



PORTAGE PARK & REC

ADULT SOFTBALL



2021 LEAGUE INFO & RULES

- Registration for the 2021 season will begin on April 1st for new teams. Returning teams have registration priority from March 1st until March 31st. After that, leagues will open for registration for any team. The registration deadline for all leagues is Monday, April 19th at 4:00pm
- Each night has an 8 team maximum, so the first 8 teams to turn in this Registration Form and Team Fee will be accepted
- Leagues will begin the week of May 17th and run through mid-August
- League Fee is \$350 per team, and there will be no individual player or non-resident fees
- A Captains Meeting will be held on Monday, May 10th. Each team will be required to have a representative at this meeting. All team rosters with signatures will be due at this meeting.

Leagues Offered

Monday Night—Men's League

Tuesday Night—Coed League

Wednesday Night—Men's League

YOU MUST TURN IN A REGISTRATION FORM AND YOUR TEAM FEE IN ORDER TO RESERVE YOUR TEAM'S SPOT IN A LEAGUE

All Softball forms can be found on our website (www.portage.recdesk.com) under the 'Forms' tab

Questions can be directed to:

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**ADULT SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION FORM**



TEAM NAME _____

MANAGER _____

LEAGUE/NIGHT _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL (required) _____

Registration Forms and Team Fees can be dropped off or mailed to:

Portage Park & Recreation Department
701 W Slifer St
Portage, WI 53901

Due to COVID-19, we have limited office hours. Please call 608-742-2178 to check our current hours. We also have a secure Drop Box located outside our office door if you cannot make it during business hours.

Rosters will be collected prior to the first game.

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2021 SOFTBALL RULES

OFFICIAL LINE UP

- 1) Games will begin at scheduled start time. A 5 minute grace period will be allowed, and after that the game will be forfeited
- 2) The home plate umpire will determine the start time. The start time and end time will be marked in the scorebook
- 3) Line ups must be turned in to the scorer or umpire 5 minutes prior to each game
- 4) A team consists of 10 players. A team cannot start or continue a game with less than 8 players
 - a) If a game is started with 8 players, there will be an out awarded in the 9th batting spot
 - b) There is no limit on the number of batters you can put in your lineup
- 5) If a team starts the game with 9 players, an out will NOT be given for the 10th batting spot
 - a) If a 10th player arrives late, player may be added at any point without penalty.
 - b) After team has batted through an entire 10 player line up, any added players after that point must be added via substitution, not added to the end of the line up
- 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 line up
- 7) Players must be 18 years old to participate. High school seniors (who are 18) are allowed to play provided they are not currently part of a WIAA sport at the time
- 8) Each player is only allowed on 1 roster per night/league

LENGTH OF GAME

- 1) Official game will consist of 7 innings, or a fifty (50) minute time limit. No new innings will be started after the time limit is reached, unless the game is tied
 - a) If the home team is batting and in the lead while the time limit is reached, the game will be ended immediately
 - b) If the visiting team is batting when the time limit expires, they must finish that half of the inning. When top half of inning ends and home team is leading, the game will be over. If the top half of inning ends and home team is trailing, the bottom half of the inning will be played
- 2) If the game is tied after 7 innings or when the time limit is reached, International Tie Breaker Rules will apply in the next new inning.
 - a) This means to start the inning, the batter who made the final out in the previous inning will start the new inning on 2nd base
- 3) Run Limits- Leagues will follow the below run rules for all games
 - i) Team is leading by 15 runs after 3 innings
 - ii) Team is leading by 10 runs after 4 innings
 - iii) Team is leading by 8 runs after 5 innings
- 4) If home team is ahead by the required run limit, the game will be called after 2 ½ , 3 ½ , or 4 ½ innings are complete
- 5) If home team goes ahead by required run limit during the bottom half of the inning, the game will be over immediately

- 6) All games must complete at least 2 ½ innings to be official (3 innings if the home team is trailing)
- 7) All games that are cancelled during play due to weather, and have not reached the 2 ½ inning minimum, will be at the discretion of the Umpire and the Park & Recreation Manager about whether to replay the entire game or to start the makeup game where the cancelled game ended.

PLAYING RULES

- 1) Pitching arch will be a minimum of 6 feet from the ground for all leagues. Unlimited height. Pitching mound is 50' from home plate
- 2) Warm Up Pitches- pitchers will be allowed up to 5 pitches to start the game. Between half innings, only 2 pitches will be allowed. A ball will be awarded to the batter for each pitch above the limit
- 3) New Strike Rule (Men's League Only)- If a batter takes a first pitch strike, or swings and misses the first pitch, that batter will be called out.
 - a) This rule does not apply if the batter hits a first pitch foul. If they hit the first pitch foul, they will still be at bat. If they hit a second foul ball during their at bat, they will be called out.
- 4) Home plate and an ASA pitching mat will be used to determine balls and strikes. If any part of the pitched ball lands on any part of the plate or mat, it will be called a strike
- 5) The City allows catchers and pitchers to wear a mask or helmet for safety reasons. Players must provide their own mask or helmet.
- 6) A batter is not awarded first base if they are hit by a pitch. It will be called a ball.
- 7) There will be no infield or batting practice on the infields Prior to games or in between innings. Teams may take batting practice in the outfield prior to games.
- 8) **Metal spikes are prohibited**
 - a) Rubber or plastic spikes, or tennis shoes are allowed. Absolutely no bare feet or sandals will be allowed
- 9) A 'double first base' will be used in all leagues for safety

