

West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department
2019 Men's Slow Pitch Softball League

The West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department's Recreational Men's Softball League is being organized. Games will be played three nights a week, depending on what the majority decides. Each team will play one double-header a week. League play begins May 13. Each team will play a minimum of 18 games and conclude with a double elimination tournament.

Men's League fees are \$ 600. Payment is due by **Thursday, April 18**. *First 12 paid teams will be in the league.*

If you do NOT plan to have a team this year, please notify Chris cfoley@wl.in.gov. Chris Foley is the new Parks & Recreation contact.

Please check the ASA web site (asasoftware.com) for eligible bats. Team captains will be notified when the date (week) bat check will take place. The bat must meet all of the USA Softball specifications and requirements. All bats will have its compression checked, if it passes a Department sticker will be placed on the bat. Only bats with the approved Department sticker are allowed for league play.

Schedules will be distributed at the meeting on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 pm. A representative from your team **MUST BE** present at this meeting. Schedule conflicts will be resolved this night **ONLY**. No schedule changes will be made after that meeting. The meeting will be held at the City Office building located at 1200 N. Salisbury St. room 115 (the former Happy Hollow Elementary School.) Enter through door # 1 - on Kingston Dr.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Men's Fee: \$600 Payable to – City of West Lafayette

Mail to: West Lafayette Parks and Recreation
1200 N. Salisbury St. (* new address former Happy Hollow School *)
West Lafayette, IN 47906

April 18 League Fees Due

April 30 Schedule Conflict Resolved - 6:30 pm at 1200 N. Salisbury St.– Room 115

May 13 League Play Begins

West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department (765) 775-5110
www.westlafayette.in.gov/parks

Question: Contact Bob Nicholson at puboilerbob@aol.com or 426-1403
Chris at cfoley@wl.in.gov or 775-5114

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\$600 per team Registration ends April 18 Season begins May 13

Contact Information

Coach's Name: _____ Team Name: _____

Coach's Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Agreement

We hereby apply for admission to the Men's Softball League and acknowledge that all play will be governed by ASA rules, as well as the rules set forth by the West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department. We hereby acknowledge receipt and agree to be governed by these rules.

Coaches Signature: _____ Date: _____

Conflict Date/Time:

Which nights would you prefer to play? (Please check only one)

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
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Do you prefer to play: 2 early games 2 late games Doesn't matter

Any conflict date/s you can't play: _____

The fee must be submitted with your application to the Parks & Recreation office.

Mailing Address:
West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department
1200 N. Salisbury St. (Address changed)
West Lafayette, IN 47906

In-person delivery: Our office is located at 1200 N. Salisbury St. (*former Happy Hollow School*)

Check or money orders made payable to: City of West Lafayette

Check out our web site for additional information: www.westlafayette.in.gov/parks

Office Use Only

Date Received: _____ Check number: _____ Receipt number: _____

West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department
2018 Men's Slow Pitch Softball League Rules
Revised 4/19/18

1. LENGTH OF GAME

- A. League play will begin the week of **May 13, 2019**.
- B. Games will have a 60 minute time limit.
- C. There is a 15 run rule after the fourth inning and 10 run rule will effect after the fifth inning, or at the end of any subsequent complete inning.
- D. Each batter begins with 1-and-1 count. A batter is out on the second foul.
- E. Each player must play in at least 5 games prior to tournament. A signed roster needs to be turned into the Parks & Recreation office before the player is counted as playing in a game. Captains are responsible for checking the Departments web site to make sure player's names are correct. No additions to roster after **June 28, 2019**.
- F. International tie-breaking rule: At the start of the next inning, the last batter of the previous inning will start at second base. All batters will start with a 3 balls and 2 strikes count. The game will continue this way until one team out scores the other.

2. RULES

The rules governing the league will be the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules with the following exceptions:

- A. Eight players is the minimum number of players to start a game. An out is taken at the end of the lineup should a team begin with 8 players. No outs are registered should a team begin with 9 or 10 players. One out will be registered if a team with 9 players loses one player or a team that started with 10 players loses either one or two players. Once a team has 7 players or fewer players, the game is forfeited.
- B. All players entering the game after it has started may be added to the end of the batting order. They may assume any playing position.
- C. The arc of the pitch must be between 6 to **10** feet.
- D. A foul tip that is caught for an out must have exceeded the height of the batter.
- E. A courtesy runner may be used once and only once during an inning.
- F. Only 4 HOME runs permitted per game per team. Fifth HOME run is an automatic out.

3. PRE-GAME PRACTICE

- A. No infield practice will be permitted on the diamond prior to the game.
- B. No batting practice will be permitted between games.
- C. There will be no infield practice allowed on the field between games. When a game ends the next game will start at the scheduled time or as soon as possible.

4. UNIFORMS

- A. No metal spikes are allowed
- B. Jewelry such as watches and rings should be removed for safety.

5. BALLS

- A. The game ball shall not be used by the pitcher to warm up with prior to the game.

6. HOME TEAM

- A. In all games, the home team uses the third base dugout

7. THROWING THE BAT

- A. If a batter throws the bat for the second time in one game the batter will be ejected from the game.

