



LIBERTYVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX FALL 2019 ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES/OVERVIEW

LEAGUE INFO

- 9 regular season games
- End of season single elimination tournament for all teams
- All games played at the Libertyville Sports Complex softball field, or at Odom Field at Butler Lake Park
- Leagues begin the week of August 11th

LEAGUE OPTIONS & GAME TIMES

- Sunday 12" 11:00am-8:00pm
- Monday 12" 6:00pm-11:00pm
- Tuesday 12" 6:00pm-11:00pm
- Wednesday 12" 6:00pm-11:00pm
- Thursday 12" 6:00pm-11:00pm
- Friday Coed 14" Mushball 6:00pm-11:00pm

REGISTRATION

- Register form can be done online or submitted via email, fax, mail, or in person.
 - Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/libertyvilleconnect/Home>
 - Email: msmith@libertyville.com
 - Fax: 847-362-0815
 - Mail/In Person: 1950 N. US Hwy 45, Libertyville, IL 60048

LEAGUE FEES

- Fees - \$535 Resident team / \$585 Non Resident Team
- **The total league fee must be paid by August 4th, 2019**
- Any outstanding balance will be the team captain's responsibility, and will prohibit said captain's account from registering for any Libertyville Sports Complex programs until balance has been paid in full.
- Payment may be received in the form of cash, check, credit card, or sponsorship money.

TEAM CAPTAIN

- Each team shall designate a team captain who will be the sole liaison between that team and the Libertyville Sports Complex
- To avoid confusion, players must speak to their team captain on all inquiries and not contact the Libertyville Sports Complex directly.
- The team captain may be either a player or non-player.

TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for distributing copies of all league policies, schedules, etc. to their players.
- Expected to inform their players of all rules and regulations prior to the first game, and as often thereafter as necessary to ensure no violations occur.

- Expected to inform players of the game schedule, make-up dates, etc. and pass along any other information from the Libertyville Sports Complex.
- Responsible for the conduct of their spectators and participants.
- Team captains are the only players that may address the umpire. If an umpire does not act appropriately, or if there is consistently poor officiating and/or knowledge of the rules, please contact the Recreation Supervisor.
- Team Captains must sign the score sheet after each game to assure accuracy of score.
- Responsible for making sure the Libertyville Sports Complex has current address and home/work phone numbers.

ELIGIBILITY & ROSTERS

- **Rosters are due by the team's first scheduled game.** A copy of the team roster/waiver form can be found at www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com
- Roster max is 20 players. No change to the roster will be after the third game, except in the case of an injury. Any change(s) will require approval by the Recreation Supervisor prior to the game.
- All roster information must be complete and accurate for a player to be eligible for league play.
- All players must have a valid I.D. at all games to verify their identity to prove that they are a rostered player. This must be a current State ID, Driver's License, Passport or Military ID.
- **Any team caught using an ineligible player will forfeit the game.**

To be eligible, a player must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be 18 years of age on or before the first scheduled game.
- Must be on the team's roster
- Must have accurate information on the roster
- Must have a photo I.D. with them while at the facility
- Must be on only one team roster.

A player is ineligible if they meet any of these restrictions:

- A player who is not 18 years of age on or before the first scheduled game.
- A player not on the team's roster
- A player using a false name or nickname on the roster
- A player using an improper/incorrect address
- A player with no photo I.D., proof of residency, and/or incomplete/inaccurate roster information.
- A player on more than one team roster per league night.

If a team requests a roster check during a game, the game will stop and photo identification of all players on both squads will be checked.

SCHEDULES

- The Libertyville Sports Complex reserves the right to modify any and all softball schedules as necessary to operate the league. This includes, but is not limited to, changing schedules to accommodate rainout make-ups
- Teams are not allowed to reschedule their games. Games must be played as the schedule dictates.
- All schedules and schedule changes will be posted at www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com

LEAGUE OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Libertyville Sports Complex Adult Softball Leagues is to provide an opportunity for adults to play organized softball. Within this objective is an atmosphere of Fair Play and Sportsmanship, provided by each captain, player, and spectator.

Equipment

The Libertyville Sports Complex will provide softballs. The home team will receive the game ball at the end of the game.

Gloves are optional in the Coed 14" league for women only.

Only approved equipment may be used for on deck batters. No donuts, fan pipes etc.

No metal spikes

The Home Team is the official book. Captains should compare scores each inning with each other and the umpire.

BATS

12" leagues and 14" leagues - NSA bat rules are used. Please see official website for approved NSA bats
www.playnsa.com

16" leagues—Wood softball bats may be used—bat must say softball. The barrel of the bat cannot be bigger than 2^{5/8} inches. Bats cannot be loaded, corked, etc.

