

SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL STATEMENT

All leagues shall be under the direction of the League Director, Recreation Director, and the Director of Recreation and Parks, and governed by the current United States Specialty Sports Association (Slo-Pitch) (USSSA). Note: This Constitution supersedes Slo-Pitch Rules.

1. Kent Park, along with The Webster Recreation Center and all other town parks have a **“carry-in, carry-out”** policy. **EACH TEAM SHOULD PROVIDE ITS OWN GARBAGE BAGS AND SHOULD CLEAN UP AFTER EACH GAME.** There are two parking lots with sufficient parking; therefore there will be **NO PARKING** outside the gates or on the grass. Failure to adhere to this request could result in expulsion from the league or loss of field use.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Adults at least 18 years of age and out of high school are eligible to play softball.
2. **Players must be listed on the official roster before they may participate.** Rosters must have name, address and phone number of all ball players. The roster maximum is 20 players. Names may be added up to the 20-person limit any time prior to the **start of the fourth game.** Players must have played in four season games to be eligible for playoffs for summer and at least two for Fall Ball. Exception: An injury that prevents play and the approval of the League Director.
3. **Teams using illegal players will forfeit the game.** Protests must be filed in the Parks and Recreation Office by close of business the next day after the completion of the game, except during playoffs must be declared during game.
4. **No player can be listed on more than one roster in the same league on the same night.**
5. Only the manager or assistant manager is authorized to check the opposing team’s roster in the Webster Parks and Recreation Office.
6. **All players must sign the Player Agreement and Liability Waiver before they can participate.** *Team managers are responsible for adhering to this policy and making sure any additional players are called or emailed into me by 3 PM the day of game. An illegal player is any player not listed on the official roster.*

SCHEDULE

Website for League games:

Summer League: <https://www.allprosoftware.net/wprdadultsoftballleague/>

Fall League: <https://www.allprosoftware.net/wprdfallsoftball/>

1. The summer ten-game season will begin in May, and the five-game Fall season will start early September, weather permitting. Schedules will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the first game night. No games other than regularly scheduled games shall be played without the Parks and Recreation Dept.’s approval.
2. Rain make-up games (if necessary) will be played on the regular play night following the regular season or at a anytime given by League Commissioner. Playoff games will be scheduled after all make-up games have been played.
3. Webster Parks and Recreation has the right to move teams into different divisions based on records to

PLAYOFFS

1. Ties are broken by:
 1. Head to Head
 2. Head to Head Runs For
 3. Head to Head Runs Against

GAME LENGTH

1. On game nights, the first game is scheduled to start at 6:15 p.m. and the second game is scheduled to start at 7:15 p.m. At least eight (8) players from each team's roster must be present and ready to play. At 6:15 p.m., if a team has eight players, they must start the game. If a team has less than 8 players, there will be a 5 - minute grace period. Forfeits will be called 5 minutes after game time. **No inning may start after 7:20 p.m.** The 7:15pm game has no grace period and there is no time limit to finish the game.
2. If an umpire is late, the first game will start as soon as he arrives. No inning shall start after an hour and ten minutes after start time.
3. Any game suspended (due to inclement weather or darkness) prior to the completion of 4 full innings will be played from the last completion inning. A winner will be declared at that time. Any game resulting in a tie after the 4th inning either because of the time limit or darkness will result in a tie game.
4. Games may not be cancelled or postponed for any reason other than weather, time curfew, or no umpire.
5. Any team that forfeits 3 of its scheduled games during the season will be dropped from the league. Any remaining games will be forfeited and any games that the team has won, the decision will be reversed.

RAINOUTS

1. The league coordinator and parks foreman will decide whether or not games will be played due to inclement weather or questionable playing conditions. **You may call 872-7103 press 3 for cancellation reports.**
2. If conditions are questionable after 4:00 p.m., teams should report to the field where a decision will be made by the league coordinator until first inning of play then it becomes the responsibility of the umpire.

EQUIPMENT & ATTIRE

1. Teams must provide their own playing equipment.
2. The Webster Parks and Recreation Department will provide each team will twelve (12) new game balls.
3. Shirts must be worn at all times by those players participating in the game. The shirt does not have to be a team shirt.
4. Rubber molded, plastic cleats or all – purpose turf shoes may be worn (no metal spikes).
5. The catcher may use his/her own discretion as to whether or not to wear a face mask.
6. Donuts and other batting aids are not permitted.
7. BATS must meet the requirements of USSSA and be included on the list of approved bats published by the USSSA national office. Any Player in violation of the USSSA bat requirements will be given a one game suspension for first warning. Anything thereafter will result in a suspension for the season. No senior bats are allowed.

