



To: All Softball Captains  
From: Sports Recreation Manager  
Sub: Summer Softball Leagues  
Date: January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Enclosed is the information about the 2009 Summer Softball Season at the Rock Island Sports Complex. A full packet of league rules may be picked up at the Park Office at the time of registration. **We will have a manager's meeting before the start of the league to clarify all rules. The team manager will be contacted once a date is set.**

**This summer there will be a Men's League on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday night. A Coed League will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday night as well as Sunday night. All Leagues will begin play the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> except for Sunday Coed League which will begin May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**New for 2009- All Men's leagues will play a 10 week doubleheader schedule. Two more games for the same price as 2008!**

The ASA is now using a white ball with red stitch that has a COR .44 rating with a 375 lbs compression or under ball. This is what all leagues will play with. All leagues are a hit your own league. You should provide enough softballs for your team each night you play.

Any member or fan caught bringing alcohol into the facility, including the parking lot, will result in a forfeit of that team's first game of the night and may be subject to legal penalties. We have beer and wine coolers for sale at reasonable prices. Please obey the rules and play responsibly.

BATS! Bats "Banned", or altered bats, or bats considered to be illegal should not be used during league play. You can check the ASA website to see if your bat is legal. The list is subject to change by the ASA throughout the season so check it regularly.

Please fill out the registration form on the back of this sheet and send it along with your payment to the Park Office. Softball registration is FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE as like in years past. If your team is waiting for a check from a sponsor, we will hold your spot with CASH or VISA/Master Card only. **Registration is currently being taken and a deadline for softball registration is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Leagues may fill up before the deadline.** Enclosed is some General League Information and League Rules, if you should have any further questions or suggestions feel free to call the Park Office, 732-7275.

**\*Note\* Rules are subject to change between now and the beginning of the season.**

**\*We will notify team captains of any major rule changes.**

**\*Official 2009 rule books will be available from the Park Office in April.**

**\*You are encouraged to check the ASA website for the latest information.**

**[www.playsoftballillinois.org](http://www.playsoftballillinois.org)**

**Rock Island Park & Recreation Department  
Softball Information Sheet  
Summer 2009**

Team Name/Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Which League are you registering for? Please circle one.**

Monday Mens **Code #6756** \$475.00 per team – 20 game season & single elimination tournament  
Tuesday Mens **Code #6757** \$475.00 per team – 20 game season & single elimination tournament  
Wednesday Mens **Code #6758** \$475.00 per team – 20 game season & single elimination tournament  
Thursday Mens **Code #6759** \$475.00 per team – 20 game season & single elimination tournament

Monday Coed **Code #6764** \$275.00 per team – 10 game season & single elimination tournament  
Tuesday Coed **Code #6760** \$275.00 per team – 10 game season & single elimination tournament  
Wednesday Coed **Code #6761** \$275.00 per team – 10 game season & single elimination tournament  
Thursday Coed **Code #6762** \$275.00 per team – 10 game season & single elimination tournament  
Sunday Coed **Code #6763** \$375.00 per team – 14 game season & single elimination tournament

**Registration is first come, first serve until leagues are full or the registration deadline of April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information on rules, please contact the Park Office, 732-7275.

Please fill out and send payment as soon as possible:

**Rock Island Park & Recreation Department  
C/O Adult Softball Leagues  
1320 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
(309) 732-7275**

## **Summer League General Information**

Teams, please sign up for the League night that best matches your team make-up. All leagues are open for any team to participate in no matter the makeup or classification given by the ASA or other organization. However, a team in the wrong league can ruin the experience for yourselves and others. The team classifications are based on previous year's registration for play.

### ***Monday Men's League***-ASA B & C competitive teams

4 home run limit per team, unlimited batting order, 1 & 1 count with no courtesy foul

1:10 time limit

No stealing if only one umpire

All doubleheaders, 20 games

No games May 25.

