

Portage Recreation Department 2019 Softball Registration

1. Registration for the 2019 softball leagues will begin on April 1, 2019. All registration forms and fees MUST be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1st.
2. Team rosters must be turned in at registration. A minimum of 12 and maximum of 20 players per roster. Changes must be made by the managers.
3. League play will begin the week of June 3, 2019.
4. League fee is \$325 per team
5. Non-resident fees are \$10.00 per player. Pacific Township is considered a resident
8. League meeting will be held on May 22 at 6:30 pm to review rules, schedule and league questions.

Leagues Offered

1. Monday Men's League
2. Tuesday Co-ed League

Tournament Information

The City is planning on offering a tournament coinciding with the Columbia County Fair July 26, 27 and 28. Please notify the office if you wish to receive information on this tournament.

2019 SOFTBALL RULES

I. Official Line Up

1. Games will begin at the scheduled starting time. **5 minute grace period or game is forfeited**
2. The home plate umpire will determine official time. Official starting and ending times will be marked in the scorebook.
3. Line-ups shall be turned into the scorer five (5) minutes prior to the start of the game.
4. A team consists of ten (10) players. A team shall not be permitted to start or continue with less than eight (8) players.
 - If game is started with 8 players, there will be an out awarded in the 9th slot
5. If a team begins with 9 players, an out will not be awarded in the 10th slot.
 - If 10th player arrives late, player may be added at any point without penalty
 - After team has batted through an entire 10 player lineup, any additional players added after that point will become substitutes only.
6. If a player is injured, team may substitute a player in his/her position. If no substitute is available, the team will be given an out at that position in the lineup
7. Players must be 18 years old to participate in adult leagues. High School seniors (who are 18) are allowed to play provided they are not part of a WIAA baseball or softball team while participating.

II. Length of Game

1. Official game will consist of 7 innings or **(50) minute** time limit. No new inning will be started after the time limit expires unless the game is tied.
 - A. If the home team is batting and leading in the score when the time limit expires, the game is over immediately.
 - B. If the visiting team is batting when the time limit expires, they must finish that half of inning. When top half of inning ends and home team is ahead, game is over. If top half of inning ends and home team is behind, bottom half of inning will be played.
2. Run Limits: Leagues will follow the below run rules for all games, except championship games
 - a. 10 runs after 5 innings
 - b. 15 runs after 4
 - If home team is ahead by the required run limit, game will be called after 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings are complete

- If home team goes ahead by required run limit during the bottom of the 4th, 5th, etc. the game will be over immediately and the bottom of the inning won't be completed
3. Tie games will be played to completion.
 4. All games must have completed 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings to be official. (4 innings if the home team is trailing)
 5. Any game not having completed 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings will not be considered official. These games will be rescheduled and played from a new start. Rainouts will be generally rescheduled at the end of the regular season.
 6. In play-off games for **first place**, the time/run limit will be waived.
 7. In tie games; the second additional inning the last at bat will be placed at second base.

III. Playing Rules

1. Pitching arch will be a minimum of 6 feet from the ground for all slow pitch leagues. Unlimited in height. Pitching mound is 50' for all slow pitch leagues.
2. **WARM UP PITCHES** - Pitchers will be allowed up to 5 pitches to start the game. Between half innings, only **2 pitches**. A ball will be awarded to the batter for each pitch over the above limits.
3. Home plate and the mat will be used in determining balls and strikes. If any part of the pitched ball lands over any part of the plate, including the black perimeter and/or mat, it shall be a strike.
4. The City recommends all catchers to wear a helmet and mask for safety reasons. All players batting or running the bases and coaches should wear helmets while on the playing field.
5. A batter is not awarded first base when hit by a pitch.
6. There shall be no infield or batting practice on the infields. Teams may take batting practice in the outfield.
7. **Metals spikes are prohibited.**
 - Rubber or plastics spikes or tennis shoes are acceptable. Absolutely no bare feet or sandals will be allowed.
8. A DOUBLE FIRST BASE will be used in all leagues.

