



SOFTBALL MANAGER'S MEMO

2020

New Rules/Rule Updates for 2020

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 - 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. **No run rule enforced on last inning of play**

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 are allowed to compete with four (4) female players and there is no automatic walks awarded to female players at any point in the game. Please see rulebook for clarifications and all updates for COED league rules.

Game Equipment

For the 2020 season, the ball used for **ALL LEAGUES** will be the Dudley .52/275 Ball. Balls **MUST** be purchased from Dunn's 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. Teams will be responsible for supplying game balls **only if** they are indicated as the **HOME team** on the schedule.

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 (<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Get-Active>). 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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