### ***Tuesday Men's Leagues***-ASA C & D recreational teams

**NO** Stealing in this league

All doubleheaders, 20 games

2 home run limit per team, unlimited batting order, 1 & 1 count with no courtesy foul

1:10 time limit

### ***Wednesday Men's League***-ASA recreational and competitive C teams

**NO** Stealing in this league

1:10 time limit

2 home runs per team, unlimited batting order, 1 & 1 count with no courtesy foul

All doubleheaders, 20 games

### ***Thursday Men's League***-ASA very competitive B & C teams

All doubleheaders 20 games

5 home run per team, unlimited batting order, 1 & 1 count with no courtesy foul

1:10 time limit

No stealing if only one umpire

### ***Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Coed***-ASA recreational teams

Guy - Girl batting order, 1 & 1 count with courtesy foul

**NO** stealing in any coed league

10 game season, mostly single games

2 HR per team, 1 hour Time Limit

1-Umpire system for all games

### ***Sunday Coed Leagues***-OPEN

2 HR per team for coed

**NO** Stealing

1 hour time limit for coed

Unlimited batting order, 1 & 1 count with courtesy foul

Guy - Girl batting order for coed only

14 game season all doubleheaders

- ***No Progressive HR's in any league***

## **Rock Island Parks & Recreation Department Adult Slow Pitch Softball Leagues**

1. Each team roster shall consist of a maximum of 25 players. Players can only play on one team within their league.
2. A team may start a game with 9, 10, or 11 players. The short-handed rule will apply. You must, however, finish with nine players. This conforms to A.S.A. rules.
3. The deadline for the submittal of the roster sheet is the night of each team's first scheduled game. A player's name may appear on only one roster sheet within the league. Any changes, thereafter, are based on the following considerations:
  - A. Using anyone other than eligible players shall cause automatic forfeiture of those games.
  - B. Players may be added to the roster by informing the league manager, but not to exceed the 25-player limit.
  - C. A team, placed in a forfeit situation, may add players to the roster if it is done prior to the game, and if the roster is not full. These may not be players from other teams that play in your league night.
  - D. The home run rule will vary for each particular league night.

### **LAYING SCHEDULE**

1. In case of rain, which might question the status of a game, call the Rain Line after 4:00 p.m. at 732-RAIN.
2. Forfeits will be 5 minutes after designated game time, 6:05, 6:55, 7:55:, and 8:55 p.m.
3. Games will not be postponed except for weather conditions. The league manager will reschedule postponed games.
4. Protests will be decided on the spot by the league manager or umpire.
5. The international tie-breaking rule will be in effect after the seventh inning, or if the score is tied when the time limit expires.

### **OFFICIALS**

The league manager will have control over the selection of officials. They have the authority to dismiss players and coaches from the playing area in cases of misconduct. Should a player touch an official or umpire, he shall be suspended from play for the next 5 years. This policy is coordinated between Rock Island, Moline, Davenport, and Bettendorf Recreation Departments as part of the Quad City Amateur Athletic Group and the ASA.

### **GENERAL RULES**

- No beverages of any kind (soft drink or alcoholic) can be brought into the park at anytime. Only water jugs are allowed. No drinking in the parking lot. Lights will go off 10 minutes after the conclusion of the final game.
- No Pets please.
- Players are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages during the time their game is in progress.
- Teams may be subject to forfeiture if this rule is broken. No smoking in dugouts.
- The 12 run rule will be in effect after 3 innings. The 10 run rule will be in effect after 5 innings.
- All games will be seven innings in length with 4 ½ official in the event of rain. The game will resume at the point it was terminated if it is not official (except for time limit or run rule).
- Indecent language by players or spectators will not be tolerated.
- Managers and coaches are required to intercede promptly in all cases of arguments between officials and players. Any player thrown out of a game may be suspended for the next game. Anyone thrown out of 2 games may be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- Each team playing in the Rock Island leagues will provide all game balls. All teams will "hit their own." Softballs must be ASA licensed, Restricted Flight and COR of .440 max and 375 Compression max.
- Time limit will vary on each particular league night, unless tied.
- Home team is the official book. Both teams should confirm scores and homerun totals between each innings.
- No Jewelry on the playing field.
- All leagues will have a one ball & one strike count
- Bats must meet all ASA standards.
- All teams will be registered with the ASA-You should receive a 2009 rulebook and scorebook at the beginning of your first game. If not, please contact 732-7275.
- For a complete list of leagues rules, please refer to your league manual and ASA rulebook.
- \*A player or fan caught bringing outside beer into the facility – their team will forfeit 1 game that night – second offense by the team 2 games forfeited.**

# **Rock Island Parks & Recreation Department**

## **General Summer & Fall Softball Leagues**

### **Registration Information**

All team rosters must have a minimum of 10 players (25 maximum) in order to apply for registration

#### **Registration will be conducted as follows:**

Teams may turn in registration form and payment on a first come basis, to the Rock Island Park & Recreation Department Office during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No spots will be held without payment. Spots will be held with cash or a personal credit card (VISA or Master Card) if your team will be receiving a team sponsor check. If registration form and payment are not received by April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM your team will not be registered or put on a schedule. No exceptions.

