HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT
14" COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

The Huntley Park District has adopted the following set of rules for the Adult Softball Leagues. Any rules not covered herein will follow the most current ASA/USA Slow Pitch Official Rules

All League information will be posted on the park district website: www.huntleyparks.org

Registration/Team Fees

Registration is done by team only. In order to reserve a spot in our league, a non-refundable $100 deposit must be made approximately one (1) month prior to the start of the season.

Team Fees must be paid in-full ten (10) days prior to your first scheduled game. NO PAY-NO PLAY – Teams will not be allowed to play in any games until their league fees are paid in full.

Manager's Responsibilities

1. Each team shall designate a representative who will be the sole liaison between that team and the Park District. Only the designated representative should communicate concerns with the Park District.
2. The manager and team captain of the team is the only person allowed to question a call made by the umpire. The manager is responsible for his players' and spectators' actions.
3. It is the Manager's responsibility to make sure all team members are aware and abide by all rules for the league as well as park rules.
4. Both teams must keep accurate score for both teams. Teams should report their runs to the umpire after each inning. Home team keeps the game ball. Balls and scorebooks will be provided by the Park District.

Player Rosters & Eligibility

1. All participants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. Rosters are due at the team's first scheduled game. You must turn in your roster ahead of your first scheduled game or at the field at your first scheduled game to the field supervisor. No changes to your team's roster will be allowed after your team has played two (2) games. Any changes after that must be approved by the league coordinator of the park district.
3. Players may only play on one (1) team within the league.
4. Teams consist of ten (10) players. Five (5) Females & five (5) males. Additional Hitters may be used up to a maximum of 12 hitters in the batting order only if the one (1) extra hitter is Female & one (1) extra hitter is male. 11 hitters can only be used if the ratio of male/female players remains the same or in favor of female players. (i.e. 6 females & 5 males/extra hitter is a female) It must be declared before the game if any additional hitters will be used.
5. Teams must have a minimum of five (5) females in order to start a game.
6. Teams must have at least nine (9) players to start a game. There will be a ten (10) minute grace period before a game is forfeited. If there are only nine (9) players to start the 10th spot in the line-up will be an automatic out when it comes up.
7. Roster maximum is twenty (20) players.

Weather Information

The Huntley Park District has the final decision on canceling games. Decisions will be made by 4:00 pm the day of the game for weeknights & at least 2 hours prior to game time on Weekends (with multiple leagues on weekends this time may vary). Any decision after that time will be left up to the field supervisor and umpire at the game. For rain information visit: https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/huntley/home

Managers will be notified through text, email and website notification as well as a phone call if games are cancelled before game time. It is the Manager's responsibility to notify all team members of cancellations.

Every effort will be made to reschedule cancelled games in order to finish the season in a timely manner.

Player Equipment and the field

1. All cleats are to be one (1) piece molded construction. Screw in or Screw on cleats are illegal. ABSOLUETELY NO METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED.

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2. All bats must be 2 ¼" barrel. Bats cannot be damaged (cracks, dents, etc....) or altered in any way. Umpires will aid in determining if bats are legal for game play.
3. The Pitcher's Mound will be set at thirty-eight (38) feet
4. The bases will be set at sixty (60) feet

Game Play

1. The ball is deemed out of play when it goes past the fence if it were extended. On over-throws, the ball is in play unless the ball goes into the dugout or over/past the fence and out of the playing area. Bases will be awarded under the umpire's discretion. If the ball stays in play, the runner(s) may advance at their own risk.
2. The pitcher must stand on the pitching mound and present the ball to the batter. The pitcher can take one step – in any direction. After his/her first step, the pitcher's back foot cannot step in front of his/her lead foot.
3. Pitches must be made with a minimum six (6) foot arch and a maximum of twelve (12) foot arch. Illegal pitches are under the umpire's discretion and declared a ball. Pitches that hit Home Plate will be declared a ball.
4. All at bats will start with a one-one (1-1) count. A foul ball after two (2) strikes is an out. A strike mat will be used. Umpires will call balls and strikes utilizing the strike mat.
5. No intentional Chopping or Bunting is allowed: **Penalty** - Batter will be declared out under the umpire's discretion
6. **Avoid Contact Rule:** All players must avoid contact at anytime there is a play at any base. It is the umpire's judgment, if there is any contact the runner may be declared out or safe. Any flagrant contact by the runner or fielder will result in immediately being ejected from the game.
7. **NO LEADOFFS OR STEALING IS PERMITTED**. Runners may leave the base once the ball is released by the pitcher.
8. Fielders may not fake possession of the ball, fake receiving of the ball, or apply a fake tag. Penalty: All runners will be declared safe at the base they would have reached on the play based on the judgement of the umpire. **This rule is for player SAFETY.**
9. Courtesy Runners may be used with the other team's manager's permission. The courtesy runner must be the **last batted out.** During ground rules let the umpire/opposing manager know of any courtesy runners for your respective team.
10. Player Fielding Positions – Players must alternate male/female (see fielding options diagram page 4). Short Center may play on either the dirt or grass. All outfielders must remain in the outfield grass and in their position (LF, C, RF). Teams must always have a minimum of three (3) outfielders.
11. All Coed leagues are played with a 14" mush ball. In the field - Female players may wear a glove/mitt. Male players may NOT wear a glove/mitt (this includes batting gloves).
12. The batting order must alternate male/female or vice versa.
13. **Slaughter Rule:** If any team is beating another team by ten (10) runs after five (5) completed innings, the game is called after the losing team has batted. If the Home team is winning by ten (10) runs in the 5th and the visiting team has batted, the bottom half of the inning will not be played.
14. In case of rain or lightning during the game, 4½ innings (if home team is ahead) is considered an official game.
15. Sixty Minute (60) time limit or 7 completed innings is a complete game. No new inning will start after 60 minutes. Exception: If game is tied, additional inning (s) will be played to declare a winner.
16. If the previous game ends early, the next game will not start until its scheduled time. If a game runs late, the following game will start immediately.

