

City of Seymour Parks & Recreation Department
Men's Open League Softball Rules

Sponsor/

Players Fee The Sponsor fee is \$325 and the Player fee is \$15 for each player. A minimum of 10 players must be paid for on each team. No money will be accepted at the Parks.

**Roster/
Waiver**

Complete rosters and fees must be recorded in the Parks Office before the first scheduled game. The signed waiver must be turned into scorekeeper prior to taking the field for first game.

Once you have 10 players, you will need to add and pay for the new player at the Parks and Recreation Office by 4:30pm.

Eligibility Minimum player age is 15, with a signed parental consent.

Rules ASA Rules Govern Play

Line Ups 9 Eligible players are required to start the game. Game times are 6:30pm, 7:30pm and 8:30pm. *Games must start on time. If a team has 8 players at game time with 1 player on the way, the game can start. If 9th player doesn't arrive within 10 minutes into the game, it is a forfeit.* Team must field a catcher. If there is a removal of player(s) from the game and there are less than 9 eligible players on either team, the game shall be forfeited by offending team. During the game, if 10, 11 or more players are entered in the line up and one player is ejected from the game, failure to substitute for said player will result in an automatic out each time the player's name is called to bat and fails to appear. It is the coaches' responsibility to remove that player's name from the line up. Additional players may be added at the end of the line up even if they are not at the park at game time. Team may bat 9 or more in regular rotation.

Line Up requires first and last name of players, NO NICK NAMES.

Line Up MUST be in press box no less than five minutes before scheduled game time. No exceptions!

Forfeit Fee There will be a \$20 forfeit fee if a team fails to field 9 eligible players at the scheduled game time. Fee must be paid at the Parks Office before the next scheduled game. If a pre-arranged forfeit is requested, there isn't a fee if the League Director, Parks Office and opposing team are notified within 2 working days before the scheduled game. The team must still

take the loss. If a team forfeits 3 times, the team is out of the league & tourney, no exceptions. All games in which an ineligible player plays will result in a forfeit win going to the opposing team.

Tournament

Eligibility New players can be added to the team's roster up until the last four (4) scheduled games of the league. No additions will be permitted after that date, even in the event of "canceled" games due to weather or other conditions.

Disputed

Calls Player and coach ONLY are to discuss disputed calls. All other players remain in dugout or position.

Protests

A \$50 fee along with a written explanation must be turned into Parks & Rec office within 24 hours of the protest. Umpire and scorekeeper must be advised the game is under protest. **NO PROTESTS ALLOWED ON JUDGEMENT CALLS.** Rule is in effect before, during and after the game. There is no charge to inquire a player's eligibility.

Suspensions

A player thrown out of a game is suspended for two games, not including the game in which player was removed. Second Offense: player is suspended for four games, not including the game player was removed from. Third Offense: Player is suspended for remainder of league and tourney. Suspensions apply before, during and after the game.

Misconduct

A player making physical contact or causing physical abuse against an umpire during or after game (other than incidental) is banned permanently from all leagues and tournaments operated by the Seymour Parks & Rec Department. A game in progress is finished and forfeited to opposing team at point of incident. Any player using profanity will be ejected immediately.

Umpires

One umpire assigned per game.

Blood Rule

ASA Blood Rule in effect which states: *"A player, coach or umpire who is bleeding or who has blood on their uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered."*

Ground Rules

ASA foul rule in effect. NO COURTESY FOUL. First foul after second strike is considered third strike.

1 and 1 count will be in effect for each batter.

Sliding at home is an umpire judgment call.

Designated Runner may be any runner. No Ghost Runner. If Designated Runner is on a base and comes up in line up, it counts as an out.

Children are allowed in dugout as long as they are supervised.

No music is allowed in or around the dugout.

No Donut Attachments. Weighted bats are approved for warm up only.

Arch 6' to 10'. No infield practice. Pitcher receives three warm up pitches at the beginning of each inning or relieving the starting pitcher.

1hr and 10 minute time limit. Finish inning in progress. International Rule in effect.

Run Rule 10 after 5, 15 after 4, 20 after 3

Home Run Rule 5 home run limit, then single for upper league. Batter and base runners do not have to run bases after home run.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED ON PARK PROPERTY