

Loveland Parks and Recreation 2023 Adult Softball League Info packet & Policies



Important Information by Season	Spring	Summer	Fall	Days
Activity # - Men's 1 (Comp)	274001-1	374001-1	474001-1	Tuesday
Activity # - Men's 2 (Rec)	274002-2	374002-2	474002-1	
Activity # - Men's 3 (Leisure)	274002-3	374002-3	474002-3	
Activity # - Men's 2 (Rec)	274002-4	374002-4	474002-4	Thursday
Activity # - Coed 1 (Comp)	274201-1	374201-1	474201-1	Monday
Activity # - Coed 2 (Rec)	274202-2	374202-2	474202-2	
Activity # - Coed 3 (Leisure)	274202-3	374202-3	474202-3	
Activity # - Coed 2 (Rec)		374202-4		Wednesday
Activity # - Men's DH (Comp)	274003-1	374003-1	474003-1	Wednesday
Activity # - Men's Church Level 1		374301-1		Tuesday
Activity # - Men's Church Level 2		374301-2	474301-2	Thursday
Early Bird Registration Fees	\$465 (DH - \$845)	\$725 (DH - \$1195)	\$465 (DH - \$845)	
Regular Registration Fees	\$515 (DH - \$895)	\$775 (DH - \$1245)	\$515 (DH - \$895)	
Early Bird Registration Dates	Feb 6	Apr 3	Jul 3	
Regular Registration Dates	Feb 28	Apr 25	Aug 1	
Registration Deadline	Mar 6	May 1	Aug 7	
Mandatory Coach Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Access Game Schedule	Mar 10	May 12	Aug 14	
Games Begin Week Of	Mar 20	May 24	Aug 21	

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LEAGUE RULES

All leagues will be governed by USSSA rules with the following exceptions

Adult Softball Highlights for 2023



NEW! Facilities:

- Games for 2023 will move primarily to Barnes fields 7-10.

NEW! Leagues:

- Classifications moving to the following condensed categories:
 - Level 1 – Competitive
 - Level 2 – Recreational
 - Level 3 – Leisure
- Nights aligned to provide more consistent offerings throughout the year. Primarily affecting moving summer Men's and Coed nights.
- If registration number for a night are low, leagues may be combined if necessary. If leagues are combined, then the rules from the higher league will be used.

NEW! League Classifications:

Season	NEW for 2023	Old
Spring	Mon – Coed 1, 2, 3 Tue – Men's 1, 2, 3 Wed – Men's DH 1 Thu – Men's 2	Mon – Coed Tue – Men's Wed – Men's DH Thu – Men's
Summer	Mon – Coed 1, 2, 3 Tue – Men's 1, 2, 3, Church 1 Wed – Men's DH 1, Coed 2 Thu – Men's 2, Church 2	Mon – Men's, Men's Church 1 Tue – Coed Wed – Coed Thu – Men's DH, Men's Church 2
Fall	Mon – Coed 1, 2, 3 Tue – Men's 1, 2, 3 Wed – Men's DH 1 Thu – Men's 2, Men's Church 2	Mon – Coed Tue – Men's Wed – Men's DH Thu – Men's

NEW! Home Run Rules:

<i>Level 1 (Competitive) Men's, Men's Doubleheader, Men's Church, and Coed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1+HR (or one up). In Level 1 leagues the number of home runs is unlimited. The difference between team home run totals at any time may not be more than one. ○ Home runs hit in excess of 1+ will be inning-ending out.
<i>Level 2 (Recreation) Men's, Men's Church, and Coed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 HR. In Level 2 leagues each team may hit one total home run. ○ Home runs hit in excess of 1 will be inning-ending out.
<i>Level 3 (Leisure) Men's and Coed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any HR hit in Level 3 leagues will be inning-ending out.

- After a home run, the batter and any baserunners do not run the bases, just "hit and sit."
- All home runs: You hit it you get it.

NEW! League Tournament Home Teams:

- In League Tournament games only, the Home Team will be the team with the higher seed. (Seeding is determined by season standings)

Rosters:

- All players participating in the league must first be added to the team roster.
- All team rosters must be started in TeamSideline.
- Teams may add players to the roster during the season through the team's final game.
- Rosters freeze after the team's final regular season game.
- Players must be at least 16 years of age to participate.
- During a game, if a team is found to be using any players who do not appear on that team's roster, and it is brought to the attention of the umpire and the Facility Supervisor before that game has been completed, the game immediately ends, and the offending team loses by forfeit.

Team Manager Responsibilities:

- Be aware of and inform players of league rules, policies, information, schedules and any changes, code of conduct.
- Ensure that all team members are at least 16 years of age and that players are fully added to the official team roster, including any changes and additions throughout the season.
- Complete and submit team's lineup to umpire prior to or during the pre-game meeting.
- Be responsible for the behavior, conduct, and actions of your team and adhere to all league rules.



Uniforms:

- Shirts: Like-colored uniform shirts with numbers on the back are strongly encouraged.
- Shoes: Either non-metal cleats or tennis shoes must be worn at all times.
- Jewelry: Jewelry that would be hazardous as decided by the umpire or Facility Supervisor must be removed, covered, or taped. Exception: medical alert ID bracelet or necklace.
- No casts. Injury healing devices may be worn but must be covered or padded.

