

# MARION PARKS AND RECREATION

## MEN'S & COED SOFTBALL

### 2021 SUMMER SOFTBALL RULES

#### **RULE #1 - REGISTRATION AND ROSTERS:**

A. Registration must take place in person at the Marion Parks and Recreation Department. No registration will be accepted after the registration deadline.

B. To register, a team roster (20 maximum) and money must be submitted at the time of registration. All names must have complete addresses.

C. The registration fee **MUST** be paid by April 26, 2021. Fees may be paid by cash in the exact amount or by no more than two checks. **NOTE: NO REFUNDS ON PLAYER FEES UNLESS THE WHOLE TEAM DROPS OUT OF THE LEAGUE PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE DATE.**

**\*\*\*\*\*NO PAY, NO PLAY (unfair to teams that pay on time)\*\*\*\*\***

D. \$50 forfeit fee **MUST** be paid **separately** by deadline to be eligible to play.

E. All roster changes/additions must be made by July 9, 2021.

#### **RULE #2 - ELIGIBILITY:**

A. No player can play on more than two teams in the Marion Parks League.

**Example:** You can play on a Men's & Coed League, but you can't play on two (2) Men's Leagues. **No player will be allowed to transfer to another team in the same season.**

**\*\*\*\*Once a player plays or shows up in the OFFICIAL book as being in lineup, he/she is locked on that team (this is protestable)\*\*\*\***

#### **B. AGE REQUIREMENTS:**

**Men's & Coed:** 16 years or older by May 10, 2021.

C. A team discovered (via protest) to have an ineligible player on its roster will forfeit **ALL GAMES** played to that point, regardless if the person (s) in question played or not. All players must provide adequate identification if so

and was inserted into the line-up. At the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, this player is injured and cannot play. The team does not have a substitute.

**RULING:** The team would take an out in that player spot.

2. A team may bat everyone but the above rule applies. Only ten (10) allowed playing defense. **Example:** Team bats all players on the bench, player gets injured. Since there are no substitutes an out will be recorded in that spot. If player gets ejected the game is a forfeit since there is no substitute available. \* Coed may bat everyone but an out is recorded if there isn't an even amount of male and females in line-up.

### **RULE #5 - EXTRA PLAYER**

Please read ASA Rule 4, Section 4

### **RULE #6 - PROTEST**

A. All protests must be submitted to the Marion Parks and Recreation Department, in writing, 24 hours after completion of the game. Said protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 and must give all facts involved in protest. The \$50.00 will be refunded in cases where the protest is upheld. Protest forms are available from the commissioner.

**B. No protest will be allowed unless the umpire is notified at the point that the game is being played under protest.**

**\*\*IF PLAYER ELIGIBILITY IS BEING PROTESTED, THE UMPIRE AND/OR THE COMMISSIONER (OR ACTING SUPERVISOR) MUST BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE LAST OUT OF THE GAME BEING PLAYED\*\*\***

C. All protests will be decided by the Softball Commissioner and/or the Parks Department.

D. The player that is under protest must show photo identification.

### **E. Co-Ed Rules:**

Batting order for Co-Ed shall be alternating sexes. Co-Ed defensive positioning shall include two (2) males and two (2) females in the outfield, two (2) males and two (2) females in the infield, one (1) male and one (1) female in the pitcher - catcher positions. Once determining positions, the players must be stationed on fair ground, except the catcher. On any walk to a male batter with 2 outs (intentional or not) the next batter, a female, has a choice of walking or hitting, up until the first pitch.

### **F. BATS**

**-ASA/NSA may be used EXCEPT for the following conditions:**

**1) If an UPPER Division team is playing a LOWER division team, the LOWER division team decides if NSA bats will be used (before first pitch)**

**2) Lower division (if both teams agree, NSA bats may be used)**

**-Bats will be subject to occasional checks by umpire or Commissioner (or acting supervisor)**

**3) COED GAMES (ASA)**

**\*\*\*If a bat is used and found to be ALTERED according to manufacturer standards (shaved, rolled etc) the owner of the bat (or team if no one claims to be the owner) will be expelled from the league for a minimum of 2yrs. A report to ASA/NSA/USSSA will be filed in accordance with that associations by-laws. THIS IS A FEDERAL CRIME, so if an injury occurs you can be subject to criminal charges as well.**

**\*\*\*If an ILLEGAL (Cracked, dented, wobbles or on ASA banned bat list) bat is used, the player that used it will be ejected and suspended for no less than 5 games (Commissioner and Board will decide if more games are necessary)**

**MAKE SURE YOUR BAT(S) IS LEGAL IN ASA and/or NSA, if you are not sure ask! Bat List for both associations is available on line.**

B. Scorekeeper will be provided by Marion Parks and Recreation.

**C. RULE #10 - CONDUCT OF PLAYERS:**

A. A player guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct in connection with any game or decision can be suspended from the league for the balance of the season or any part thereof depending on the severity of the violation. **Zero Tolerance**

B. A player guilty of attacking another player or an official before, during or after a game because of a decision made by the official or a play by the player shall be suspended from all Marion Parks and Recreation activities until the board and the commissioner agree the player may return. **Zero Tolerance**

C. A player who is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct or foul language will also be suspended from his/her teams for the **next** two (2) games. **Zero Tolerance**

D. Any player ejected three (3) times in the same season shall be suspended from the Softball program for the remainder of the year in all leagues. **Zero Tolerance**

E. Abusing equipment or facilities in excitement or disgust may result in the player being suspended for two (2) games. **Zero Tolerance**

F. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the playing fields or dugout. Any player seen drinking during a game will be suspended for two (2) games. **Zero Tolerance**

G. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the playing field. **Zero Tolerance**

H. Only team players and coaches allowed in dugout. **Zero Tolerance**

I. No children allowed in dugouts. **Zero Tolerance**

J. Only the team captain or coach is allowed to address the umpires and/or the commissioner to question a ruling. **Zero Tolerance**

K. Judgment calls (Balls and strikes, out and safe) made by umpire will stand. **Zero Tolerance**