ROSTERS AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Players must be 18 years old to play in all adult leagues
2. Players and coaches that have high school or college players on their team must check with NCAA, NJCAA, or IHSA eligibility guidelines. Fon du Lac Park District is not responsible for violations. The Park District will also fully cooperate fully with any information needed from any of the above listed associations or schools.
3. A roster must be submitted prior to the first game of the season. A player may sign only one roster. A minimum of 12 players must be on the roster. There is no limit to the number of players that can be on a roster.
 - a. A player may be added after roster submission but it is the responsibility of the player to sign the roster at the Fon du Lac Park District or with the umpire prior to the first game played. There are no fees to add a player. No players may be added the final week of league and during championship play (After October 20, 2019).
 - b. Players may switch teams with consent of both team captains.
4. During regular season, a rostered player may sub for another team if needed. Both coaches should be agreeable to the substitutions prior to game start. If there is a dispute regarding a player, the umpire will have the final decision based on the league rules.
5. For championship play, a team may only substitute one male player and one female non-rostered player in the event of an emergency or injury.

6. Any false information or false signature on a roster sheet will result in a forfeit.
7. It is the coach's responsibility to turn in a roster. If not roster is turned in, this will result in a forfeit.

SECTION 3: GAMES, SCHEDULES AND TIME LIMIT

1. A league must have at least 6 teams to be held. In the event of less than eight teams in a league, the schedule will be completed by a blind draw.
2. Games will not be rescheduled due to another league conflict. Games will only be cancelled due to unplayable conditions. In the event that a game is underway and the umpire determines the conditions are unplayable, this game will be made up.
4. Weekday Games are scheduled at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, or 9:00pm on Diamonds #1 and #2
6. In all **Men's leagues games**, a team may start with 9 players; however, the 10th spot in the Batting order will be an automatic out. Any player that arrives late can play to make 10 players.
7. In the event a team has only 9 players and a player is injured or ejected from the game, which would leave the team with 8 players, they will forfeit the game.
8. There is no designated hitter: teams can bat all players if they wish.

ALSO, If a team has only 10 people playing and one player is out because of injury, there will be an automatic out in that players place. If a team has 11 or more players batting, then there will be no automatic out and that players place in the lineup will be played straight through.

9. A strike zone mat will be used in all leagues.
10. **COURTESY RUNNER:** A courtesy runner may be used. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out (same sex- male for male, female for female). You may only use a courtesy runner once per inning except you may use it again in the same inning if for the same player.
11. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** In Men's leagues and Coed leagues, substitutions must be reported to the umpire.
12. **RUN RULE:** The 10 run rule after 5 innings, 15 run rule after 4 innings and 20 run rule after 3 innings will be used in all leagues.
13. **TIME LIMIT:** All games have a 1-hour time limit. If the game is not over in the hour time limit, the home team will be allowed to bat in the event they are tied or losing. In the event of a tie, the game will be played until a winner is determined.
14. There will be 2 umpires used in all Men's and Coed league games.
15. The umpire will track the score of each game and will report it to the program director.
16. **HOME RUN LIMITS** per game is 6 for Men's leagues and 4 for Coed leagues.
17. All Leagues will use a 1 BALL & 1 STRIKE count to start. A batter will get 1 FREE FOUL at any time. After that a foul ball will result in an out.

COED SPECIFIC RULES:

1. Please refer to Illinois ISA for legal bats. www.illinoisisa.com
2. Each team must have 2 females in the infield - 2 females in the outfield - 1 female in the battery (catcher or pitcher)
3. **BATTING ORDER:** All players can be entered in the batting order. The batting order cannot change. We will play with 9 players, 4 female and 5 men or 4 men and 5 female. An out will be taken in between when the 2 males or 2 females bat back-to-back. The batting order is every other batter is male then female (or female then male).
4. **INTENTIONAL WALKS:** There are no intentional walks to a male in order to pitch to a female. If a male walks for any reason, he gets 2 bases. If the male walks with 2 outs, the female batter has the option of walking or batting.
5. There will be a mark placed halfway down the 3rd base line. Once a runner crosses this they cannot return to 3rd base and the play at home plate becomes a force out.
6. There is always a force out at home. The catcher gets the plate and the runner gets the mat.
7. Cannot end game on a short player rule.
8. There is **NO SLIDING** into home for any reason (coed only).