COED LEAGUE RULES

- 1) Batting order must alternate between males and females
- 2) If a male is walked with less than two outs, he is awarded 2nd base, and a girl must bat
- 3) If a male is walked with two outs, he is awarded 2nd base, and the next girl has the option to walk or bat
- 4) Base runners for Co-Ed leagues will be the previous out, but must be male for male, and female for female
- 5) Pitching arc for female batters is between 6' and 12'. Umpires will be the judge on height. If a ball is pitched outside of the 6-12' limit, it will be called a ball
- 6) Pitcher and/or catcher are the only two allowed on the 'T' near home plate
- 7) While playing the field, there must be an equal amount of males and females in the field

MEN'S LEAGUE RULES

- 1) A team may bat with 9 players and NOT take an out in the 10th spot
- 2) If a team starts with 8, an out will be given for the 9th batting spot
- 3) Pitcher and/or catcher are the only two players allowed on the 'T' near home plate

SPECIAL RULES

- 1) Sliding is mandatory on all plays made on the bases. A player must either slide or give themselves up
 - a) If a player does not slide or clearly give themselves up, both runners will be called out
 - b) For any base running situations, interference rules will apply
- 2) Once a runner crosses the 'T' on the third base line between third base and home, the runner is not allowed to turn back and return to third base. They must continue to home plate.
 - a) Catchers must step on the 'T' for all plays made at home plate. Runners are required to touch home plate OR the black mat for all plays at home
- 3) Pinch runners are allowed and will be the last out recorded
- 4) Free substitution rule will apply in all leagues

EQUIPMENT

- 1) Uniforms
 - a) No specific uniform is required. All participants must wear shirts, whether playing or not
 - b) Shorts are acceptable
 - c) All players must wear shoes. Metal spikes are prohibited
- 2) Bats
 - a) Bats must be ASA approved and have the current 'Portage Park & Rec Approved' sticker for this year. Bats can be approved at the Park & Rec Office (701 W Slifer St) before the season, or at the field on the first night.
 - b) If a player is caught using an illegal bat,
 - i) First Offense- the player will be called out
 - ii) Second Offense- the player will be ejected and the game forfeited
- 3) Helmets and catchers masks can be worn at the discretion of each player
- 4) Jewelry/Casts
 - a) Any item deemed unsafe by the umpire may not be worn

CONDUCT

- 1) NO ALCOHOL IN THE FIELD OF PLAY
- 2) Managers will be held responsible for the actions of their team
- 3) Misconduct will be reviewed by the Umpire in Charge, the Manager of the Park & Recreation department, and the Recreation Coordinator. Penalties will be determined on a 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

UMPIRES/SCOREKEEPERS

- 1) Umpires are representatives of the Portage Park & Recreation department, and are the officials in charge of each game
- 2) Umpires will discuss the rule interpretation only with the managers of each team
- 3) Umpires have the authority to eject any players, managers, or fans from the games and grounds for violations of official rules and regulations, or unsportsmanlike conduct
- 4) Umpires will keep score of each game

CANCELLATIONS

- 1) 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. See 'Length of Game' #6 & #7 for details on cancelling in the middle of games
- 2) An email will be sent to all team managers as soon as we make a decision to cancel any games. It is the manager's responsibility to notify all players on their team. We will also post it on our website and Facebook page. DO NOT CALL THE PARK & REC OFFICE ASKING IF GAMES ARE BEING CANCELLED.

TIEBREAKERS

- 1) All ties in standings will follow these criteria:
 - a) Head to head record
 - b) Head to head runs allowed
 - c) Overall runs allowed for the season
 - d) Overall runs scored for the season

ROSTERS

- 1) Manager must turn in an official roster to the Park & Recreation department at the League Meetings the week of May 11th.
 - a) The roster MUST be signed by each player. It will also include the league's Waiver of Liability statement.
- 2) Players may be added to the roster by the manager, by calling our office prior to 3:00pm on the day of play.
- 3) Any player that is not on your official roster but is discovered playing for your team will result in immediate forfeit
- 4) No players may be added to your roster after July 31st

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



MANAGER _____

TEAM NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

LEAGUE _____

NIGHT _____

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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By signing this roster, I understand that Portage Park and Recreation programs and activities involve risk of serious bodily injury, including disability or death, and loss or damage to my property. Athletic activities present risks to participants. Despite the variety of risks that may be present, I hereby release and waive any liability claim against the City of Portage, its employees, its agents, and the Portage Community School District, with respect to any and all claims for injury, disability, death, or loss or other damages based on negligence, related to my, or my child's, participation in the Portage Park and Recreation Department programs and activities. I understand that I may bargain for a different waiver of liability terms. However, I hereby waive my right to bargain for different waiver of liability terms. I have read this Release and Waiver of Liability and understand its terms. I know that I am giving up substantial rights by signing it, but I do sign it freely and voluntarily.