

CITY OF MARSHFIELD ADULT SOFTBALL

LEAGUE HOME RULES

1. The following rules deviate from the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) 2010 Slow Pitch Rule Book and By Laws (see <http://www.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/2010SPRuleBook.pdf>). If a rule does not appear on this sheet, the USSSA Rule Book should be used for reference. Any questions should be directed to the Marshfield Parks and Recreation Department at Marshfield City Hall, (417) 859-7660, or parks@marshfieldmo.gov
2. **Announcements concerning rain-out games will be announced as early as possible. All head coaches will be contacted and it is their responsibility to get ahold of the rest of their team. Also, games will be updated on Facebook. Go to: City of Marshfield Park and Recreation**
3. As per City Ordinance 215.080, "It shall be unlawful for any person to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage in any open container when upon, on, or in a public highway, street, alley, public park, public square or parking area open for use by the general public." Anyone found in violation of this ordinance will be banned from league play for the remainder of the season, and misdemeanor charges may be filed.
4. All profanity, vulgarity, cursing, fighting and other unsportsmanlike behavior is strictly prohibited, and may result in a player being ejected from the game.
5. Any player that has been ejected during any game must leave the ballpark within five minutes or the team on which he/she is playing will forfeit the game. The ejected player will automatically be suspended from the next game. A second ejection in one season will result in a player being banned from play for the remainder of the season.
6. **Any decision of the umpire is to be considered final at the time when the decision is made. No arguments from fans or players will be tolerated, and may result in immediate ejection from the ballpark. Formal protests are considered by the City to be the only acceptable means for disagreement with an umpire.**
7. Written protests may be filed with the officiating umpire the night of the game or with the Marshfield Parks and Recreation Department at City Hall within 24 hours of the game's ending. Teams should notify the umpire if a protest will be forthcoming. Written decisions on protests will be made by the Marshfield Parks and Recreation Department within 48 hours of the protest filing, and mailed to the managers of the teams that were involved.
8. If a player is ejected from a game by the umpire for unsportsmanlike behavior or other causes, the manager/coach may fill the empty position. When the ejected player's position comes up to bat, it will not be counted as an out.
9. Teams may start a game with eight players; however, 10 players must be on the field by the end of the game.
10. Eight players from a team's original roster must be on the field; two substitute players may be used in a game, but those player's names must be found on another team's roster in a Marshfield league. ***If more than two players from another team's roster are used as pick-up players, the team taking the field with the required number of players will be considered the winner; a scrimmage game may then be played.***
11. Forfeit time is 10 minutes after game time has been called. If a game is forfeited, unless it is forfeited because an ejected player has refused to leave the ballpark, the scheduled umpire for that game will remain on the field for the scheduled teams to scrimmage, if desired, unless the forfeited game is the last scheduled game of the night. **In a forfeited game, the team with the legal line-up must take the field for one pitch. As per the third inning run rule, the winning team of a forfeited game will receive 7 runs.**
12. Only players on the original rosters filed with the officials may participate in league play. Any additions must be made prior to the beginning of a game. After the second week of play, rosters will be considered final.
13. After the second week, teams may add up to three players to rosters per week, provided notice is given 24 hours prior to the scheduled game. Additions may be made by emailing dschuman@marshfieldmo.gov.
14. A team will not be allowed to participate in league play until all registration fees are paid.
15. **Any rained-out games or games called to inclement weather will be made on an alternate night during the season.**
16. Any bats on the approved lists for ASA or USSSA will be allowed.
17. **Balls shall be 375 compression, 44 core and high-visibility yellow in color.** The league will provide all game balls.
18. The home plate umpire has the right to inspect all equipment and reject any which does not meet established regulations, or any equipment the umpire determines to be inappropriate.

19. Any bats used that are found to be “doctored” in any way will result in the immediate forfeit of the game by the team using the said bat. The owner of the bat will be ejected from the ballpark immediately, and banned for the rest of the season.
20. Home rule changes will be distributed, by e-mail, to all teams the week before a rule will take effect, with the effect date noted. If a rule is changed due to safety concerns, the league reserves the right to implement a rule immediately.
21. All players must be at least **15 years** of age to participate in adult leagues.
22. **No metal spiked cleats will be allowed out on the field of play.**
23. Games will be one hour (60 minutes) in duration, or seven innings, whichever is less. In the event there is a tie after the end of seven innings or one hour, Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin it’s turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the leadoff batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner)
 - a. Applicable run rules will be 10 runs anytime during the bottom of the fifth inning, or if the home team is 12 runs ahead in the bottom of the third or fourth inning, the game will be ended no matter the number of outs.
 - b. There will be a ten minute delay between games to allow teams to change dugouts. Games will start at that time and teams not ready will lose game time.
 - c. Managers shall report to the home plate umpire immediate when game start is called. In the event that one of the team’s managers does not report within five minutes, the game will be forfeited by that team; the team reporting to the umpire will receive a 7-0 score for purposes of compiling season-end standings.
24. If less than seven minutes of game time is remaining, a new inning will not be started.
25. Homerun Rule: In any one game, six homeruns are allowed by male players and 4 by female players for each team; after this, any homerun will be counted as an out.
26. All participants will be required to be listed on the team’s roster or will not be allowed to play in the City league. Rosters will be checked at random by the umpires.
27. All teams will consist of 6 males and 4 females per team. If more players are added, it must be even man/woman count.
 - a. **PLEASE PROVIDE A CORRECT CELL PHONE NUMBER FOR ALL PLAYERS ON THE TEAM THIS IS THE ONLY WAY A COACH CAN GET A HOLD OF YOU IF IT COMES DOWN TO A RAIN OUT SITUATION.**

ZERO-TOLERANCE SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

We expect all participants and fans to behave in a mature, adult-like manner. The ethics of sportsmanship do not apply to just our players. Our umpires have the authority to issue a warning or to eject from the ballpark any person in the park. A police officer will be called if needed. Ejected adults must leave the park immediately.

OUR ZERO-TOLERANCE SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY: All players, coaches, spectators, and anyone else in the park will behave in a sportsman-like manner. This shall include:

- Respect all officials and opponents, even if you disagree with them;
- Refrain from foul, abusive or derogatory language;
- Never, in any way, touch a player, coach, or UMPIRE without his or her permission.

If any of these conditions are violated, individuals may be fined, put on probation, or suspended from attending the sports activity for a term to be determined by the league administrator. Criminal charges may also be filed.