Warm-up:

Warm-up and throwing must be in grass area of field or other designated warm-up area.

Not allowed: Batting or infield practice, warm-up in spectator areas or on hard surfaces, soft toss or pepper against any fences. Please be careful with bats for the safety of everyone there, esp. children. While warming up on deck only regulation bats may be used.

Blood Policy:

Any participant who is bleeding excessively or has an open wound must leave the game. The participant may not return until either the bleeding has stopped, the wound is covered, or the uniform is changed.

Profanity Rule:

This year, to provide a more favorable environment for spectators, families, staff, and other guests, we will be joining Ft. Collins, Wellington, and Windsor in continuing a profanity rule. We ask your help with cleaning up the language and look forward to the positive results.

The rule is basically that if someone uses profanity in a way that is not ejectable, it costs the team an out. For instance, if on offense, yelling an "F-Bomb" after popping up in the infield. If the ball is caught, that's an out, plus one out for using profanity. If on defense, it costs them an out on their next turn at bat.

The out does not affect the batting order, and runners on base do not leave the field. These outs can end an inning, and can also carry over to the next inning. Multiple outs may be given in an inning. Simply put, this is not to look for a way to punish players, the goal is simply to clean up the language to improve the overall environment at the ballpark. Your help with this effort is greatly appreciated.



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Ejections:

Once ejected from the game, a player or manager may remain in the park depending on behavior.

EXCEPTION: If the umpire or Facility Supervisor invokes the One-Minute Rule, in which case the person that was ejected must exit the park and be out of sight and out of sound within one minute. If not, the game ends and the player's team forfeits. **Facility Supervisor has authority to warn and/or eject any participant who is not in compliance with City of Loveland rules and regulations.**

Offenses Warranting Ejection:

Offenses leading to ejection include but are not limited to the following:

Offensive language, profanity, gestures, or other communication audible or visible, whether indirect or directed at opposing team, own team, umpires, staff, fans, one's relative, etc.

Taunting, aggressive, menacing, threatening communication, verbal or physical.

Fake Tag, thrown bat, violating suspension or probation, etc.

Using an illegal player. (Both coach and illegal player may be ejected)

Illegal Players:

- 1) A player in the game that is not on the official team roster.
- 2) A player playing on two teams in the same league.
- 3) A player younger than 16 years of age.

Suspension:

Players and coaches ejected from league play will receive a minimum of 1 to 2-game suspension plus a minimum of 1-year probation in accordance with the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.

Adult Softball Rules – 2023

USSSA rules will be used with Loveland league emphasis and exceptions below.

1. The Playing Field

1.1 Bases – Distance between bases is 70 feet.

2. Equipment

2.1 Bats – Bats must have the USSSA 1.20 stamp.



3. Definitions

4. The Game

4.1 Time Limit – 7 innings or 55 minutes, Run Rule applies. No new inning shall start after 55 minutes. Run Rule: 20 runs ahead after 3 innings, 15 after 4, and 10 after 5.

4.2 Extra Innings Tiebreaker Rule – If extra innings are needed due to a tie score:

4.2.a For the first extra inning, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.

4.2.b Any subsequent extra innings, the offensive team will begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base, and the next to last player who is scheduled to bat in that respective half inning being placed on third base.

4.2.c Play continues until the winner is determined.

4.3 Flip Flop Rule – This rule is in effect. If home team is behind by 20 or more runs after 2nd inning, 15 after 3rd inning, or 10 after 4th inning, the teams flip flop, home becomes visitors, bases clear, and they continue to bat.

4.4 Forfeits – Game Time is Forfeit Time. Umpires are not allowed to work a forfeited game. At the field, when a team forfeits before game time, the opponent is credited with a 7-0 win; when a team forfeits after the game has started, the opponent is credited with a win of either the standing score if opponent is ahead at the time of forfeit, or 7-0, whichever is of greater benefit. Prior to 2:00pm game day (regular season games only), if a team cannot play and has contacted the athletic coordinator, the opposing team will have the option to either accept a reschedule of the game (depending on availability) or take the win by forfeit.

5. Players and Substitutes

5.1 Number of Players – In field, minimum is two, max is 10. Teams may bat more than 10. Players may be to a game in progress and inserted at the bottom of the batting order.

6. Pitching

6.1 Pitching Area – Distance allowed behind pitcher's plate will be a max of 10 feet. All other pitching requirements must still be met, particularly the ball being pitched at slow speed, and that the ball shall not rise higher than 10 feet above the ground.

7. Batting

7.1 Ball and Strike Count – Three balls (base on balls) and two strikes (out).

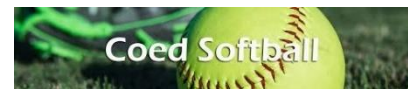
- 7.2 Late Arrivals – Late arriving players may be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- 7.3 Eligible Batters – All players on the roster may bat, but the batting order must remain same.
- 7.4 Re-entry Rule – Re-entry is unlimited. Each starting player and their substitute may re-enter a game but must do so in the same spot in the batting order.

