



Newberry

Parks & Recreation

Co-Ed Softball League Rules 2026

The Co-Ed Softball League will follow USSSA Softball rules, with the following exceptions:

League Registration

A team will not be considered to be registered until the following steps have been completed:

- Complete and submit the Adult Sports Roster
- Submit payment in the amount of \$350 per team fee

League size

The Co-Ed Softball league will be considered “full” when there are 12 teams registered. There will be no team registration accepted once this limit has been reached.

Team Roster

- The captain or the manager of the teams is responsible for making sure that all his players have registered with the city, are on the team's official roster and have met the 50% games played rule of league play. To participate in the playoffs.
 - Each player must complete **all** the steps below to participate in the playoff.
 - Each player on a team is responsible for making sure they are eligible to participate in the league.
 - You are on one team's official roster.
 - (If you have played 50% of the games throughout the season and never registered by the registration cutoff date. You will not be eligible to participate in the playoffs.)
 - You have met the 50% games played rule of league play. To participate in the playoffs.
- All team members must be **18** years of age.
- Team rosters are limited to 25 members.
- All team members are encouraged to wear similar color matching t-shirt for all league games (effective the start of week #2 of each season)
- Each team will compete with **8 men and 2 women** in the lineup. Teams can compete with more than 2 women (ex. 6 men and 4 women or 5 men and 5 women or 7 men and 3 women)
- The team roster will be open to adding new players until the end of the **5th** game and only if they can meet the 50% games played rule of league play. No new players may be added to your roster if they cannot meet the 50% games played rule of league play. For the regular season, players from other teams may be used as substitutes to reach a 10-player roster for your team. In the play-offs you can only play with players if they have met the 50% games played rule of league play.
- Upon request by a game official or league representative, a participant **MUST** submit his/her state issued Driver's License, State issued ID card, state issued concealed weapon I.D. card and/or Passport.
- Failure to provide adequate identification will result in immediate suspension from participation until the issue is addressed.
- All teams must have at least 6 players from their own roster to play a game. A team cannot show up with 4 of their own players and then add 5 players from other teams to make 9, for example. A team must have 9 to play and at least 6 from their own roster.

League Games

- League games will be held between the hours of 6:30 PM and 11:00 PM.
 - **Please note:** NO TEAM will be given preference on a specific game time! Scheduling is done randomly.

- Each team will be playing multiple double-header games at some point during the season.

B. League games will be held at the following facilities:

- Easton Newberry Sports Complex Fields 1 & 2
 - a. 24880 NW 16th Avenue, Newberry, FL, 32669

C. Lineup Card - The team lineup card must be turned in to the scorekeeper 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the game. No adjustments can be made at the start time or during the game.

- Submitting the lineup card late will result in first batter out in the first inning at-bat and if it's the home team that is late they will also lose home field advantage.
- The team lineup must be placed in batting order.
- Line-up must be turned in COMPLETE with the First and Last name of each player in batting order. If not turned in the game will be ruled a forfeit and that team is responsible for the umpire's fee for both teams. (NO FIRST name only or Nicknames)

D. League games will begin promptly as indicated on the game schedule.

E. A team must have 10 players in the lineup and on the field if 10 players are available. Unless League Play rule E is in effect

F. Only the league administrator can add, drop, or make any changes to the regular season or play-offs schedule. No managers, players or umpire can change the schedule.

G. Each team is responsible for providing \$20.00 per game for game officials. This amount is due prior to the start of the game. Failure to make payment will result in a FORFEIT.

H. Equipment

- Uniforms: All teams must be wearing the same color matching t-shirt / jerseys.
- All bats must have the certified USSSA logo to be considered legal.
- Each team is responsible for providing the City of Newberry League with an approved game ball to start the game.
Official league ball: These are the only approved softballs for league play. All others will be considered Illegal.

Senior bats 50 or older can be checked by the umpire.

1. Classic M 40 core/ 325 Compression or Pro M44-400 or less.
2. 11' Ball for women

Game balls must have company name (Worth, Dudley, DeMarini, ec.), Classic M and USSSA Logo.