8. INJURY RULE

- A. An injured player may be replaced by a player from his team who normally could not return to the game.
- B. The extra player can replace an injured player if no other option is available.

9. AWARDS

- A. Both sponsor and individual awards will be given for league and tournament winners. Fifteen individual awards per team. If two teams tie for either first or second place, the team scoring the most total runs in the two games played by the two teams will be declared the winner. If only playing once, the team that wins the game will be the winner. If more than two teams tie for league awards, a coin flip will determine the winner.

10. BLOOD RULE

- A. Is by the book with stipulation that the length of time that is considered reasonable is (5) five minutes.

11. TOURNAMENT RULES

- A. All players are required to produce identification with a picture of himself (i.e. driver's license) and have played a minimum of five (5) league games as recorded by the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department Office in order to be eligible to play in the end-of-season tournament.
- B. Should an extra game is needed to decide the tournament champion, then a coin flip will be used to determine home team.

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ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ELIGIBILITY
 - A. Must be 18 years of age.
 - B. May not participate while in high school.
 - C. EACH PLAYER MUST SIGN THE LIABILITY WAIVER ROSTER BEFORE THEY CAN PLAY IN ANY LEAGUE GAMES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL CLASSIFY PLAYER AS INELIGIBLE.
 - D. May be signed on only one team roster.
 - E. Games in which ineligible players have participated are subject to penalty (forfeit).
2. CAPTAINS, CO-CAPTAINS
 - A. The above shall be held responsible for the following:
 1. Knowledge and enforcement of these rules and regulations.
 - a. Any matter not covered by the Rules and Regulations will be left to the discretion of the Recreation Department Administration.
 - b. Attendance at a yearly captain's meeting at which rules and rule changes will be discussed.
 - c. Conduct and appearance of players.
3. CONDUCT

A player suspended from a game must leave the playing area.

 - A. Any player/coach ejected during a game will be suspended for the next game.
 - B. Any player having used physical violence shall be automatically suspended from the game and/or from the West Lafayette Parks & Recreation League.
 - C. Abusive language will be a one game suspension.
 1. Suspension will be no less than the next played game with a maximum of a life time suspension.
 - D. A player using illegal bat will be ejected from the game. For the second offense the player will be ejected for the season. All bats must meet the ASA Guidelines.
4. PROTESTS
 - A. Protests will not be recognized in any West Lafayette Park & Recreation League and any team entering the league does so with this understanding.
 - B. In case of a dispute during play, the team captain and the game official may confer. Other team members shall not enter the discussion. A violation will result in the player involved being ejected from the game.
5. LEAUGE SUPERVISOR AND OFFICIALS
 - A. League Supervisor is in charge of all leagues, officials and administering the rules and regulations. He/She is responsible for controlling the league in a manner consistent with applicable rules and regulations.
 - B. The umpire will be in complete charge of the game.
6. SCHEDULE OF GAMES
 - A. Each captain and co-captain will be furnished with a schedule of the team's games and will be notified of any changes.
 - B. Teams are expected to play as scheduled. Should a team fail to show up more than twice then that team will be eliminated from the league.
7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY
 - A. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the site of any activity organized and/or sponsored by the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department. This includes playing fields, bleachers and parking areas. Participants violating this policy will forfeit their game and may be asked to leave the facility. Spectators will be subject to the same policy.
8. LIGHTNING RULE
 - A. The decision to suspend a game due to lightning will be made by the umpire on field at time of play. If 2 games are being played at the same time, the decision made by umpire at one field will be immediately communicated to the other field and followed. At the sight of lightning, game will be suspended. Once the game is suspended, the umpire will announce game suspended due to lightning and tell everyone to seek safe shelter.

**WEST LAFAYETTE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2019 ADULT SOFTBALL TEAM ROSTER**

THIS ENTIRE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT CLEARLY IN **PRINT** (BLUE or BLACK PEN) OR TYPE.
ROSTER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THEY ARE NOT PROPERLY FILLED OUT OR LEGIBLE.

Classification (Check One) Men's League Coed League

TEAM NAME: _____

Head Coach: _____ Assistant Coach: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell: _____ Email _____ Cell: _____ E-mail _____

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*I understand that participation in activities sponsored by the West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department (the "Activities") is available at my discretion, and that I am not compelled in any way to participate in any Activities. I understand that participation in Softball involves a degree of risk of injury and even death and that I am voluntarily participating in the Activities and using equipment and machinery with knowledge of the danger involved. In consideration of being allowed to participate in Softball, I, for myself and my heirs, representatives and assigns, hereby release and forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the City of West Lafayette, the West Lafayette School Corporation, Amateur Softball Association of American, Blessed Sacrament Church, the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department, and their Boards, officers, employees, and representatives and any person or entity acting on their behalf, from any and all responsibility or liability (including attorney fees) for injuries, damages or death resulting from or arising out of my participation in any Activities or my use of equipment or machinery in connection with such Activities.

By signing this roster each player, coach and manager attest that they have read and understand the above waiver. Failure to sign this waiver will result in player being prohibited from participation in the softball program and possible forfeiture of the game.

Coach/Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____