

## 2023 Cambridge Isanti Fall Leagues

*Thank You for your interest in the 2023 Cambridge Isanti Fall Leagues! We appreciate your participation. **As the Manager, it is your responsibility to make sure your team and its players, understand the Park Rules, and the Playing Rules.** It is critical that each Manager, and its members, understand that when a **team registers and signs up for a spot in the league, they are expected to be there for their games.** With the understanding that there is circumstances that arise, a **forfeit** creates several different things that affect the outcome of a league, including umpire scheduling, trickle down of opposing teams without a game or games, concession expenses and income. We hope that each team will make a 100% effort to play. The scheduler will do the very best job possible to create a schedule that is team friendly. Sometimes with daylight decreasing form August to September, there may be breaks between games. Please remember that there is absolutely **no smoking or vaping in the dugouts, as well as consumption of alcoholic beverages in the dugout.** After a warning to the Manager, this could result in a **forfeit.** Any games that are cancelled, suspended or delayed, will be resumed during the Softball Player Appreciation event on Saturday night September 9<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>.*

### Playing Rules and Points of Emphasis

- Most Rules will pertain to both leagues, except when noted
- All MSF/NSF Rules will apply if not mentioned here.
- Each **Co Rec team** will receive 14 Men's Softballs, and 14 Womens Softballs. The offensive team is responsible for making sure the opposing pitcher gets a ball to expedite the game. **Fall Men's** teams will receive 14 Men's Softballs for their games.
- 3-2 ball/strike count with no courtesy foul
- We have a 6ft. minimum arc, with a 12 ft maximum arc. The pitch should be delivered with moderate speed, and a perceptible arc. Pitchers may use the 6 ft. step back rule.
- 3 warm pitchers prior to the game starting, 1 between innings.
- With time constraints, we ask that teams hustle in and out between innings.
- Run Rule: 20 after 3, 15 after 4, and 10 after

- Start time on each game will be documented by the umpire after the 3<sup>rd</sup> warm up pitch. **No new inning will start after 60 minutes. If suspended games are moved to another time or date, the game will be finished in its entirety.** No new inning will start after 10:05 on the late games.
- There will be a **10 minute forfeit time** on the first games of the night. If a forfeit occurs, the team with the minimum amount of players will win 7-0. If the teams wish to scrimmage, the umpire will stay out for 2 innings if asked. If the legal number of players are present, the umpire will start. Men's 9 players, Fall Co rec \* players, 4 guys, 4 gals Teams are allowed to condense their line up down to 4 girls & 4 guys (8) if someone has to leave for work, or if they are injured. They must always have the same amount of guys and girls in the lineup, but may have mor gals.
- There will be a **4 Home Run Limit** in both leagues. Untouched, fair balls. A 4 base award, or inside the Park Home Runs do not count in HR totals
- Home/Visitor, will be decided by a coin flip at the Manager's meeting with the umpire, prior to the game.
- In **Fall Men's League**, each team must have 9 players to start each game. If other players are running late, or are not in the dug out yet, the umpire will start the game, and players may be added to the end of the lineup when they arrive. Teams may bat their whole roster, or choose to bat any number above 9, with subs. There are 10 fielding positions, which players can alternate. Teams are allowed to condense down to 9, as a result of someone getting injured, or having to leave for work, emergency, etc. If a player is ejected for **unsportsmanlike conduct**, the team must have a substitute for the missing player in the lineup, not a player who is already in the lineup. If they are reduced to 8 players, a forfeit will occur. If they do not have a substitute, and out will be accessed. **The ejected player, is not allowed to hang around the field of play.** Depending on the infraction, the **ejected player**, may be suspended for the 2nd game of the night, or as a result of a hearing at the Park, the possible succeeding game , games, or season. **In Fall CoREC, teams may have 8 players to start.** This initial order must have alternating guy, gal, guy, gal....., or a team may bat up to 14 in the lineup, which could possibly have gals back to back all the way till 14. Never can a team have more guys than gals, and though they can have gals back to back at the end, cant have an uneven number of batter while alternating. No leapfrogging! Teams are subject to the same **unsportsmanlike ejection policies as the Men's League.** They are not allowed to suddenly "drop" a batter, or let a player play only defense, and not be in the batting order. As will be mentioned, the **Home team, is the official book.** Managers, scorekeepers, must work with the opposing Manager/Scorekeeper to resolve disputes.
- In **Fall CoRec**, as the pitch is delivered, the defensive outfielders may not be closer than 75 feet from the infield arc. This imaginary line is marked with pink ribbons on the side fences to give the outfielders an idea . Outfielders may not be closer than the 75 feet, to

