

West Lafayette Parks and Recreation 2024 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 on or around May 13. Each team will play a minimum of 18 games, including end of season tournament games.

Men's League fees are \$650. Payment is due by **Monday, April 15.**

If you do NOT plan to have a team this year, please notify Kevin Noe (knoe@westlafayette.in.gov)

Please check the ASA web site (asasoftware.com) for eligible bats. All bats must meet USA Softball specifications and requirements. All bats are subject to having compression checked.

Schedules will be distributed at the meeting on **Thursday, May 2 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 West Lafayette Wellness Center located at 1101 Kalberer Road (the far north end of Cumberland Park, northwest of the softball fields).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Men's Fee: \$650 (Please make check payable to: City of West Lafayette)

Mail to: West Lafayette Parks and Recreation
222 North Chauncey Ave
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Monday, April 15 League Fees Due

Thursday, May 2 Schedule Conflict Resolved-6:30 pm
West Lafayette Wellness Center (Community Room)
1101 Kalberer Rd

Monday, May 13 League Play Begins

West Lafayette Parks & Recreation: (765) 775-5110 or
<https://www.westlafayette.in.gov/government/parks-rec/adult-softball>

Questions: Contact Ed Wilson (edwilson3733@yahoo.com) or 404-6994 or
Kevin Noe (knoe@westlafayette.in.gov) or 269-4950

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\$650 per team Registration ends April 15 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 NOT play? : _____

Teams are expected to play as scheduled. Make sure you list any conflicts on this form so conflicts can be considered when schedule is created. No major changes will be made to the schedule distributed at the Captains meeting on May 2 at 6:30 pm

The \$650.00 fee must be submitted with your application to the Parks & Recreation office.

Mailing Address: West Lafayette Parks & Recreation
222 North Chauncey Ave. West Lafayette, IN 47906

In-person delivery: Margerum City Hall
222 North Chauncey Ave. West Lafayette, IN 47906

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 & Recreation Adult Softball 2024 League Information

A. SCHEDULES

1. Game schedules will be available at the team captain's meeting. The meeting is mandatory for all teams; teams who do not attend the meeting will still be held responsible for any procedures or rules clarifications discussed and any schedule changes.
2. Games are scheduled by the League Director. Every effort will be made to accommodate schedule conflict request but not all requests can be met.
3. Games will be played if at all possible and may be played in less than ideal conditions.
4. Games will only be rescheduled for cancellations involving inclement weather and/or poor field conditions.
5. All schedules, standings, and results can be found at <https://www.westlafayette.in.gov/government/parks-rec/adult-softball>.

B. TEAM CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The team captain is the primary link between their team and West Lafayette Parks and Recreation/League Director. It is the team captain's responsibility to:

1. Obtain information pertaining to registration, rules, schedules, tournament, etc.
2. Attend the team captain's meeting or send another representative from your team.
3. Pay all team fees in full at time of registration.
4. Read, understand, and explain league rules and *code of conduct* to each player prior to participation.
5. Inform League Director of any changes in contact information.
6. **Ensure that all players sign the team roster form prior to participating.**
7. Maintain control over players in all circumstances, including disputes on the field. Umpires will discuss disputes with team captain only; players should not be involved.
8. Fill out forms as necessary.
9. Regularly check league website for correct scores and schedule updates.
10. Ensure your team is ready to play at the scheduled game time.
11. Ensure that the team area is clean after each game.

C. RESCHEDULING PROCEDURES/GAME CANCELLATIONS

1. If games are cancelled prior to 4:30 on game day, a representative from the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation will notify/call the team captain.
2. If questionable weather occurs or poor field conditions exist, the umpire will decide if the field is playable at game time. Every attempt will be made to play; however, safety is our number one concern.
3. To reschedule a canceled game, team captains need to contact each other, check the schedule for an open time, and then contact Ed Wilson by email (edwilson3733@yahoo.com) or phone (404-6994).

D. STANDINGS/TIEBREAKERS

Winning percentage will determine league standings and playoff seedings. Winning percentage is the number of wins divided by the total number of games. If 2 or more teams have the same winning percentage at the end of league play, the following tiebreaker methods will be used:

1. Head-to-Head – A comparison of two or more tied teams based on who has won or lost when playing against each other.
2. Average Run Differential – The total run differential divided by the number of games played, with a max differential value of 10.
3. Average Runs Against – The average runs scored by the team's opponent in all games. The lower the number the better.
4. Coin Toss – If still tied, a coin toss (by the League Director) will determine higher place.

E. TEAM AWARDS/TOURNAMENT

1. The league champion and runner-up and tournament champion and runner-up will receive a trophy. Fifteen awards will be given to each champion team.
2. Teams will be seeded based on their regular season record and all teams are eligible for the tournament.

F. ROSTERS

1. All participants must be 18 years of age and out of high school.
2. Teams may have unlimited players on their roster. No additional names may be added to the roster after date determined at Captain's meeting or after June 30.
3. ***Prior to the team's first game - a roster must be completed and submitted.*** Any team playing without a completed roster is subject to a forfeit. A complete roster includes all player information and signatures.
4. Players can only play on one team per league.
5. Each player must carry a photo ID with them to all games. A photo ID is the only form of ID approved in the case of roster check/challenge.
6. Any non-rostered player or player playing under an assumed name shall result in ejection of that player. A team may protest a player's eligibility but must do so when the player first enters the game.
7. A copy of all team rosters will be kept in a binder in the green box.

LEAGUE RULES

A. GOVERNING RULES

1. West Lafayette Parks and Recreation is the sole governing body of the league.
2. ASA rules will govern all play in addition to the listed playing rules.
3. West Lafayette Parks and Recreation reserves the right to expel any team/player from the league for reasons of conduct or failure to observe rules, regulations and procedures. Written notification of such actions will be provided to the team captain. No refunds will be given.
4. Any situation not covered explicitly in these rules will be acted upon by the Umpire or League Director. In addition, West Lafayette Parks and Recreation reserves the right to interpret any and all rules and situations and further reserves the right to insert, delete or change rules at any time and make retroactive decisions should it be deemed necessary for the benefit of the league, or participants safety.

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2024 Men's Slow Pitch Softball League Rules

1. LENGTH OF GAME

- A. League play will begin the week of **May 13, 2024**.
- 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 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 **July 21, 2024**.
- E. 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. Any additional HOME run is an automatic out.
- G. Each batter begins with 1-and-1 count. A batter is out on the second foul.**

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.