



CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

COED CODE OF CONDUCT - SOFTBALL

Good sportsmanship is a priority in all Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks Department athletic programs. Respect for players, coaches, officials, staff and spectators are necessary for fair play in a recreational setting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A.** The code of conduct applies to all participants including players, coaches, managers and sponsors involved in any Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks Department sponsored or co-sponsored leagues and tournaments.
- B.** The code applies to conduct before, during and after all league and/or tournament games.
- C.** Participants will be held liable for any damages caused by willful, destructive conduct.
- D.** It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure that ALL players know and adhere to the rules and regulations.
- E.** Officials and/or staff may suspend play at any time during a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct.
- F.** No refunds will be given to players or teams suspended from further league play.

ENFORCEMENT

- A.** The Athletic Supervisor and/or Athletic Programmer has the authority to impose the penalties listed in the Code of Conduct.
- B.** Penalized participants may formally appeal the decision with a written appeal made within five (5) days of the incident.
- C.** Suspended games include playoffs and following seasons.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- A. Striking or Threatening an Official-** No player shall bump, shove, strike, touch in a threatening manner or threaten bodily harm to any official (before, during or after the game).

Penalty: Player is suspended from further league play for the remainder of the season or longer depending upon the severity of the incident. (police department and/or USSSA may be notified).

B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct- Verbal abuse, profanity, arguing, irrational behavior, etc directed toward officials, recreation staff, players or fans is defined as unsportsmanlike conduct (before, during or after the game). Coaches are responsible for their team's actions.

Penalty: Players/Coaches that are ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior will be suspended a minimum of 2 games or more, depending upon the severity of the incident.

Players/Coaches that are ejected from the game must leave the park and the surrounding area of the playing field. Player (s) refusing to abide will be suspended from present and possible future leagues and loss of game.

Any harassment of the officials by anyone may lead to forfeiture of the game and expulsion from further league competition.

C. Physical Confrontations- Fighting, shoving, etc between opposing players or teammates.

Penalty: Player is immediately ejected from game and suspended for remainder of season or more depending upon the severity of the incident.*

D. Alcohol/Drugs- No participant shall be in possession of, or consume an alcoholic beverage or illegal substance, or appear intoxicated in/on a city or school facility. Smoking is also prohibited the fields.

Penalty: Player is immediately ejected from game and suspended for the next two scheduled games. *

Coaches and team members are responsible for their spectator's actions. Teams drinking at the field will be given a warning. Teams caught a second time will be expelled from the league with no refund and not allowed to return the following season. The umpire reserves the right to eject any player(s)/coach (es) found under the influence of alcohol, etc.

REPEATED CODE VIOLATIONS – Individual players and teams that have repeated code of conduct violations will be suspended from further Mountlake Terrace league play.

* Any player suspended during the last game of the season will sit out the first two (2) games of his/her next season.

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CO-REC SOFTBALL RULES**

ROSTER

1. Each team must submit an official league roster at the first game, or prior to first game at the Recreation Pavilion.
2. Maximum of 20 players per roster. All players must be 18 years or older.
3. Players may be added or deleted to/from the roster up to the 3rd week of the season. A 24-hour notice must be given to the League Director in order for that player to become eligible. No hardship cases.
4. Players may play on only one co-rec team in this league. (Players should provide identification at all games).

PLAYING RULES

1. A team is comprised of 10 players, 5 men and 5 women. Teams may play with 9 players. (Must have at least 4 women) Every time the missing player's spot comes up in the batting order, the team will be given a dead ball out.
2. The batting order shall alternate male, female or vice-versa. At no time can male or female players bat back to back. All batters begin with a 1-1 count.
3. Teams have the option of batting more than 10 players if they choose to do so. Managers selecting this option must inform the opposing manager to this option prior to the start of the game. Note: *two separate batting orders may be used so all players are allowed to bat, still must alternate male/female.*
4. Unlimited defensive substitution. Teams may make defensive substitutions freely if they are batting more than 10 players. The batting order must remain the same.
5. The game shall be terminated if a team drops below 9 players.
6. A **12 run rule** will be in effect after 5 innings.
7. HOME RUN RULES:
 - 3 Home Runs / Team / Game (ALL DIVISIONS)**
All others will be considered dead ball outs.
8. Sliding is allowed. Players sliding must try to avoid all contact with defensive players.
9. If a male is walked on **3 straight pitches**, and only three pitches total (spirit of rule is for an intentional walk) he is awarded second base and the woman has the option to walk or hit. Once the hitting option has been selected the batter must hit.
10. Players will receive an additional one foul after two strikes before being called out.

