



Bismarck Parks and Recreation District 2020 Summer Coed Softball League

General Program Description

- ◆ The Summer Coed Softball League plays Sundays in May, June and July, with each team playing a double-header each night. Games will be played May 31, June 7, 14, 21, July 12, 19, 2020 Places will be awarded according to number of teams in each league.
- ◆ Team sponsor fee is \$140.00 and each player fee is \$30.00 with a team minimum of 13 players is due **by May 8** with completed roster and fee payment. **Summer Coed Softball team/player roster registration begins April 2.**
- ◆ There is a 12 team limit to this league due to un-lit diamonds. **First come, first served.**
- ◆ **Summer Adult Coed Softball Manager's Meeting** which will be on **Thursday, May 21 at 5:30pm** at the Bismarck Parks and Recreation Office, 400 E. Front Ave.

Length of Program

- ◆ The league begins May 31 and concludes on July 19.
- ◆ No games June 28th and July 5th
- ◆ The league plays on Sunday nights at Cottonwood Softball Complex Diamonds 7-12.
- ◆ Games start at 6:30pm.

General League Rules

1. The league will follow the rules set forth by USA Softball and the 2020 rulebook.
2. Players may only play on one coed team.
3. **Players must be 18, out of high school** and on the team roster prior to participating.
4. Teams will toss a coin to determine the home team for the first game.
5. Each team will need at least 8 players ready for play to begin the game. Forfeit time for the first-round games is game time. Forfeit time for the second game is 6:45pm.
6. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m. each evening. Please do your throwing and stretching prior to getting on the diamond.
7. Any walk to a male batter will result in a two-base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. **Exception: With two outs, the female has the option to walk or to bat.**
8. Teams will use a 12" softball when a male batter is at the plate and an 11" softball when a female batter is at the plate.
9. **Batters will start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count with NO courtesy foul.**
10. Sliding is allowed in all leagues.

11. **If playing with LESS than 10 players:** If a team is playing with 9 players, they will take an out in the 3rd spot of the batting order. If they are playing with 8 players, they will take outs in the 3rd and 10th spots in the batting order. This rule may be waived only if both teams agree.
12. If a team uses the EP rule, both EP players (one male and one female) must bat, but only a maximum of 10 players may play on defense. These 12 players may move around defensively but the BATTING ORDER MUST REMAIN UNCHANGED. **League Rule:** If a team would like to bat 11 or 12 players, this EP (when batting 11) may be a female or (when batting 12 with two female EP's) they may both be female, but these EP's may not both be males.
13. The batter order must alternate (male/female or female/male) whenever possible and MUST REMAIN UNCHANGED THROUGHOUT THE GAME. Exception: See rule #12.
14. There is not a rule as to a male making a play in the place of a female player. (i.e., a male pitcher making a play at home plate in front of a female catcher).
16. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED ON PARK PROPERTY. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO PARK DISTRICT ORDINANCES. Please help keep our parks clean and safe for all to use and enjoy. **Drinking alcoholic beverages during league play is not allowed.** Please save your drinking until after your games. Any player that is under the influence of alcohol during a game will face expulsion from further league play.
17. **Bat Restrictions: ONLY USA Softball approved bats may be used.**
18. Any team forfeiting more than 2 league games may be subject to removal from league play.
19. Children are not allowed anywhere on the playing field. This includes the dugouts. Please keep your children off the field to avoid them being injured.
20. **INCLEMENT WEATHER** – Decisions will be made by 5pm. All games will be at the discretion of the umpire should conditions be questionable at game time. Please check the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District website ALERT bar on the front page of the website. You may also choose to “Like” the [BPRD Facebook page](#), since weather notifications are also posted there. You can also call the BPRD information line at 222-6479.
21. Any team disregarding or violating the rules and policies set forth by this league may be suspended from further league play.

Staffing

- ◆ This program is directed by Ethan Eberle, Recreation Specialist (eeberle@bisparks.org).
 - ◆ There is also a Site Supervisor at the complex each league night.
 - ◆ Umpires will be provided as available. **If an umpire doesn't arrive, you must umpire your own games.**

Cancellations

Call the info line at 222-6479, “Like” the BPRD Facebook page or visit www.bisparks.org.
There are no make-up dates. Games will be played on Sundays only.

Schedules

Schedules will be online at www.bisparks.org May 29th by 5:00pm.