

2009 WENDL'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES



Women's – Men's – Co-Ed

1. Leagues are governed by ISA Rules, except when league rules override.
2. **PERSONAL COOLERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN WENDL'S SPORTS COMPLEX. Violators will be asked to leave.**
3. **COUNT: Start with 1 ball 1 strike count, with no free foul on the 3rd strike.**
4. **ISA PITCHING RULE: 4 feet from the ground minimum and 10 feet from the ground maximum.**
5. **ROSTER: Must be filled out and turned in before you take the field. If you have new players during the season, they must sign the roster before they play.**
6. **HOME TEAM :** Home team will be determined by a coin flip
7. **RUN RULE: 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, and 10 after 5 innings**
8. **TIME LIMIT:** All league games have a **55 minute** time limit. A new inning cannot be started after time limit is reached.
9. **GAME TIME:** Games will start at 6:15 pm and 8pm during week and 5 pm on Sunday. A TEN minute grace period will be given for the **first game only**. After 1st game - game time is forfeit time.
10. **UMPIRES DECISIONS ARE FINAL. ONE WARNING!!!**
11. **ROSTERS:** A team may have a maximum of **18** players. Additions must be made 24 hours prior to playing.
12. **A minimum of 9 players can start a game.** No out will be declared for a team starting with 9 players. The 10th player may be added at anytime offense/defense. **If a team starts with 10 or more players an out will be declared if they drop below 10 players. If the batter before the missing player is walked, intentional or unintentional, no out will be declared. If a player does not bat, he/she may not play defense.** EXCEPTION: CO-ED can start a game with 5 men & 4 women or 6 women & 4 men but at no time can more than 5 men play defense. However, in co-ed, if a team starts with 5 men & 4 women an OUT will be declared for the 5th women. **NO team can play or finish a game with less than 9 players.**
13. **PLAYER PICK-UPS:** With the approval from the other team, a team may pick up one or two players within their division, to make a total of 10 players. If a team has picked up players to play a game and one of his/her regular players shows up, then the team must remove one of the pick ups from the game.
14. **ARGUING BALLS AND STRIKES WILL NOT BE TOLERAED.**
15. **PROFANITY RULE: Loud profanity will not be tolerated. Umpire will decide if violation warrants an ejection.**
16. **BAT UP TO 12 PLAYERS: You may choose to bat up to 12 players, manager's option. However, if you drop below 10 players an out will be recorded for the 10 position.**
17. **Base Burglar will NOT be used in league play. However, you will be allowed one COURTESY RUNNER per inning. The courtesy may be anyone on the team's roster and may be used once per inning. Anyone caught running when it is his/her turn to bat shall be declared out. In CO-ED female must run for female and a male must run for a male, only one per inning.**
18. **BASE STEALING: No base stealing is allowed. Exception: Men's Major League**
19. **EJECTIONS:** Any player, coach, or manager that is ejected from a game, for unsportsmanlike action, will automatically be suspended from the next scheduled game. If an ejected player tries to play in next scheduled game, that game will be forfeited. **FIGHTING will result in a four-week suspension and possible league expulsion.**
20. **CO-REC: A Commitment line will be used.** Any runner that passes the commitment line may not be tagged. Home plate is always a force out. If the catcher tags a runner scoring, runner is SAFE. This is a NO CONTACT RULE FOR CO-ED, AT HOME PLATE ONLY. IT WILL BE ENFORCED.
21. **CO-REC:** If a man walks, he gets 1st and 2nd, the woman batting next has the option to bat or take 1st base.
22. **CO-REC:** Pitcher/catcher must be of opposite sex, you must have 2 infielders and 2 outfielders of the opposite sex.
23. **HOME RUN RULE: Competitive = 6 Home Runs, REC. = 3 Home runs. Any HR in excess of the limit will be an inning ending out.**
24. **TIEBREAKER RULE: If the game is tied after 7 complete innings, the top of the 8 inning will start with the offensive team placing the last player to bat on second base.**
25. **PROTEST:** There will be a \$50 protest fee. There is no protest fee for protesting a player. **Please note:** no games will be replayed because of a protest. Final determinations will be made by the League Director and the UIC.
26. **RAINOUTS:** Rainout Phone Number is 217.353.5354. Field Playability Report is also updated online at www.firstpitchbaseball.com. All teams will be given sufficient notice for the rescheduling of make-up games. Teams must give sufficient notice to league director if they cannot play that week, or if they are playing in an ISA sanctioned tournament and cannot play on the make-up date.
27. **SOFTBALLS: Balls will be furnished by league for each game. YOU MUST RETURN ALL OUT OF PLAY SOFTBALLS TO THE UMPIRE. If softballs are not returned, game clock will still continue to run.**