

## WILLOUGHBY FALL ADULT SOFTBALL

### Rules:

1. Rosters must be submitted prior to the start of the season in order for players to be eligible for postseason play. Players must play in 33% of games (4/12) in order to be eligible for postseason. Players may be required to check-in with league manager to verify identity for postseason eligibility.
2. Minimum number of girls 4 on the field and in the batting order at all times
3. Teams with 10 or more players must have at least 4 female players, playing both offense and defense. Batters will start with a 1-1 count. Batting order for players: EX. 1. F 2. M 3. M 4. F 5. M 6. M 7. F 8. M 9. M 10. F
4. Batting Order: Will consist of at least 4 females. Players may re-enter the game at any time in the same batting position if you are batting everyone. Teams pick their own line-ups and bat as many as they like as long as they do not bat more than 2 guys in a row. Lineup will need to be given to the umpire prior to the start of the game.
5. Homer Limit: Maximum of 2 home runs of per inning (12 per game)
6. No bunting- Umpire has final discretion on half swings. Bunts will result in an automatic out and players will not be permitted to advance a base.
7. Two foul balls, third foul ball is an out.
8. Base on Balls to a Male (with female to follow): When a male reaches first base on a base on balls and a female spot follows in the batting order, the man automatically advances to 2nd base. With 2 outs, the female may elect to take 1st base. With less than 2 outs she must take her turn at the plate.
9. Leading/Stealing/Sliding - There is no leading until the pitch reaches the plate. Absolutely no stealing! Sliding is allowed: Absolutely no take out slides (determining factor is intent, and if runner cannot reach base during slide) or intentional interference with a defensive player.
10. NO DOGS or CHILDREN are allowed in the dugouts or on the playing fields at any time.
11. Run Rule: A 12 run rule will be in effect for all regular season and playoff games. A team ahead by 12 or more runs at the end of the 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) shall be declared the winner.
12. Pitching: Pitcher MUST be on the rubber (50ft) at time of release of pitch. The ball must reach a height of 6ft off the ground, and cannot go above 10 feet. The speed must be slow.
13. Injuries: If a player is injured on the field and you have no subs on the bench, you can play with 9, but the injured player's spot in the order is an out. If the injured player is a female, you need at least 1 female infielder and 1 female outfielder.
14. Courtesy Runner: If a player has a previous injury or gets injured in the game and requires a runner, the last batted out will be the courtesy runner. If it is a female the runner must be the last female that made an out. If male the runner must be the last male that made an out.
15. The Home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook.
16. Alcohol/Smoking/Trash – Smoking and Alcohol are not permitted at any of the fields before, during, or after the game. Please treat the city fields with respect. Pick up all trash!
17. Rainouts: Captains will be sent an email (when possible) in the case of inclement weather by 4:00pm.

Any team member, who willfully strikes, shoves, bumps, grabs, or runs into an umpire will be suspended from the league for one full year. This restriction may become permanent if the Recreation Staff, Head Umpire and the Director of Parks and Recreation feel the severity of the incident justifies such action.

Any team members, who are found drinking at a playing area, will result in a team suspension for one game. If this occurs a second time, the team will be suspended for the remainder of the season without a refund.

Only the team manager or designated player will be allowed to communicate with the umpire. Other players who communicate with the umpire will be warned by the umpire (team warning through manager) first, and then ejected from the game after another occurrence. That player will be subject to the unsportsmanlike conduct rule

If a player is removed from the game by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language, they will receive a verbal warning from the League Supervisor through the Team Manager. If the same player is removed a second time, they will receive a written warning from the League Supervisor and will be suspended for the next two games (this includes post-season play). If the same player is removed a third time, they will be suspended from the league for one full year or permanently. This suspension will carry over into next season.

If the League Supervisor feels that the severity of the unsportsmanlike incident warrants an immediate one-year suspension, permanent suspension, or temporary suspension, this action will be taken with the knowledge and consent of the Director of Parks and Recreation. This action will be taken in cases of excessive verbal abuse and profanity, physical abuse, in a case where an ejected player refuses to leave the field and disrupts the game, or a suspended player disrupts any league game, and in cases involving unnecessary physical contact provoked by one player against another player.

The 2022 Spring Co-ed Softball League will begin September 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be 12 games played over a 6-week season with a single-elimination tournament held Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The price of registration is \$500 per team. Doubleheaders will be played on Thursdays at there will be a maximum of 8 teams with a limit of 16 players per team.