CONDUCT

1. The manager **must** be in control of his/her players at all times. No drinking of alcoholic beverages, taking of drugs, swearing, fighting or use of abusive language by players or spectators will be tolerated. The league coordinator reserves the right to remove violators from the program.
2. **Any manager, player or spectator who physically or verbally assaults another person will be removed from the league.**
3. Any player ejected from a game must leave the park. If the player refuses to do so, the game will automatically be forfeited against his team. First violation will result in one game suspension and the second violation will result in suspension for the season.
4. Only team members and scorekeepers are permitted to occupy the players' benches.
5. **Only the team manager may have a discussion with the umpire** over a particular call. If the manager is not present, he/she should assign an acting manager to handle debates.
6. **Protests** based on the interpretation of rules and not an umpire's judgment. A protest must be made upon the field of play by the Manager or Captain of the team directly to the umpire. All protest must be explained in writing and to the Webster Parks and Recreation Office the following business day. Umpire must notify opposing team of the protest. **IF A TEAMS FAILS TO PROTEST AT THE TIME OF THE DECISION AND THE GAME CONTINUES WITH THE NEXT PITCH, THEN THE PROTEST IS DISSOLVED.** Any team that wins their protest will be refunded.

SCORES

- The managers of **BOTH** teams are responsible for emailing me truffell@ci.webster.ny.us or texted message me scores at (585)545-0515 after each game.

INJURIES

1. **For emergencies, call 911.**
2. The Parks and Recreation Office should be advised of any injury requiring medical attention. Please contact me at (585) 545-0515 if an ambulance is called.

LOST ITEMS

1. Any equipment and/or personal items left at fields will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Office located in the Webster Recreation Center located at 1350 Chiyoda Drive. Team members may call the office between 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to locate missing items. The phone number is 872-7103.

Miscellaneous

1. The league coordinator and/or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department may take any action deemed necessary to maintain order and safety within the league.
2. The department may require some teams to switch leagues for the following season.
3. The town of Webster is not responsible for any damage to vehicles parked at Kent Park.
4. Town of Webster is not responsible for loss or damage of any article.

**IN-HOUSE RULES OF PLAY FOR ALL DIVISIONS
MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND COED**

1. Warm-ups: In order to speed up play, there will be ONE warm-up pitch allowed for all players, including pitchers, between innings, with the exception of the top and bottom of the first inning, or if a new pitcher enters the game.

All leagues:

- **3-2 count w/ 1 to waste**
- 3' – 10' arch
- 12 runs after 5 completed innings (home team does not have to bat in the bottom of the 5th inning).
- Minimum 8 players to start game
- **Home Run Rule: 3 per game, then an out**
- If someone gets injured and you have no subs, no out recorded
- **No fake pitching is allowed in any leagues.**
- **The flip/flop rule will be in effect**
- **ALL BATS MUST have new USSSA logo, excluding the women's league for 2013.**

Courtesy Runners:

- Each team is allowed three (3) courtesy runners per game, who have to be the last batted out (coed league must be same gender of last batter)
- A courtesy runner will be allowed under these circumstances only; if a player falls in Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) they will be allowed a courtesy runner, who will be the last out, and must be stated prior to the start of the game or they will not be able to be applied during the game.

Alternate Player (A.P)

- May be assigned to play any position but must remain in the same established batting order.

Coed League:

- Will follow all USSSA rules see pages 57 & 58 (Rule 13) in USSSA rule book.
- Both male and female will use a 12" softball.
- 6 runs per inning – 7th unlimited
- If a male walks he goes to 2nd base and the female has to hit.
- You may play with 4 females the 6 males at any times.
- One designated hitter is allowed for each gender but must have 2. You may not use just a male as a designated hitter must have a male and female.
- If at any time there are less than 5 males or 3 females, a forfeit will be declared.

Offensively: the batting order must always alternate gender.

Defensively: Pitcher and Catcher – do not have to be different gender. Infielders and outfielders do not have to alternate genders.

Women's League:

- 6 runs per inning – 7th unlimited