#### **Dates to Remember**

Registration Deadline April 24, 2009  
League Play Begins First Full Week of May 4th

#### **Refunds**

0% refunded on April 1 or later.  
Refunds take 4 to 6 six weeks to process.  
100% refund if league is cancelled.

#### **Fees**

Men's league fees of **\$475.00** include at least 1 umpire per game and ASA team registration. This is a 20 game league, some leagues may include a bye week with no games Memorial Day or July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. This are a hit your own league, each team should provide enough COR .44 softballs for their team each night.

Coed league entry fee of **\$275.00** includes 1 umpire per game and ASA team registration. This is a 10 game league. Some leagues may include a bye week with no games Memorial Day or July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. This is a hit your own league. Each team should provide enough COR .44 softballs for their team each night of play.

Sunday coed league fees of **\$375.00** includes at least 1 umpire per game and ASA team registration. This is a 14 game doubleheader league, which will include some bye weeks due to tournaments and 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. This is a hit your own league, each team should provide enough COR .44 softballs for their team each night.

#### **A. League Information**

1. **Summer Leagues offered:**  
Mens leagues will be offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Sunday evenings. Coed will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings.

All Men's Leagues will play a doubleheader schedule; leagues may include a bye week due to holidays or the number of teams in the league. Coed leagues will play a mixture of single game nights and doubleheaders depending on the number of teams in the league. Make-up games will be rescheduled as needed.

Fall Leagues offered: Men and Coed leagues on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights. Season consists of five weeks of doubleheaders (10 games).

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher of each league night will receive a trophy or plaque.

**Note: All dates are subject to change due to field conditions, but every effort will be made to schedule on days as advertised.**

For further information you may call the Rock Island Parks & Recreation Department, 732-7275, and ask to speak with the Sports Recreation Manager or Complex Manager.

#### B. General Information

1. Purpose of Activity:  
To promote softball as a constructive recreational activity for players and spectators in the Rock Island Community.
2. Rosters
  - a. **Rosters are due at the end of your first night of play. However, teams may make roster changes up to the start of their 11<sup>th</sup> game of the season. Coed may make roster changes throughout their season except for tournament nights. No additions or subtractions may occur after this date, this includes tournament nights.**
  - b. All changes made by a team must be handled by the manager or assistant manager and be made in written form listing team name, player name, address, phone, and city and submitted to the Complex Manager or League Supervisor. A player will not be considered on a roster until the Complex Manager or League Supervisor receives this written notice. Phone calls will not be accepted to make roster changes.
  - c. All players must be 18 years of age or older, 16 & 17 year olds may play with parental permission and signature.
  - d. A player may only play on one (1) Rock Island Park & Recreation Department Team in each night of league play. If a player is detected playing for 2 or more teams, that player will be suspended for 1 game from the team of their playing preference. They will be removed from the other team(s) roster. If the other team protests the game, it will be considered a forfeit.
  - e. **Women may not participate in Men's Leagues.**
3. Classification (For Summer Leagues Only):
  - a. Men's Leagues are not classified, the headings "B" or "C" or "D" are given to guide teams to register and play in the appropriate evening. It is important that you register for the appropriate league night. If your team does not belong because your team is better than the rest or not as talented, it will take away from everyone's enjoyment.
  - b. Please make an attempt to register in the league night that is appropriate for your team.
  - c. Coed leagues are recreational.
4. Rainouts:
  - a. Team managers only should call the Rock Island Parks Rain Line at 732-RAIN after 3:30 p.m. on days of questionable weather or possible poor field conditions. If unsure-call the Rain Line.
  - b. If questionable weather occurs after 3:30 p.m., decisions regarding field playability will be made at the ball field by the game umpires and the Complex Manager by the first game of the evening. The Complex Manager will put a new message on the phone, 732-RAIN, ASAP if the games should be canceled.
  - c. Games that are rained-out will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Team managers must call, 732-BALL, and speak with the Complex Manager, Monday through Thursday, after 6:00 p.m. to obtain rescheduled information or the information will be available on 732-RAIN.