8. Baserunning

8.1 Safety Bases – Orange and white double base at first base. Batter-runner must use the orange base if there is a play at first base. If rounding first base, batter-runner must touch the white base.

8.2 Courtesy Runner – Any rostered player may run for one player an inning but will continue to allow a substitute to bat if one is available.

Coed League Rule Modifications



- **Coed Rule:** Must have equal to or greater number of females than males at all times in the batter order and also in the field.
- **Ball:** 11-inch ball will be used for female batters, 12-inch ball for males.
- **Batting:** Everyone that plays defense must bat (there is no designated hitter).
- **Batting Order:** Teams must bat alternating males and females in the lineup. May have more females bat, but may not have more males than females in the order. May not have two males bat back-to-back.
- **Base on Balls:** When a male batter is walked, they will automatically be awarded second base (with no need to touch first base). The next batter (female) has the option to either bat or advance to first base.
- **Commit and Scoring Lines:** Coed Level 2 (Rec) and Coed Level 3 (Leisure) Leagues Only
 - *All plays at Home will be force plays. Catcher/fielder uses Home Plate, runner uses Scoring Line.*
 - *Before crossing Commit Line, 3rd base runner may either return to 3rd base or advance to Scoring Line.*
 - *After crossing Commit Line, 3rd base runner must advance to the Scoring Line.*
 - *3rd base runner is out if:*
 - *1) they cross Commit Line and then attempt to return to 3rd base;*
 - *2) catcher/fielder with ball steps on Home Plate before runner crosses Scoring Line; or,*
 - *3) runner makes contact with RH batter's box, Home Plate, or catcher/fielder. Runner must use the Scoring Line.*
 - *3rd base runner is safe if:*
 - *1) they cross Scoring Line before catcher/fielder steps on Home Plate; or,*
 - *2) catcher/fielder tags or otherwise makes contact with runner or interferes with runner's ability to cross the Scoring Line. Catcher/fielder must use Home Plate.*

Thanks for playing Loveland Parks and Recreation Softball!

PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

City of Loveland Parks and Recreation Department Adult Athletics

NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

At any time physically or verbally abuse an official, participant or spectator by laying a hand/foot, glove, bat, throw a ball (menacingly), or otherwise in any way threaten with bodily harm. Official is required to suspend participant immediately from further play and report the incident to the field/gym supervisor who then reports incident to the program coordinator.

NO SMOKING/DRINKING/DRUGS:

The following items are not allowed in any City of Loveland indoor facility, on any playing surface, dugout, and warm-up area or in any school facilities where Loveland Adult Athletics programs are held: Smoking, alcohol consumption or possession, or drug usage or possession.

At any time a participant or coach appears on the field/court to participate while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in such a manner as to not have control of his/her faculties to the extent that bodily harm is imminent to themselves or other participants, such participant(s) will not be allowed to participate and will be asked to leave by field/court supervisor. Refusal to leave or other disorderly conduct will require the Police Department to be called into the matter. The Adult Athletics official is required to suspend participant/spectator immediately from further play and report the incident to the field/gym supervisor and the Adult Athletics program coordinator.

NO TEAM SHALL:

The coach, manager, assistant coach/manager or acting coach shall not be allowed to use an illegal player in any Loveland Parks and Recreation Adult Athletic Programs. Minimum Penalty: Forfeiture of game if an illegal participant is discovered during the game. If an illegal player is used and that player is discovered, the coach of record for that game and the illegal player will be suspended until further notice and may be reinstated only after a meeting with the program coordinator.

EFFECT OF PENALTY:

ONE-MINUTE CLAUSE IN EFFECT (see bottom of page)

Such participants(s) shall remain suspended until further notice and may be reinstated only after a meeting with the program coordinator.

The program coordinator's decision will be final.

MINIMUM PENALTY:

- All suspensions/ejections will be subject to a minimum two-game suspension plus one-year probation.

MAXIMUM PENALTY:

- Penalties could range from a 1-15 year suspension according to severity of violation.

PROBATION MEANS:

If you are removed from another game or Adult Athletic activity while on probation, you will be suspended and become ineligible to participate in any City of Loveland Adult Athletic activity for a minimum of one year. The program coordinator will determine probation and full suspension terms.

ONE-MINUTE CLAUSE:

If you are removed from any game or contest of Adult Athletics' sponsored activity, you may be allowed to remain on the premises unless determined by the supervisor or official that your conduct is not appropriate. If you are not allowed to remain on the premises you will then be allowed one minute to remove yourself from the playing area or the entire complex or building area, whichever is deemed necessary by the supervisor. If this time limit is not met, further play of that game will cease at that time, and the contest shall be forfeited to the opponent.

THE CITY OF LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADULT ATHLETICS UPHOLD THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS. FOR ALL SPORTS THEY SPONSOR. THESE RULES WERE DETERMINED BY STAFF AND ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELL BEING OF ALL PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS. ALL RULES REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE PLAYING OF ANY GAME.