Player Conduct

Player's must respect the official, Village Officials, other players and spectators. Any player that is ejected from a game or displays unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to a fine and suspension and the team may have to forfeit the game. Team captains are responsible for the actions of their players and spectators. These leagues, even though they do get competitive, are for fun!

Teams are reminded that the Village of Libertyville does not carry insurance for injuries or personal loss.

The Game

Games are played at the Libertyville Sports Complex softball field or at Odom Field at Butler Lake Park with a 1 hour time limit. A new inning will not start after the game is 1 hour old unless the game is tied. A game begins at the time of the first pitch. If every player hustles in and out, the time limit should not come into effect.

12" leagues – a 2 and 2 count will begin after 50 minutes of play at the top of the next inning.

14" leagues—if the game is tied after 7 innings, a 2 and 2 count will begin at the top of the eighth inning.

The batter will start with a 1 ball - 1 strike count. No free fouls after 2 strikes. A strike mat will be used behind home plate. The ball must hit a section of the mat to be a strike. If the ball hits half on home plate and half on the strike mat, it is a strike. If a batter has 2 strikes and less than 2 outs and a fielder catches a batted ball in foul territory, the base runners can advance at their own risks.

Home Run Rule: 3 and 1 up. Once a team hits its third home run over the fence they cannot hit their fourth until the opposing team has hit 3 home runs. If the fourth home run is hit before a team gets their third, the result is an out.

Teams may start a game with 8 players and may not continue with less than 8 players. If a team starts with 8 players, they may add a player anytime during the game as long as that player bats in the last spot. If a team starts with 10, 11 or 12 players, the team may go down to 8 players. The position(s) that are vacated in the batting order, if not substituted for, will count as an out.

Teams may choose to roster bat, must declare before the game.

Coed 14" –the batting order must alternate men and women throughout the entire game. If a team roster bats, that team must still have the same number of males bat as females. If a male batter is walked (intentionally or non-intentionally), the next female batter has the option to swing or take a walk.

Coed 14" - must have four women to begin any game. One male and one female or two females must make up the battery (pitcher & catcher). Placement of the infield will be two females and two males and placement of the outfield will be 2 females and 2 males. Outfielders must remain in the grass area at all times to be considered outfielders.

Extra Player - the Extra Player (optional) must be known to the umpire and the opposing team before the start of the game, must remain the same in the batting order and may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not been in the game.

16" league - 11 or 12 players may bat and any 10 can play the field. Defensive positions can change but batting order must remain the same.

Coed 14" league - must bat 12 with two extra players, one female, and one male.

Forfeit - Game time is forfeit time. If a team fails to have at least 8 rostered players by game time, the game will be awarded to the opposing team. Once a game has been forfeited by the umpire, the game cannot officially be played. Umpire has the responsibility of the official game time. Forfeits = 7-0 score. There will be a 10 minute grace period for the first scheduled game of the evening. Should a team fail to have the minimum number of players required to begin a game after the grace period, the game will be declared a forfeit. The grace period is part of the one hour time limit. If a team knows in advance they must forfeit, the team captain should contact the league director at least one day before the scheduled game so the umpire and the opposing team can be notified. Any team that forfeits three games during the season will forfeit their entry fee and will be ejected from the league for the remainder of the season.

Pitching - 6 ft – 12 ft is the pitching arc. Pitching mat is used.

12" & 14" leagues - pitchers must begin with one foot on the pitching rubber, and make no motion with intent to deceive the batter.

16" league - pitchers may "drag" one step in any direction before delivering the ball. Pitchers may use up to 2 hesitation motions before delivering the ball.

League	Bases	Pitching Rubber
12"	65	53
16"	60	38
Coed 14"	65	45

Base Running - no lead offs for 12" or Coed 14" leagues. Lead offs are permitted in 16" leagues and runners may advance one base to the next unoccupied base if played on the by the pitcher or catcher. The ball must leave the pitchers/catchers hand to be considered played on. Home plate is always unoccupied.

Double First Base – whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white portion of the base and the runner the colored part. No play on the batter-runner, either part may be touched. A foul ball is in effect when batted ball hits the colored part.

If a batter has 2 strikes and less than 2 outs and a fielder catches a batted ball in foul territory, the base runners can advance at their own risks.

A courtesy runner may be used. The runner will be the last out. (If new inning, last out from previous inning) Courtesy runners must be declared at the start of the game. Coed 14" league must use same gender. No more than two players are allowed to have a courtesy runner.

Fake tags are not permitted. Players are subject to immediate ejection.

Crash Rule- while there is NO mandatory slide rule, the runner must avoid crashing into a fielder who is in possession of the ball. This could be in the form of going back to the previous base, getting into a run-down, giving yourself up, jumping over the fielder, dodging the fielder, or sliding, to name a few. Should the runner either intentionally or unintentionally crash into the fielder holding the ball, s/he will be called out, the ball will be dead, and the runners return to the base last touched. If, in the umpire's judgment, the crash was done intentionally or flagrantly, the runner will be called out and ejected. The length of the suspension will be reviewed by the recreation supervisor. Conversely, fielders NOT in possession of the ball may not block the path of the runner, and, if contact is made with the runner, the fielder may be called for obstruction. The Libertyville Sports Complex does not enforce a must slide rule.