- d. Game times that are rescheduled on weekends (emergency only) may be played on Saturday morning, afternoon or evening and on Sunday afternoon and evening.*

C. League Rules

1. Protests:  
Must follow ASA requirements with the following exceptions:  
Judgment calls cannot be protested. Complex manager will handle Player eligibility protests on the night of protest.
2. Benches:  
No ball boys or batboys allowed. Sorry.  
No beer in the dugout area. The umpires will enforce this.
3. Pets:  
No dogs, cats, birds, snakes, etc... are permitted on the Rock Island Sports Complex premises.
4. Alcoholic Beverages & Smoking:
  - a. All alcoholic beverages and smoking products are prohibited from the playing field and in or near the dugout area (bench). Any player or coach detected of drinking alcohol or smoking in the dugouts will be suspended for the remainder of the game in progress.
  - b. Any player or spectator caught bringing alcoholic beverages into the complex will result in a forfeit of that team's first game of the night.
  - c. No alcoholic beverages may be allowed to be brought into the ballpark. **This includes the Parking Lot!**
  - d. **Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by Rock Island City Ordinances in unauthorized areas. The police will patrol and ticket the parking lot. This is your warning.**
5. Food, Coolers, Drinks:  
All food items, coolers, and drinks are prohibited from being brought into the park. Water jugs filled with water are the only acceptable exception. This applies to players and spectators. Our concession stand will be glad to serve your needs.
6. Forfeits:
  - a. Failure to have at least 9 players present at diamond at your scheduled game time ready to play. Your team has a **five (5) minute** grace period!
  - b. If due to an ejection or injury a team is left with fewer than 8 players.
  - c. All violations in ASA rule book other than above.
7. Ejection, Suspension, Appeal Process:
  - a. Game ejections are categorized as 1) Verbal Abuse or 2) Physical Abuse
    - i. Verbal Abuse  
Players, managers, coaches and favoring fans may receive suspensions for up to a maximum of five years from the date of the violation for the verbal harassment of game officials, beleaguering of department staff or its representatives or for the use of profanity or any other derogatory remarks detrimental to the operation of the league.
    - ii. Physical Abuse  
Players, managers, coaches and favoring fans may receive suspensions for up to a maximum of five years from the date of the violations for physical contact with game officials, department staff or its representatives, other players, fans, coaches or casual observers may receive the same penalties for any damage inflicted on city property, or any other person's personal property

- b. Incidents in these categories, where suspensions have been issued, shall be reported to reciprocating agencies, of the Quad Cities Sports Committee and these agencies shall review the person's participation status in their sponsored activities and may impose similar suspensions at that time.
  - Quad City Sports Committee consist of representatives from:
    - Bettendorf Parks & Recreation
    - Davenport Parks & Recreation
    - Dugout Softball Complex
    - East Moline Parks & Recreation
    - Moline Parks & Recreation
    - Rock Island Parks & Recreation
- c. Also, any incident resulting in a person receiving one year or more of suspension shall be reported to the sports governing body (i.e. ASA and State Park & Recreation Association), and the person(s) involved shall be subject to any penalties or suspensions levied by these agencies.
- d. Appeal Process
  - Any individual has the right to appeal a suspension that exceeds one game. The player(s) will receive written notice of suspension from the Park Office (if suspension exceeds one game) informing them of suspension length and (if requested by player), a date/time when a hearing will be held in order for player(s) to appeal suspension.
  - If a player(s) does not notify the Park Office, in written form, prior to appeal request deadline, the Park Office will assume the player(s) does not wish to appeal suspension as stated.
- e. If a player is ejected, they will only be suspended for the remainder of the game in progress. A player ejected a second time; the player will sit that game and have a 1 game suspension. If a player is ejected 3 times in a season, they will no longer be eligible for play at the Rock Island Sports Complex and will have to have a letter of request to play the following year.

8. Player Eligibility:

Players may only play on one Rock Island Parks & Recreation team per league night.

9. Identification:

All players should have identification available at all games.