SECTION 4: FORFEITS

1. There is no forfeit fee.
2. **TEAM SUSPENSION:** A team is suspended from further league play after their third forfeit. A forfeit that takes place after a game starts does not count toward the total amount, unless it involves player eligibility. Teams will not be refunded their money in the event of a team suspension due to exceeding team forfeit limits.
3. Failure to meet eligibility rules will result in a forfeit.
4. Failure to adhere to an umpire's decision or warning will result in a forfeit.
5. Game time is forfeit time.
6. An umpire reserves the right to forfeit or double forfeit a game due to a team or teams conduct.
7. If a team does not meet the minimum number of eligible players for a game it will result in a forfeit.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT

1. Any player, coach, spectator, or person associated can be prohibited from further league activity at the discretion of the Softball Administration.
2. It is the team manager's responsibility to control the conduct of the team.
3. Any team, coach, person affiliated with the team that is ejected from a game must sit out one or

two games (depending on the severity).

SECTION 6: UNIFORMS

1. Matching shirts are recommended. The pants do not have to match, but must be athletic wear. No street clothes, jeans, jams, tank tops, etc. are allowed.
2. Metal pikes are not allowed in any league.

SECTION 7: PROTESTS

1. No protest will be allowed unless it involves a question or rule interpretation.

Roster / Illegal Players

- Illegal Players are only enforced by a protest from the other team. This must be done by the first pitch of the 3rd inning. Otherwise a roster cannot be protested. Only exception is if a new player enters the game. Protest must be made at that time.
- Umpires need to get names of player protesting and the player that is in question – make notes on score sheet. If a player refuses to give his/her name, then it will be assumed that they are an illegal player.

Teams will be allowed to add players at the diamond. An add-on roster will be available. This will take place through the 12th week of games (10th week to be eligible for tournament)

2. There is a \$30.00 protest fee. If the protest is won, the fee will be refunded.
3. In the event of a protest both team coaches will attend a special meeting.
4. The League Supervisor will make the determination of the protest.
5. To protest a question of rule interpretation, the protesting must follow A.S.A. guidelines at the time of the event.
6. All protests must be filed within 24 hours of the game being protested. All protests must be filed at the Fon du Lac Park District Administration Center and filled out on a Protest Form, citing the Section and Rule Number according to the official rules, along with a \$30.00 deposit.

SECTION 8: AWARDS & STANDINGS

1. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place sponsor trophies will be given in each league to the appropriate teams.
2. All ties will be broken by totaling the amount of runs scored against the teams involved when they played each other.

SECTION 9: POST SEASON TOURNAMENTS

1. The top 3 teams from each Men's and Coed will compete in a double-elimination tournament.
 - ▶ In the event an eligible team cannot participate in the tournament, the next strongest team from the entire Men's or Coed program will be selected.
2. There is no fee to play in any post season tournament.
3. **TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY:** A player must be on a team's roster no later than their 10th regular scheduled game to be eligible for a post season tournament.
 - ▶ A person can play on more than one team in the tournament providing they meet eligibility requirements. In the event the teams they play on should meet in the tournament, they must declare which team they choose to play for in that game. They can continue to play for both teams in the tournament, should both teams remain in the tournament.
4. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place sponsor trophies are awarded in double elimination tournaments. 1st and 2nd place sponsor trophies are awarded in single elimination tournaments.

SECTION 10: INSURANCE, LIABILITY WAIVER AND AMBULANCE SERVICE

1. In the event of an injury, there is **no** insurance coverage for any player, spectator, or any person concerned with the game.
2. All players play at their own risk.
3. Any player that asks for ambulance service is responsible for any and all fees.
4. The roster sheet has a liability waiver that each person participating must sign. Each person's signature verifies that they have read and understand the waiver and accept the waiver as part of the program.
5. The team manager, coach, or team representative assumes all duties regarding the signatures and understanding of the liability waiver, which the player has signed. They also assume responsibility for any forged or altered signature.

SECTION 11: INJURIES

1. In the event of an injury and a team has only 10 players, they may finish the game with 9 players if the injured person must leave the game. The injured person's batting position will be considered an automatic out for the remainder of the game and they may not reenter the same game.
2. There is no courtesy runner for players in any league. The only instance where a courtesy runner can be used is if there is an injury that occurs in the game, the injured player must leave the game. The player that made last out will run. If a team has only 10 people playing and one player is out because of injury, there will be an automatic out in that player's place. If a team has 11 or more players batting, then there will be no automatic out and that player's place in the lineup will be played straight through.
3. All players and substitutes may reenter the game once.

SECTION 12: ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

1. Alcohol and drugs are not permitted in the Park District.
2. Players, coaches or spectator under the influence will be forced to leave the park and/or arrested.

SECTION 13: CLASSIFICATION

1. Fon du Lac Park District reserves the right to move teams to a different league on a yearly basis.
2. Fon du Lac Park District has no authority in the reclassification of players. This is done solely by the A.S.A.

SECTION 14: FIELD RENTAL

1. There will be no field rental fee associated with league play.