

Waterloo Softball Association (WSA) League Rules

1. ASA rules will apply with the following WSA exceptions during all league play.
2. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Abuse of umpires** --- No participant shall at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official or other participant. No participant shall be guilty of physical attacks as an aggressor, upon any player, official, staff member, or spectator. Abusive language that is directed toward Umpires, members of the opposing team or WSA Board Members will not be tolerated. If you are **EJECTED from a game** it is for just that game. If you are **EJECTED from the Complex**, (1) week of no league play on any night w/site supervisor and board to review incident. The WSA board has the option to review all incidents. Enhanced penalties could also include suspensions of up to (1) year or lifetime bans from the complex depending on the severity and frequency of the incident(s).
3. **No Smoking, No carry in food or drink, No pets of any kind inside the complex**
4. **SUB PLAYERS—as a point of courtesy, please consider when picking up players from other teams by using the subs in Right Field or Catcher positions first and batting them last in the batting order.**
5. **No metal cleats.**
6. **Game Times/Innings**---Game time is forfeit time! All games are scheduled to start on the hour (6p,7p,8p,9p). Each game shall consist of 7 innings or a **55 minute time limit**, whichever comes first (the exception would be games that end due to the mercy rule). **No new inning may start after 55 minutes, innings already in progress will continue.** Umpires will keep track of the time on the scoreboard and time will stop and restart in case of a major injury. There is ample room around the complex to warm up prior to your game, please be ready to play once the previous team exits their dug out.
7. **Mercy rule-** will be **15 runs** after 4 innings, **10 runs** after 5 innings. At the end of 5 complete innings, or any subsequent inning after 5, if a team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more, the game is over. If the home team is ahead by the run rule prior to, or during its turn at bat, it is not necessary to complete the inning.
8. **Extra Innings**—if teams are tied after 55 minutes or 7 innings then (1) additional inning will be played using the **international tiebreaker**. If the additional tiebreaker inning ends & the game is still tied, the game will be considered a tie and result in a half win/half loss for each team.
International Tiebreaker Rules---**1) Each Team will start their half of the inning with 0 outs. 2) The Last batter from the previous inning will be placed on 2nd base. 3) Teams will play until the 3rd out is made in each ½ inning or the home team is ahead. 4.) Each team will receive an (1) additional home run.**
9. **Players to Start**---Must have **9 players** to start a game. Teams must be ready and warmed up at game time. No waiting for players on other fields.
10. Teams may bat 14 players while any 10 players can play defense in any position.
11. **ASA approved equipment** – Men’s ball will be a 12” .52 core 300 compression ball. Women will use an 11” for all leagues including Co-ed. Additional balls may be purchased at the WSA Concession Stands. Approved & banned bats may be found <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Certified-Equipment/Equipment-Bats>
12. **Senior League Players age 50 & Up**—may use approved ASA senior championship bats during all leagues, all other bats will follow ASA’s Approved and Not Approved bat listing.
13. **Pitching Arc**--is 6ft/10ft. All games will be played with a 3-2 count, w/no courtesy foul; **Rubber Mat** is a strike and the Plate is a ball.
14. **Courtesy runners** – Once per inning, any eligible player on the official line-up may be used as a courtesy runner, Coed teams are allowed one courtesy runner per inning per gender.
15. **Co-ed walk rule**— A walk issued to a male batter will result in a two-base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. **EXCEPTION:** With two outs after a male is issued a walk, the female batter has the option to walk to first base or bat.
16. **Co-ed Batting rule/defense**—**Must have at least (4) girls to start a game.** Order must alternate guy/girl or girl/guy. If you have more guys than girls (5 guys/ 4 girls) an out will be taken every time the empty women’s batter slot comes up (when guys bat back to back) Players that come late are placed in the open guy or girl batting slots that are open in the line-up.
17. **No Alcoholic beverages** are allowed **on the field** during game play
18. You are responsible for your own injuries, this includes spectators and children.
19. Parents are responsible for the actions for their children at the park. Unruly/unsupervised children may be asked to leave.

See any WSA Board Member for questions or clarification of these rules.

(Spring 2025 Updated)



2025 League Roster

Note: My signature on this roster binds me to this team until given a release by the manager. I also agree to abide by all rules governing the league. Player - manager's name must appear on the roster below, and he/she will be considered as one of the allotted players.

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1. By signing this Waiver of Liability (Agreement) I waive and release Waterloo Softball Association, Inc., & Waterloo Leisure Services, its agents, servants, employees, insurers, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages or suits at law and equity of any kind, including but not limited to claims for personal injury, property damage, medical expenses, loss of services, on account of or in any way related to or growing out of my presence or involvement at their facility.

This waiver and release is intended to and does release Waterloo Softball Association, Inc., & Waterloo Leisure Services, from any and all liability for damages or injuries on a count of or in any way related to or out of my negligence or the negligence of third parties.

I further covenant and agree not to institute any claims or legal action against Waterloo Softball Association, Inc. for any claim released by this agreement. I further agree that should any claim be made against Waterloo Softball Association Inc, I will protect, defend and completely indemnify (reimburse) Waterloo Softball Association, Inc. for any such claim and expenses including attorney's fees and costs incurred by Waterloo Softball Association, Inc. in defending themselves or security indemnity hereunder.

2. I understand that Waterloo Softball Association, Inc. is not responsible for any injuries to me, lost, stolen or damaged valuables or property.

3. I acknowledge that i have received and read a copy of the current rules and regulations governing the use of their facility. I agree that I will fully comply with all rules and regulations and with any amendments.

I have read the Agreement and understand that by signing the Agreement that I have consented to be bound by its terms, including the waiver/release of any legal right I may have to use Waterloo Softball Association, Inc. for any cost they incur because of a claim or legal action is brought in violation of this Agreement

I am signing this Agreement freely, voluntarily and competently and am at least (18) years of age