10. Umpire Jurisdiction:

Umpire(s) have complete jurisdiction over any team before, during and after games at an Umpire's scheduled field (park) of work. Umpire(s) may prohibit player(s) from playing, if in the umpire's judgment he/she feels that the player(s) is intoxicated and incapable of safely playing. Home plate umpire will be the official scorer and is empowered to call a game at any time because of rain, lightning, etc... and games will be called complete if 5 or more complete innings have been played or if the home team has scored more runs in 4 or more innings than the other team has scored in 5 or more innings (does not apply to tournaments). All substitutions must report to the home plate umpire at the time of substitution. Incomplete games will be restarted from point of suspension.

11. Addressing Umpire:

Only 1 individual, manager or coach (individual at pre-game conference), not player or players involved in call (except player-coach) may discuss a call with an umpire or league official. Any player delaying a game because of a disagreement is subject to ejection from game. **Do not argue with the umpires!**

12. Pre-game Conference:

A designated coach will meet with the umpire(s) at home plate before the game to review ground rules and discuss pertinent game information. This individual will be the only person allowed to address the umpire(s) during the game.

13. Home Team:

- a. They will be listed as the second team on the schedule. For example, 1 vs 2: team 2 is the home team.
- b. Must have their scorekeeper notify umpire of present score after each half inning. **This is the official game book!**
- c. Must notify umpire and opponent of all substitutions as they occur.

14. Visiting Team

- a. Will occupy first base bench, they will be listed as the first team on the schedule.
- b. Must have their own scorekeeper. If your team has a conflict with the umpire(s) or home team score or whatever, please have your team manager address the home plate umpire immediately.
- c. Must notify umpire and opponent of all substitutions as they occur.

15. Retrieving Foul Balls/Homeruns:

- a. This is a hit your own league. Each team is responsible for retrieving or supplying game balls. This includes foul balls and homeruns.
- b. If the ball should bounce over, through or gets stuck in the fence, the defensive player should raise both hands and the umpire will make the appropriate call.

16. Run Rule:

**There is a 12 run rule after 3 complete innings or 10 run rule after 5 complete innings.**

Homerun limits will be set each year prior to registration. Homeruns hit after a team has hit their team limit will be considered outs!

No ejections for homeruns hit after team limit.

Batters should not round the bases after the umpire has declared the hit a homerun. Batters and all, if any, base runners should return to the dugout.

17. Balls & Strikes:

Each player will begin with a 1 ball & 1 strike count and be allowed a courtesy foul third strike. Courtesy foul does not apply to every league. Check with the complex manager for more information. A second foul third strike is an out.

18. Infield Practice and After an Out:

- a. Pre-game and between inning infield practice is not allowed.
- b. No round horn "the bases" after a strike out. For each ball thrown will be a ball for the next batter.
- c. Pre-game warm-up may be done in the soccer fields or beyond the outfield fences.
- d. Pre-game warm-ups between the diamonds and in the coach's box area are prohibited.
- e. Pitchers are allowed three warm-up pitches at the beginning of the game and after the first inning only one. Each pitch after that will be a ball awarded to the next batter. Substitute pitchers are allowed three pitches and one after that.

19. Uniforms:

Hats, uniforms or matching tops with numbers are not required but encouraged. They are required at Championship Level play, District, Regional, State Tournaments and National Tournaments.

20. Walks:

- a. (Coed Only)The ball is dead. 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 batter has the option to walk or bat. Should the female batter-runner pass a male batter-runner when choosing to walk, no out shall be called during this dead ball period.
- b. (Men Only)Teams may intentionally walk a batter by informing the umpire. The batter will advance to first base.

21. Throwing Bat:

Any portion of a thrown or released bat, regardless of intent and in the umpires judgment to be with a force to cause injury, whether contact occurs or not, that enters the home plate area behind the front of home plate and within the width of batting boxes and back to end of catcher’s box, shall be ruled: “Dead ball – batter out”, all runners return to last base occupied. Further violations will result in game ejections.

22. Forfeiting Two (2) Games:

IF a team forfeits 2 games, they will be dropped from the league if deemed in the best interest of the league. If there is another team willing to replace offending team then this replacement team will assume all records of the expelled team. In either case, all records to that point will count.