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Protests

There are two types of protests:

1. Illegal Roster (players) - This protest must be made before the last out of the game. The protest fee for illegal players is $50/player maximum of three (3) players. At the time of the protest the player(s) that are questioned will have ten (10) minutes to produce a picture ID. The head supervisor will oversee handling this protest. If a player cannot produce a picture ID, it will be assumed that the player in question is an illegal player. Rosters turned in by teams will be out at the fields for all games.

2. Rule Interpretation - This protest must be made at the time the incident occurred. If another pitch is thrown and play resumes, no protest could be made. At the time of the protest, the manager of the team making the protest must ask the umpire for play to stop, that he wants to file a protest. The umpire, both managers, scorekeeper and head field supervisor must all be involved in the protest meeting. The scorekeeper must mark clearly in the score book the point of protest. The head supervisor must write out the report stating exactly what rule is in question by the protesting manager. The protesting manager must submit a written protest at the time of the protest. Play will resume at that point. The decision will be made within 24 hours by the athletic staff and team managers will be notified of the decision.

   All protest fees must be made at the time of the protest and in cash. Protest fees will be $50 - cash only. These fees must be paid within fifteen (15) minutes of the last out of the game. If not paid within this time frame fees will be doubled.
   All protest fees are non-refundable. If the word protest is said to the umpire or head supervisor then it is a protest, the fee must be paid. If your team wins the game, you still must pay the fee. If you protest a player on the roster, there will not be a refund, win or lose.

Player/Team Conduct

Player ejections:

Any player ejected from a game will be reported to the field supervisor. That player will sit out a minimum of one full game.

1. The Huntley Park District's Recreation Staff has the authority to give an automatic game suspension to a player, coach or team member that is ejected from an athletic contest (before, during or after the contest) anywhere from the normal automatic one game to a maximum 8 game suspension. If a situation warrants a more severe penalty, the park district staff may issue a longer length of suspension to the player, coach or team member as defined in the District's Control Ordinances.

2. Team Offense:
   Any team which is involved in a "team" (most or all the team members present) fight will forfeit that game and be eliminated from the remainder of the season plus one year.

3. No alcoholic beverages, glass containers or drugs are permitted in any park. Contests will not be played, and the game will be forfeited. Teams or players may be barred from further competition or asked to leave the playing area. Manager is responsible for fans of his/her team.

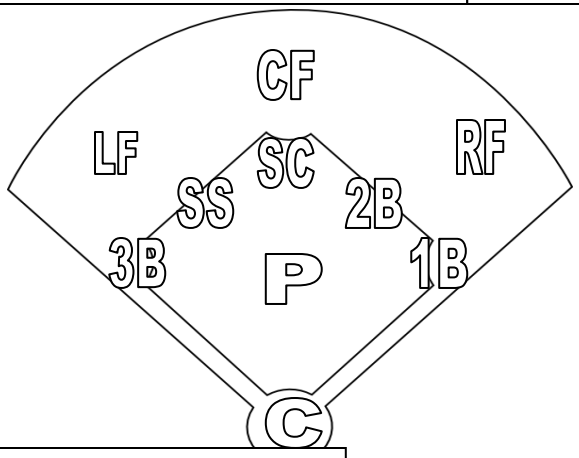
Coed Softball League Fielding Options

Position Key *(lists all possible options for positions)*

Infield Positions	Outfield Positions
P = Pitcher	RF – Right Field
1B - 1st Base	CF – Center Field
2B – 2nd Base	LF – Left Field
SS – Shortstop	CRF – Center Right Field
3B – 3rd Base	CLF – Center Left Field
C – Catcher	**Gender**
SC – Short Center	**M=Male/F= Female**