create fair play. If the umpire notices consistently, there may be a penalty on the defenses time at bat. possible the league will install a "marker", on the side fences to help outfielders determine the boundary. If continually noticed and in the umpires judgement, the outfielder is in too far, the umpire may grant the batter/runner, 1<sup>st</sup> base. There is no **defensive positioning rule**. Teams do not need the same number of males/females in the infield or outfield, including the pitcher/catcher. However, these conditions will be followed:

1. Teams may not play a 5 infield system, which would naturally break the 50 foot outfield minimum position depth.
  2. Teams may not switch positions on defense within the ½ inning, unless there is a injured player that must leave the game.
- Games may start 10-12 minutes early, as long as both Managers agree.
  - If caps, hats and visors are worn, the bill must be forward.
  - **Age LIMIT: A boy must be 15 years of age within the 2023 calendar year. A girl must be 16 years of age within the 2023 calendar year.**
  - The Infectious Control Rule will be in effect.
  - The Casual Profanity/Family Atmosphere Rule will be in effect.
  - No Metal Spikes: Penalty: Remove the spikes
  - Home team is official book
  - A player can only play on 1 team during the season, or if picked by another team not going to State. However, if the decision by a player who turns out to not be the correct fit, they are able to make **1 switch of teams**, but must be **done Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**.

This must be approved by both Managers involved and the league director. If a player is playing on another team without the 1 time switch rule, the opponent may appeal, the player before the last pitch of the game, and the team he/she is **playing for will forfeit**, and be recorded as a 7-0 defeat.

- In CoRec, a walk to a guy batter, will result in the guy going directly to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, via rounding 1<sup>st</sup> base. With 0 outs or 1 out, the following gal batter must bat. With 2 outs, the gal following, as her choice to bat, or take a walk.
- If inclement weather is highly predictable with many sources of information, the decision to cancel will be made by 4:45. It will be posted on Cambridge Isanti Softball Group Facebook page at that time. If games have started for the night, and a suspension is necessary, the league will make the best sound decision possible. Delays are sometimes necessary, postponements and cancellations are very difficult to make, but many times are the only option. A complete game is known as 4 full innings, or if the home team is ahead, 3 ½ innings. The time limit is 60 minutes, so if a game is not decide by run rules, or time limit, they will be rescheduled from the exact point.

- Teams are allowed 1 courtesy runner per ½ inning, per gender. It can be anyone on the team, in the line up or not. If the courtesy runner is on base and their turn at bat comes up, they are out on the base paths, but are allowed to take their turn at bat. If the same batter comes up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the inning, they may have another courtesy runner, but it cannot be the same runner. The courtesy runner rule is meant for players that have sustained an injury.

**We have a full concession stand with a newly operational card machine for your convenience. We deeply appreciate your support!**

**Softball Player Appreciation Day is Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, with all kinds of treasure hunts for the kids, prizes for adults as well, with about 30 -35 games.**

- **State COREC tournament is September 23-24 in Sauk Rapids, all teams welcomed.**
- **State Fall Mens tournament in Sauk Rapids September 30<sup>th</sup>-Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, all teams welcomed.**

**Have a great season, and please contact me at 612 702 8183, with any questions!**

***Thank You Duke Weisbrod/CIASA***