Player Substitutions - Any player (starting player, extra player, substitute player), may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided the player re-occupies the same batting position. Players must be reported to the umpire and the opposing team when they enter the game or re-entering the game. Players may freely rotate positions in the field, if they are currently in the batting order.

Blood Rule -Should a player begin to bleed, that player must be replaced with a courtesy player. The injured player may return to the game once the wound has been cleaned and bandaged. In this case the substitution rule is not in effect.

Slaughter Rule - 20 Runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is ahead) 15 Runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is ahead) and 10 runs after 6 innings (5 ½ if home team is ahead).

Protests - Teams may protest rule interpretations only. Judgment calls cannot be protested. The team captain must inform the umpire of their intent to protest prior to the next pitch and inform the complex supervisor before the end of the game. If it's the last out of the game, the umpire has to be notified before leaving the field. A complete and written statement must be submitted within 24 hours by the protesting captain to the Parks and Recreation Department's

office. The protest must be accompanied by a \$50.00 check payable to the Village of Libertyville, which will be refunded if the protest is valid. No protests in tournament play.

General Information

After in-house rules, ASA rules apply (NSA Bat Rules). The Libertyville Sports Complex reserves the right to make changes for the improvement of the program. Fines and suspensions are a part of league rules. Teams are reminded that the Village of Libertyville does not carry insurance for injuries or personal loss.

All Village Parks are Drug and Alcohol Free. At no time is alcohol allowed to be brought to the Libertyville Sports Complex or Odom Field at Butler Park and consumed before, during, or after your event. Players and spectators not abiding by the Village's Policies on Drugs and Alcohol will be subjected to fine/suspensions or legal consultation.

Awards & Tournament - Team awards will be given to the League and Tournament Champs. There will be a season ending single elimination tournament that will be seeded based on your league play. First place ties for league championships will be determined by head to head competition first, total runs scored in head to head, fewest runs allowed in head to head, total runs scored overall in the season, total runs allowed in the season, one game playoff. All other ties will result in head to head competition, Total Runs scored in head to head, total runs allowed in head to head, flip of coin. League winners will win \$100 team award, tournament winners will win \$100 team award.

RAINOOTS & CANCELLATIONS

The weather line phone number is 847-247-5433, press 1 when prompted. On days with questionable weather, the message will be updated between 4:30-5:30 p.m. on weekdays, and between 10:00-11:00 on Sundays. If necessary, final decisions on games will be decided by the umpire at game time.

If weather conditions force a stoppage of play during a game before the game is considered official, a 15 minute delay shall be in effect. If after 15 minutes, conditions have not improved, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

Rainouts will be rescheduled to the first available date on the league schedule. Teams may have to play makeup games on nights, times and at other facilities other than their normal league night.

Any game called due to weather will be considered a regulation game if 5 innings (4½ if the home team is ahead) have been played

FINES & SUSPENSIONS

The Village of Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Department enforces a zero tolerance policy to offer safety and fun for everyone involved. Individual teams are responsible for the actions of both their team members and spectators. The Recreation Supervisor has the right to make decisions based on the best interest of the league.

Individuals and/or teams failing to abide by the rules may face additional consequences deemed necessary by the Village of Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Department. These consequences may result in participating in a Good Sportsmanship Program, Suspension from season, and/or suspension from Village Programs.

1. Players, Managers or Coaches ejected from the game by the umpire/official:

\$25.00 team fine plus a MINIMUM one game suspension - next scheduled game.

2nd Game Ejection: \$50.00 team fine plus individual ejected from league.

Ejected players must leave the premises immediately in a reasonable manner and are not allowed at the next scheduled event. If it is a first game of a double header/or in tournament play – that player is not allowed to play in the next game.

2. Players, Managers or Coaches fighting (verbally or physically) anywhere in the facility:

Season or Village ejection and \$50 team fine before next scheduled game.

3. Under the influence or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs:

MINIMUM one game suspension plus a \$50 team fine.

4. Players, Managers, Coaches or Spectators who threaten, push, strike or even touch an umpire, official or supervisor:

Season or Village ejection and a \$50 Team fine

5. Ineligible Player - Under the age of 18, Player not listed on roster, Player improperly listed as resident on roster, player impersonating another rostered player:

\$50 team fine, game forfeit, team captain/coach suspended 2 games

The Village of Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Department has the right to alter or change any of the policies or procedures at any time for the best interest of the league. Teams/Players cannot play until their fine is paid in full.