I. Each game will last 55 minutes, or 7 innings, whichever comes first.

- The Scorekeeper or Umpire at the field will keep the official time of the game.
- Once a new inning begins, if the home team is behind, the inning will be completed without time limits.
- One pitch format - In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the game will continue with each batter beginning with a 3-2 (full) count. In the event of a second extra inning, the final out from the previous inning will be placed at second base.
- ONLY if there is a stop in play by the umpire for an interpretation, batter lineup, injury or any other reason the clock must be stopped.
- If the umpire feels it's being done to delay the game. The umpire may call the game a forfeit and the team that forfeit will be charged with forfeit fees.
- When the umpire says "Ready for play clock starts" if the home team does not take the field the first batter for the home team will be out.

J. Mercy Rule - The officials will call the mercy rule and end the game if:

- A team has a lead of 20 runs or more after three innings
- A team has a lead of 15 runs or more after four innings
- A team has a lead of 10 runs or more after five innings

K. Late players - If a member of a team arrives at the game late, he/she will be added to the end of the lineup to make 10 players with no penalty. If additional players show up late, they may be substituted in.

- L. **Extra Hitter** - An extra hitter may be used in the batting order.
 - If a team uses a MALE extra hitter, they must also use a FEMALE extra hitter (lineup 12 players).
 - A team may use a FEMALE extra hitter and no MALE extra hitter (lineup 11 players).
 - If a team chooses to play without extra hitters, **they can not add an extra hitter once the game has begun.**
- M. Each at-bat begins with a 1-1 count.
- N. Walking a MALE batter prior to a FEMALE at-bat - The FEMALE has the option to take an automatic walk or continue with the at-bat. All forced baserunners will advance one base regardless of the FEMALE batter's decision.
- O. FEMALE pitchers are permitted.
- P. A team permits **(3) home runs per game**. Every HR after is an out.
- Q. Girl's Homeruns do not count toward total team HRs.

Pitching nets

- Pitching nets will be used and 1 warm up pitch will be used between innings.
 - If umpire awards the base to a MALE batter prior to a FEMALE at-bat - The FEMALE has the option to take an automatic walk or continue with the at-bat. All forced baserunners will advance one base regardless of the FEMALE batters decision.
- If the pitcher tries to get behind the net and gets hit by a batted ball, then the ball will remain in play.
- The first ball to hit the net during an at bat is a foul ball, the second will be an out.

Season Schedule

- A. Each team will be scheduled to play 10 games in the regular season and 2-4 games during tournament play. (make-ups due to consistent weather issues may be limited)
- B. Cancellation
 - Scheduled games that are cancelled due to weather or administrative cancellation will be rescheduled where available.
 - Scheduled games that are cancelled due to lack of players or a "no call, call, email or text in less than 24 hours from game time or are a no show" will not be rescheduled and will be entered as a FORFEIT.
 - **(NOTE: Teams that are "no call, call, email or text after 10am on day of game time are a no show" or have a lack of players are still responsible for their portion of the game fees and must pay the opposing team's fees total of \$40.00 dollars)**
 - If the team contacts city Employee in charge of the league **24 hours** prior to game time in advance of cancellation it will still be entered as a forfeit, and they will pay a **reduced fee of \$15.00**
 - Team or Teams will not be allowed to play in the play-offs until they have paid their forfeit fees in full.
 - A team with (2) "no call - no show" forfeits in a season will be disqualified for the remainder of the season and removed from the game schedule.
- C. Placement
 - Final decision for the placement of each team is at the discretion of the league director

Tournament

- A. At the conclusion of the regular season, all teams will be scheduled to compete in a double-elimination tournament. (2-3 weeks) Unless the regular season is delayed by inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, we will run a double- elimination tournament. If the season is delayed for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the City reserves the right to change the format to a single-elimination tournament. Please keep in mind during tournament play, teams might have to play multiple games in one night.
- B. Championship games will be 55 minutes, or 7 innings, whichever comes first.
 - The Scorekeeper or Umpire at the field will keep the official time of the game.
 - Once a new inning begins, if the home team is behind, the inning will be completed without time limits.
 - One pitch format - In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the game will continue with each batter beginning with a 3-2 (full) count. In the event of a second extra inning, the final out from the previous inning will be placed at second base.
 - **ONLY if there is a stop in play by the umpire** for an interpretation, batter lineup, injury or any other reason the clock must be stopped.
 - **If the umpire feels it's being done to delay the game. The umpire may call the game a forfeit and the team that forfeit will be charged with forfeit fees.**