11. Either gender may play any positions in infield or outfield in any combination, but must stay in position from start of inning to end of inning (No shifting positions mid-inning). The teams must play with 4 outfielders; no rover position may be played.
12. **COURTESY RUNNER:** Each team can have one courtesy runner and only players with permanent disabilities are eligible for a courtesy runner. The courtesy runner may start from first once the batter reaches first base. Managers must inform the opposing manager and umpire of the courtesy runner situation prior to the start of the game. The courtesy runner will be the person who made the last out.
13. **INJURY:** If a team is batting 10 players or more (all available players with no subs) and an injury occurs while on offense, the person who made the last out prior to the injury will then become the designated runner. Once a player leaves because of an injury he may not re-enter in that game and an out will be called each time the vacated spot comes up to bat. If substitute players are available team(s) may substitute for the injured player per USSSA rules.

GAME TIMES AND FORFEITS

1. No new inning after one hour and 5 minutes. If a game ends in a tie, it will be recorded as a tie. Play will cease at 11:00 pm. Any inning begun must be completed.
2. If a game exceeds 4 or more innings or has reached the time limit, the game shall be declared official. The umpires watch is official. Umpires will terminate games at time limits.
3. A 5-minute grace period will be allowed for the first game of the evening, (weeknight league only). If a grace period is used, that time will be deducted from the time limit. Game time will be forfeit time for all other games.
4. Playing in another league or tournament will not be considered sufficient reason to reschedule a game.

EQUIPMENT

1. All equipment must be meet current USSSA standards.
2. Home team is listed first on the schedule and is responsible for keeping the official scorebook and supplying the back up balls at the end of the game.
3. A restricted flight ball will be used (.40 core only). Women will hit an 11-inch ball and men will hit a 12-inch ball.
4. No metal cleats and no jewelry!
5. Bat restrictions: NO BAT SHALL EXCEED 1.20 BPF

INSURANCE

Persons participating in activities sponsored by the Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks Department are not covered in any way for personal liability and property damage. **Players are competing at their own risk; any physical or property damage caused by players is the responsibility of the player that caused it, inadvertently or willfully. Do not trespass on private property to retrieve softballs.**

MISCELLANEOUS

1. PLAYOFFS: Top teams with the best record will make the playoffs. Teams with identical records are decided first by head to head competition. If teams are still tied, then run differential between teams involved determines who makes the playoffs.
2. PROTESTS: All protests must be handled as stated in the USSSA rulebook. A \$25 protest fee must accompany each protest. If the protest is upheld, the money will be refunded.
3. GOVERNANCE: The league directors have the authority to administer the league in any way that is necessary for the well being of the league. Any rules not covered here will be according to USSSA rules.
4. COACHES: Coaches are responsible for their teams' actions. Any harassment of the officials by anyone may lead to forfeiture of the game and possible expulsion from the league. (See Code of Conduct).
5. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. DRINKING AT THE FIELD OR BEING INTOXICATED IS GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE. (See Code of Conduct).
6. REPORT SCORES: The winning team is responsible for reporting the score to the League Director immediately following the game. Call 640-3105, or email kwitte@ci.mlt.wa.us. Failure to report scores within 48 hours will result in a loss for both teams.

RAINOOTS

1. Call the Recreation Pavilion at 425-776-9173 ext. 4 for rainout information after 4pm.
2. Rainout make up games may be scheduled any day of the week (Sun-Sat).

The City of Mountlake Terrace Recreation & Parks Department complies with the State of Washington's "Fair Play in Community Sports Act" (Chapter 467, 2009 Laws, effective date July 26, 2009) that prohibits discrimination against any person in a community athletics program on the basis of sex. Any questions or comments please contact Kevin Witte at the Recreation & Parks Department, 5303 228th St. SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043, (425) 640-3105, kwitte@ci.mlt.wa.us, or fax at 425-775-2365. The complete Non-Discrimination Policy is also available as approved by the City Council.