23. Time Limits:

Each game for Men’s and Coed will be set at the beginning of the year prior to registration. International Tie Breaking Rule used for extra innings games and for games tied at the end of the time limit. (2006 ASA Official Rules of Softball-Rule 5, Section 11).

24. Phone Calls:

Phone calls to the residency of league officials will not be accepted. Please make your calls to the Complex 732-2255 or Park Office, 732-7275.

25. Offensive Positions (Coed Only):

Teams can have as many players as they want as hitters in the line-up. However they must alternate by sex throughout the order except if you have an odd number of players hitting. This exception applies only to female batters, what this means is that when batting with 9 or another odd number of hitters, then the first and last hitters in the line up should be female so they will bat back to back. Teams may never have two male batters bat back to back.

a. Player Combinations (hitting)

12 hitters .....	6 women and 6 men
11 hitters.....	6 women and 5 men
10 hitters.....	5 women and 5 men
9 hitters.....	5 women and 4 men
	*4 women and 5 men – Must alternate girls through lineup

b. Extra Players (EP’s)

Teams may use unlimited extra hitters in batting line-up. Guidelines for EP use are as follows:

- i. All EP’s (Male and female) must be made known prior to the start of the game.
- ii. EP’s may be entered in any spot in batting order, but must bat in a position that will not violate alternating rule, and will remain in those spots the entire game.

- iii. If an EP is substituted for (or leaves the game for any reason), at any time, either by substitute hitter or runner, he/she may re-enter once. The substitute must be a player who has not been in the game.
- iv. In the event one of the EP's leaves the game, whatever the reason, and there is no eligible substitutes, then the other EP spot must also leave the batting order and the spots in the batting order will be skipped (no automatic out). The penalty for an EP returning to the game illegally shall be game ejection of EP and manager.
- v. EP's may enter game on defense for players of same sex.

26. Defensive Positions:

Coed Only: Ten player: (five male and five female) with the following positioning requirements: two males and two females in both the infield and the outfield, and one male and one female as pitcher or catcher.

27. **Short-Handed Rule.**

1. To start a game:

- a. A game may begin or finish with one less than required to start (See ASA rule book Rule 4-1-C)
- b. The vacant position must be listed last in the batting order.
- c. An out will be taken when the vacant position in the batting order appears.
- d. (Coed Only) A game may begin or finish with 9 players, but when and if another player arrives (of correct sex missing), that player must be inserted into the line-up at the ninth or tenth batting position (depending on vacant spot by alternating sexes). If a team plays shorthanded with either three in the infield or outfield, at least one of the three must be a female player.

To Continue a game once started with a full team listed on batting order:

- e. If a team begins play with the required number of players as listed, that team may continue a game with one less player than is currently in the lineup whenever a player leaves the game for any reason other than ejection. Under no circumstances shall a team be permitted to bat less than nine.
- f. If playing shorthanded, and a substitute arrives, the substitute must be inserted immediately into the vacant spot. If the substitute to enter for any reason, that player becomes ineligible the remainder of the game.
- g. If the player leaving the game is a runner or batter, the runner or batter shall be declared out.
- h. When the player who has left the game is scheduled to bat, an out shall be declared for each turn at bat. An inning or the game can end with an automatic out.
- i. The player who has left the game cannot return to the lineup.  
EXCEPTION: A player who has left the game under the blood rule (Rule 4, Section 10 B) may return even after missing a turn at bat.  
EFFECT-Section 2 (a-e): Failure to have the required number of eligible players to start or continue a game will result in a forfeiture.

28. Outfield Obstruction-Coed Only:

Outfielders must remain entirely behind outfield line if present until ball is hit (for ALL batters). Should this be violated, the manager of the batting team has the option of 1) taking the results of the play or, 2) awarding the batter first base and advancing other runners if they are forced. No out will be recorded.

29. Conduct:

Manager/coach will be responsible for the conduct of each respective team member in or near playing area. Failure to control player and/or own supporting spectators can result in game ejection of player and manager and/or game forfeiture.

30. All teams are allowed one courtesy runner per inning.
31. All rules not covered by the Rock Island Park & Recreation Department will be governed by ASA rules.

The Rock Island Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to exercise any measure deemed appropriate in the interest of preserving the intent of the program, the integrity of the game, and the enjoyment and safety of participants.

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