- C. During the tournament Rosters are locked. The team roster will be open to adding new players until the end of the 5th Game of league play. No new players may be added to your roster after the 5th Game. For the regular season, players from other teams may be used as substitutes to reach a 10-player roster for your team. In the play-offs you can only play with players on your roster as of the 5th Game. Females can be picked up/added after week 5 as long as they don't play for any team in the City of Newberry Adult softball League.
- Any team playing in the play-offs with a player or players that are not on their roster will forfeit the game.
 - In order for a player to qualify to play on the playoffs with one team he or she must have played 50% of the season with one team.
 - In tournament play, the intention to protest an ineligible player(s) must be made known by the manager or captain of the protesting team to the umpire and the official scorekeeper immediately and before the game.
 - The captain may ask the umpire or league representative to check the other's players his/her state issued Driver's License, State issued ID card, State issued concealed weapon I.D. card and/or Passport. Before the games start!
 - No protest of a team's player roster will be allowed once the game starts or after the game is completed.
 - All other protests that is not listed in these rules will follow USSSA Rules.
- D. Tie-Breaker Procedure
- In case of a tie at the conclusion of the regular season, the following tie-breaker procedures will be used to determine the seeding for the play-offs:
- Best Winning Percentage
 - Head-to-Head Competition
 - Point Differential
 - Least points Allowed
 - Most Points Scored
 - Coin Flip
- E. Championship teams in each division will receive FREE entry in league season.

Discipline

- A. The team manager is responsible for the behavior of the participants on his/her team and their spectators.
- B. **Unsportsmanlike Behavior** - Verbal taunting, inappropriate gestures, use of profanity, or other unsportsmanlike behavior by any player, manager, team personnel or spectator will not be tolerated.
- First offense - Player(s) warning
 - Second offense - Player(s) is ejected from the game.
 - Repetitive action during the season with same player(s) - player is ejected for the season
 - At his/her discretion, the game official has the authority to immediately eject a player and/or team if he/she deems the behavior to be severe in nature.

Ejections

- Any player that is ejected from a league game will receive a mandatory minimum suspension from the team's next scheduled game. Additional penalty may be imposed based on the severity of the behavior at the discretion of the Recreation Department.
- Any player that is **ejected** from a league game for the second time in a season, regardless of the reason for the ejection, will be suspended for the remainder of the season (including playoffs).
- Verbal** and/or **physical threats** made against opposite players will result in a seasonal suspension for the player and/or manager to make the threat. This includes threats made before, during, and after league games
- Any Player(s) ejected from a game has one minute to leave the entire park this includes the parking lot. If player(s) fail to leave the game, it will be called a forfeit. There will be NO REFUNDS!
- Any player that initiates a fight will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- A team that receives two individual ejections from a league game may be suspended for the remainder of the season (including playoffs). No league fees will be reimbursed in the event of a team suspension for the season.
- A team that is involved in two fights during the season will be suspended the remainder of the season (including playoffs). No league fees will be reimbursed in the event of a team suspension for the season.
- NO ALCOHOL is allowed on the field at any point during the game.**

- The Recreation Division reserves the right to increase the above penalties, up to and including lifetime ban from the program, depending on the severity of the infraction and/or behavior.
- Game officials – Each player, manager, team personnel or spectator is expected to be respectful of the league director, game official or scorekeeper.
- Only the team manager or Captain can discuss a call in a professional manner on the field.
- **Verbal** and/or **physical threats** made against a City of Newberry employee; game official will result in a season suspension for the player and/or manager making the threat. This includes threats made before, during, and after league games
- The Head Umpire is in total control of the playing field once the game has begun.

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