IV. COED

1. If male is walked, he is awarded 2nd base, and girl **must** bat
2. If male is walked with 2 outs, he is awarded second base and girl has the **option** to walk or bat
3. Base runners for Co-Ed will be last out, but MALE for MALE and FEMALE for FEMALE
4. ARC for female batters has a restriction of 6' minimum to 12' ceiling. Umpire will be only judge on height.
5. Pitcher and/or catcher are the only two allowed to field on the T near home plate
6. Pitcher to Catcher must be any guy and girl combination. Rest of positions on the field are not regulated(infield and outfield)

V. MEN'S LEAGUE

1. A team may bat with 9 players and not take an out
2. If a team starts with 8, an out will be awarded in the 9th spot

3. Pitcher and/or catcher are the only two allowed to field on the T near home plate

SPECIAL RULES

1. Sliding is mandatory on all plays made on the bases.
 - If player does not slide into base when a play is being made, both runners will be out. No exceptions
2. Once a person crosses the T on the third base line, the runner must continue to home plate.
3. Catchers must step on the T for all plays made at home plate. Runners are required to use home plate or the **black mat** for all plays at home.
4. **FREE SUBSTITUTION RULE WILL APPLY IN ALL LEAGUES.**
5. **AGE LIMITS FOR ALL LEAGUES-** Players must be 18 years of age prior to participations.

VI. **Protests**

1. Protests are allowed only on rule interpretation.
2. The protesting manager **MUST** mark any protest in the official scorebook at the time the protested call occurs and before the next pitch.
3. All protests must be in writing and submitted to the Recreation Department within 24 hours on the next business day. A \$25.00 fee must accompany the protest. This will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
4. If there is an up held protest, the game will be replayed at the point of the protest.

VII. **Equipment**

1. Uniforms
 - A. No specific uniform is required. All participants must wear shirts, whether playing or not.
 - B. Shorts are legal uniforms.
 - C. All players must wear shoes. No metals spikes.
2. Bats
 - A. Bats must be ASA approved and be stickered at the office prior to use.
3. Balls

1st ball will be provided to begin play. Teams should have extra ball in dug out in case needed.
4. Helmets /Catchers masks

All teams are asked to wear the safety equipment during the games.
5. Jewelry/ Casts
 - A. All jewelry and medical casts that are deemed unsafe by the umpire may not be worn.
 - B. Items not removable shall be covered with some form of protection.

VIII. Conduct

1. **No alcohol or tobacco in the field of play.**
2. Managers will be held responsible for the actions of their team.
3. Misconduct will be reviewed by UIC and Manager of Parks and Recreation. Penalty to be assigned per case basis
4. Any violation of the City Ordinances or state law will result in the immediate suspension from the league and any applicable fines will apply.

IX. Umpires / Scorekeepers

1. Umpires are representatives of the Portage Parks & Recreation Department and are officials in charge of each and every game.
2. Umpires will discuss rule interpretations only with the managers of each team.
3. Umpires are empowered to eject players, manager and fans from the games and grounds for violations of official rules and regulations or unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. Umpires will be doing the scorekeeping of all games.

X. Cancellations

Games cancelled due to inclement weather will be announced to the managers if possible. Every attempt will be made to play the games. The umpire may call any game due to bad weather.

Rainedout.com - all softball cancellation notices will be sent out via a free text message service. Log on to www.rainedout.com, type in Portage in the search bar, click on the Portage Park and Rec, follow on screen instructions and sign up for the "softball group". As soon as we call a game, you will receive the notification. Other ways are by liking our facebook page.

XI. Tiebreakers

All ties in standings, will follow the below criteria

- a.** Head to head record
- b.** Head to head runs allowed
- c.** Overall runs allowed for season

XII. Roster

1. Manager must turn in an official roster to the department to play
2. Players may be added to roster by the MANAGER only, by calling our office prior to 4:00 pm on the day of play
3. Rosters are capped at 20 players, no exceptions.

No players may be added to your roster for final two games of the season. All rosters will lock prior to final two games.

**PORTAGE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADULT SOFTBALL TEAM ROSTER**

MANAGER _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 PHONE NUMBER _____ (HOME)
 _____ (WORK)

TEAM NAME _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
 LEAGUE _____ NIGHT _____

NAME	Street Address	CITY, ZIP	PHONE NUMBER	AGE	Portage Resident or Non-resident
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All players on the roster agree to play with the above team during the season or until the manager records the release of the player in the Parks & Recreation Department.

FOR OFFICE USE:
 Non-Resident Players _____ Team Fee _____
 TOTAL FEE _____

 Manager's Signature