

2025 Cambridge Isanti Fall Leagues

Thank you for playing in the 2025 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:

- Age limit: If a boy turns 15 within the calendar year, he is eligible in both leagues.
- No consumption of alcohol, vaping, or smoking in the dugouts or on the 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. A registered service animal may be in the dugout.
- No raunchy or filthy music allowed on speakers. A bench warning may be issued – 2nd offense – forfeit.
- Unsportsmanlike like ejections: player may not hang around the field where the infraction occurred.

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 Men's 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. Visitor gets ½ run, does not pertain to run rules, but could come into play in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th, only if the time limit is reached.
- 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 Men's, 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 must leave for work, teams may condense party to 9 without a penalty. However, if an ejection occurs due to unsportsmanlike conduct, a n out will be assessed in the missing players spot in the lineup, unless there is a valid substitutive.
- Teams may bat their entire roster.
- The CIASA tiebreaking rule will be in effect to determine advancing positions or league standings order.
- 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 number 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 which 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.

- 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.
- 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 4th. 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.
- Games may start up to 10-15 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 4:45 pm 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 ½ 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.

Rules Specific to Fall Co-Rec

- To start a Co-Rec game, a team can start with 8, as long as it is 4 gals, 4 guys. Co-Rec teams may have more gals than guys in their lineup, but never the opposite. If the minimum amount of 8 is present at gametime, the umpire will start the game. Teams may fill in the lineup as players arrive as long as the first 8 in the lineup stay the same. Teams may bat their entire lineup. If a player is injured or must abruptly leave, they are allowed to condense down to 8. If a player is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, the team must have a valid substitute, or an out will be charged in the missing players spot in the order.

- **Age Limit:** A girl must turn 16 within the current calendar year to be eligible. A boy must turn 15 within the current calendar year. Both will need a parent/guardian signature on a waiver.
- In Co-Rec, each gender can have a courtesy runner in each ½ inning. The courtesy runner must be gender specific. The courtesy runner can be anybody on the roster, and if the offense bats around, it can be the same or different runner. However, if the courtesy runner's time at bat comes up while they are on the bases, they will be out on the bases but may take their turn at bat. In this situation, a team may not substitute. The pitcher always gets one, but if not taken, teams don't get another.
- In Co-Rec, a walk to a male will result in a 2-base award, and the female will bat with 0 or 1 out. With 2 outs, and a male walks, the female has the choice of walking or may bat. All batter runners must go to first base, rather than going straight to second base.
- The only positioning rule in Co-Rec is teams must always have a male/female pitcher-catcher or vice versa. The remainder of the defense is open, but players are not allowed to switch positions during the ½ inning. Teams are also not allowed to "cheat up" past the 180ft. marked by pink ribbons on the side fence on all fields. They are allowed to come in during the delivery of the pitch. A 5-person is not allowed. i.e. "5 man" infield.

Thank You!