Pitcher and Cather must alternate Male/Female no matter what option for defensive positioning you choose to use

Positions if playing with 3 outfielders



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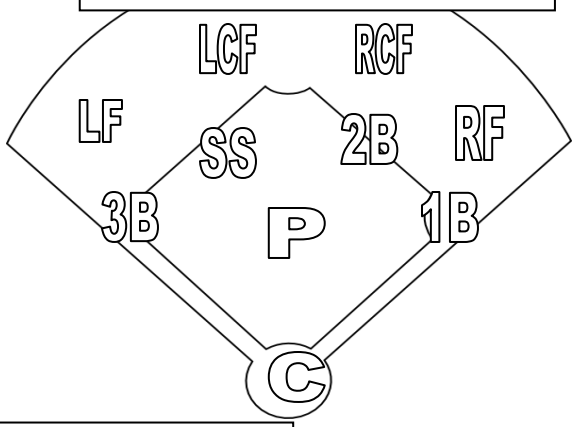

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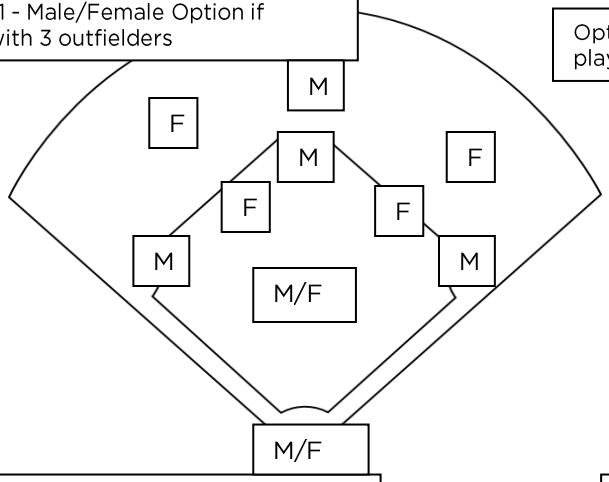

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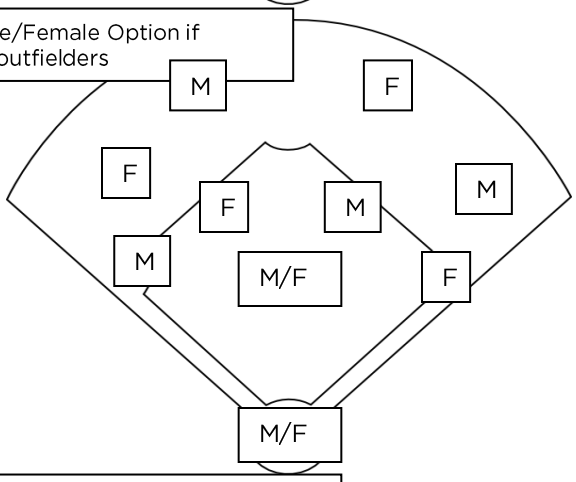

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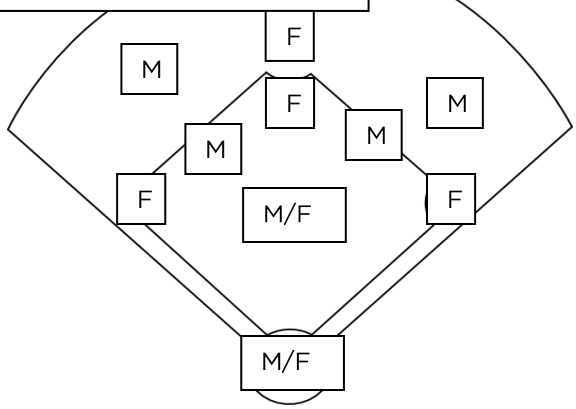
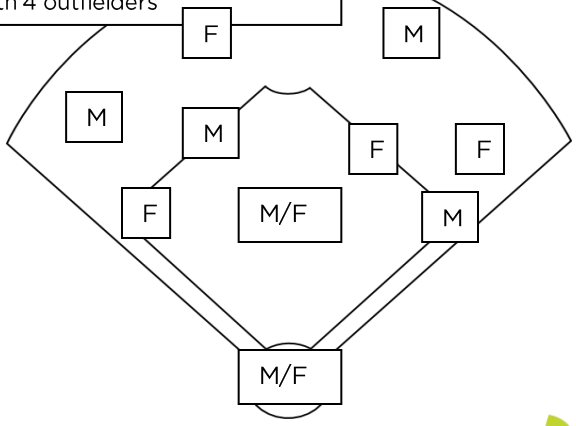
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