

# Softball ~ Recreational Event Rules

1. Batting order must alternate male/female when team composition allows it.
2. Players may play for 1 team in the tournament. If a female player gets hurt a female player from another team which is already out of the tournament may substitute in if needed.
3. The tournament format will be determined by the number of entries. Teams are guaranteed two games. For example: win first game then lost second game – you are done. Double elimination: Lose first game, then you keep playing until you lose again. If space allows we will play double elimination.
4. If a male batter walks, the female batting behind him has the option of an automatic walk, or to hit.
5. A team consists of 10 players; at least 50% female and at least 50% company employees. A team may bat up to 12 players.
6. There must be an equal number of males/females in the infield, or you can have more females than males but not vice versa. Also, no outfielders may play on the “dirt”- they must remain on the grass in the outfield. Pitcher/catcher must be guy/girl.
7. Substitution rule: Once a player leaves the game, they may not re-enter unless there is an injury in which a player cannot continue to play, males sub for males; females for females.
8. GAMES ARE 7 INNINGS OR A TIME LIMIT OF 55 MINUTES; THE LAST INNING MUST START BEFORE 55 MINUTES AFTER THE START OF THE GAME.
9. There is a 12 run rule after 5 complete innings have been played.
10. Three balls, two strikes.
11. A strike mat will be used. If the ball lands on the mat or plate and the pitch was between 6 ft-12ft, it is a strike.
12. All calls by the umpires stand, no arguments will be tolerated. There will be one warning given for both teams. After that it is an automatic ejection.
13. No swearing of any kind will be allowed.
14. No metal spikes.
15. Recreational League: If batting team bats through order of largest team before 3 outs teams switch.
16. All bats must be approved by the City of Racine and have a 2011 sticker attached.
17. No Carry-ins allowed.

For any questions regarding the rules please email Nette at [nmarks@ymcaracine.org](mailto:nmarks@ymcaracine.org).