



# SOFTBALL MANAGER'S MEMO

2016

## New Rules/Rule Updates for 2016

**Player Registration/Roster** - Players who are properly registered and approved by the Organized Sports Department are eligible to participate in leagues. Any player who participates must pay a \$15.00 player fee (early registration) or \$20.00 player fee (late player fee). No payment is required for more than 15 players that are registered. Roster forms are in a fillable pdf format and must be electronically filled out and emailed before the first week of the season. Each player is REQUIRED to provide all requested information listed on the roster form (DOB, Name, Address, City, Zip, e-mail) to be eligible to participate.

**Home Run/Run Classification** - Competitive leagues will have a five (5) over the fence home run rule per game. Social leagues will have a seven (7) runs scored rule per inning. Any home run/runs over the limit per league classification shall be an inning ending out.

**Home Runs** - For ALL home runs hit, players are REQUIRED to touch every base then home plate before leaving the field. Failure to do so, by any/all players, will result in automatic outs and runs will not be counted.

**Strike Mat** - A strike mat will be used for all games. A legally pitched ball that hits the home plate or mat will be ruled a strike. The 6-12' arc limits remain in effect.

**Ejections** - If a player is ejected from a game and fails to produce a valid picture ID, both the player and manager will be subject to disciplinary actions including removal from participation within Milwaukee County Parks leagues.

**Pitching** - All pitchers have 10 seconds after receiving the ball to proceed with the pitch. If the pitch has not been thrown, the umpire will signal an automatic ball and the count will restart.

**COED League Updates** - All female batters receive an extra swinging strike or foul ball before being called out (on first strike). Teams will now be allowed to compete with four female players and there will no longer be automatic walks awarded to female players at any point in the game. Please see rulebook for clarifications and all updates for COED league rules.

## Tournament Info

All County competitive leagues (Men's & COED) will offer tournament play that will be a PAY FOR PLAY format. First place teams from each league will get an automatic bid and reduced entry fee for tournament play. Tournaments will only be offered if minimum league requirements are met. Please see tournament application for additional details.

## Game Equipment

For the 2016 season, the ball used for all competitive leagues will be the Dudley .52/300 (4A-066Y). All social leagues will use a different ball (details are forthcoming). Balls MUST be purchased from Dunns Sporting Goods, who is the official ball bid winner for Milwaukee County Softball leagues. Teams who fail to purchase balls through the official ball bid winner are subject to disciplinary actions including removal from participation within Milwaukee County Parks leagues. Managers will be notified when balls will be available for pick-up for the season.

## Inclement Weather

In the event of rain or if field conditions are questionable, please call the office at 414-257-8030 or visit the county parks website (<http://county.milwaukee.gov/SoftballFieldConditi16090.htm>). After 4:30pm it will be umpire's discretion.

Please **LIKE** us on **Facebook** to receive league updates and weather cancellations daily throughout the season!

**Complete Rules and Regulations can be downloaded from Milwaukee County Parks website.**  
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