

2023 SAUK RAPIDS SOFTBALL CO REC LEAGUE

LEAGUE RULES & INFORMATION

- Unless stated NSF-MFS rules will apply.
- TEAMS MUST USE THEIR OWN SOFTBALLS THEY WANT TO HIT. SOFTBALLS ARE FOR SALE AT THE CONCESSION STAND. 12 NEW BALLS \$60. or \$5.00 each. USED BALLS \$2.50
- 3/2 count with no courtesy stike. Strike mat will be used. **Any ball that touches the mat even if it hits part of the plate is called a strike.** Pitchers will be allowed 3 warm up pitches the first inning and 1 warm up pitch each following inning. A new pitcher gets 3 warm up pitches and 1 each inning after. **HUSTLE TO GET 7 INNINGS OF PLAYING TIME.**
- RUN RULE: 20 after 3 innings- 15 after 4 12 after 5
- HOME RUN LIMIT: 4 Upper 3 Middle 2 Lower
- GAME TIME LIMIT: 60 MINUTES on each game including the 9:15 games. **No inning to begin after 60 minutes.** The clock will begin when the defence team enters the field. If teams are ready to play start the game early. If the game is a tie & time is left in the time limit, extra inning can be played using international rule until time expires or tie is resolved. If time has expired & game is a tie each team gets 1/2 point.
- 10 minute grace period on first game only. If teams have eight players the game must start. The 10 minute counts in the hour time limit.
- NO BEVERAGES BROUGHT INTO THE COMPLEX. PLEASE SUPPORT THE CONCESSION STAND. PROCEEDS ARE USED TO IMPROVE THE FIELDS.
- Casual profanity rule/family atmosphere will be enforced.
- Rosters must be turned in by the second game of the season.
- Any ASA approved bat can be used in the leagues in Sauk Rapids unless it is altered. For a list of the bats go on the website at: www.teamusa.org/usa.softballcertifiedequipment If questioned about a bat and it is illegal the team using the illegal bat will forfeit to the opposing team.
- NO DIGGING RULE WILL BE ENFORCED. 1st TIME WARNING 2nd TIME BATTER IS OUT.
- COURTESY RUNNERS: **Any player can be the Courtesy Runner. One runner per half inning per gender. If a team should bat around the same batter may have a courtesy runner again. Does not have to be the same runner. If the runner on base when their turn to bat comes up, they are out to leave the base and come to bat.**
- You may begin the game with 8 players with the 9th and 10th batters not count as an out. You may bat with more Woman than Men with out taking an out when two Woman bat back to back. If two Men bat back to back an out will take place. If a player arrives late, the player can enter the game as soon as they arrive. You must finish the game with the same amount of players you begin with to avoid a forfeit.
- OUT OF BATTERS BOX: **If a player is challenged about being in the batters box. The umpire will draw a line the length of a bat from the side of the home plate. If the batter is still out of the batters box the batter will be called out.**
- All protests must be made on the field before game is completed. **Tell the umpire you are protesting the game. Explain why you are protesting. Leave filled out sheet at the concession stand.**
- EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY IN 3 GAMES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLAYOFFS.
- GAMES CANCELLED: League Director will be in charge of contacting team managers by 5:00 if games are cancelled. Make up games will be made the 2nd Sunday after the cancelled games. Same time frame.
- Plaques will be given to 1st place winners in each division plus a tray of beer.
2nd place will receive a tray of beer.
- The tie breaker for playoffs: 1st Win/loss record between teams. 2nd Run Differential. 3rd Coin Toss

DOUBLE ELIMINATION PLAYOFFS
GOD LUCK & HAVE A GREAT SEASON