

2024 Cambridge Isanti Fall Leagues

Thank you for playing in the 2024 Adult Fall Softball 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. When teams register for a softball league, they are required to have the minimum number of players to avoid forfeits. The minimum for Fall Men's is 9, the minimum for Fall Co-Rec is 8, as long as 4 are female, and 4 are male.

Below are a few Park Rules:

- No consumption of alcohol, vaping, or smoking the dugouts or ballfields. Penalty: 1 warning, 2nd offense may be a disqualification/forfeit.
- No parking on the grass near 1 of the 3 parking lots.
- No pets in the dugouts, or on the playing fields. Pets are allowed at the ballpark with a leash.
- No raunchy or filthy music allowed on speakers.
- Unsportsmanlike like ejections: player may not hang around the field that the infraction occurred on.

Playing Rules and Points of Emphasis:

- Most rules will pertain to both leagues, unless noted.
- All MSF/NSF rules will apply, unless mentioned here.
- Teams will control the softballs, in both leagues.
- 3-2 ball strike count, with no courtesy foul.
- 20 runs after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5.
- 4 home runs.
- 60 minute playing time. The umpire will write down the start time immediately following the last warm up pitch. No full inning will start after 60 minutes. 3 warm up pitches for each pitcher in the 1st inning, 1 between innings. If games are suspended, the continuation will finish in its entirety regardless of prior time limit.
- The pitcher may use the 6ft step back rule. A pitcher may step back up to 6 feet behind the pitching plate, as long as 1 or both feet are within the perceptible width of the pitching plate. The pitcher must pause for 1 second prior to the delivery.

- The pitching arc is a 6ft minimum, 12ft maximum, with a perceptible arc, delivered at moderate speed.
- In the Fall Mens League, females are not allowed to play.
- Home/visitor will be determined by a coin flip on all games. Home team will be the official score-book.
- If a cap or visor is worn, the bill of the cap must be forward.
- Casual profanity/family atmosphere rule will be in effect.
- Infection disease control rule will be in effect.
- No metal spikes.
- There will be a 10 minute forfeit time (grace time), on the 1st games of the night. Game time will be forfeit time on succeeding games. In Fall Mens, a team must have 9 players to start the game. Teams are not allowed to “borrow” players who play on another team in the league, but may grab a spectator or fan. Teams may add players when they arrive to the bottom of their line up as they arrive. Teams may never be reduced to 8 players. If a player is injured or has to leave for work, teams may condense party to 9 without a penalty. However if an ejection occurs due to unsportsmanlike conduct, an out will be assessed in the missing players spot in the lineup, unless there is a valid substitutive.
- In Fall Co-Rec, teams must have 4 guys, 4 gals to start a game. It is legal to have more gals than guys in the lineup, but never more guys than gals. In both leagues, if the minimum amount of players are present at game time, the umpire will start the game and teams may add players as they arrive.
- If a vulgarity is uttered by a batter or offensive player with falls into the “casual profanity/family atmosphere rule” an out may be declared by the umpire depending on the result of the play. If the swear word occurs when the player is on defense, the team will be assessed an out when the first batter comes to the plate.
- If an expletive is directed at an umpire, opposing player, or fan, the player will be ejected for the current game, plus one more scheduled game if deemed serious enough by the umpire. All unsportsmanlike ejections are subject to an immediate hearing or scheduled hearing. The ejected player must not hang around the vicinity of the field where the infraction occurred, and may be asked to leave the ballpark. Other infractions which warrant an ejection, are physical assaults, throwing a bat maliciously, purposely “crashing” into an opponent, throwing a ball or glove at an opponent.
- In Fall Co-Rec, as the pitch is delivered, the outfielders may not be closer than the (75ft) imaginary line on the outfield grass marked on the fences with a flag in Fall Co-Rec, as the pitch is delivered, the outfielders may not be closer than

the (75ft) imaginary line on the outfield grass marked on the fences with a pink ribbon. If “cheating up” is noticed by the umpire or the opposing team, a warning may be issued, then if consistent, an out may be declared when the team comes to bat.

- In Co-Rec, teams must have a male/female pitcher catcher combination) or vice versa. Positioning of defensive players is open, but players may not switch positions during the $\frac{1}{2}$ inning unless an injury occurs. A 5 player infield is not permitted, excluding the pitcher and catcher.
- A courtesy runner for the pitcher is allowed for every at bat, including if the team bats around. Teams are allowed 1 other courtesy runner, which in either case, can be anybody in the line up or anyone on the bench. Keep in mind, the courtesy runner rule is designed for players who have a sustained injury. In Fall Co-Rec, teams are allowed to have 1 courtesy runner per inning, per gender.
- A player can play on only 1 team. If the player is not the correct fit, they are able to switch teams 1 time, and must be okay-ed by both managers, and the league director. The switch must be made by September 3rd. This does not pertain to the pick up rule for teams going to state, if a player is playing on 2 teams in the same league, and noticed by the opposing team, they may appeal and may be awarded a win by forfeit 7-0, if the appeal is made by the last pitch of the game.
- In fall Co-Rec, a walk to a male batter will result in the batter going directly to 2nd base, though must go through 1st base to get there. With 0 or 1 outs, the female batter must bat. However, with 2 outs, the female may advance automatically to 1st base, or take her at bat.
- Games may start up to 10-12 minutes early, if agreed to by both managers and an available umpire.
- If inclement weather is highly predictable, with many sources of information, the decision to cancel the nights scheduled games will be made by 4:45pm, and posted on Cambridge Isanti Softball Group Facebook Page at that time. If there is no post prior, we will play. If the games are in progress and a suspension is necessary, the league will make the best sound decision possible. A delay is possible, postponements, suspensions, and cancellations may also take place. A complete game is ruled, if the game reaches 4 full innings, or 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings if the home team is ahead, whether the game has reached a run rule or 60 minutes. If a game has not reached the legal complete game status, it will be continued from its exact spot until it reaches a run rule. The game will be played in its entirety, regardless of the past time limit of at the time of suspension.

Important Dates:

Tuesday September 3rd: Deadline for team switch.

Sunday September 8th: Scheduled games, continuation of suspended games prior to this date.

Thursday September 12th: Deadline for 100% committed for state for the Co-Rec Tournament in Sauk Rapids September 21st-22nd.

Wednesday September 18th: Deadline for 100% committed for State Fall Mens Tournament in Sauk Rapids September 28th-29th.

- Games that are suspended or canceled after September 8th, may be continued or made up after the state tournaments if there is an agreement by teams to play.

*Thank you,
-Duke Weisbrod*