

West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department

2024 Fall Coed Softball League

The West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department's recreational coed softball league is being organized. Games will be played weekly **beginning on or around August 19 (depending on current season's conclusion)**.

Games will be played on weeknights (Monday-Thursday), a minimum of 9 games, including tournament games. A minimum of 8 teams will be needed in order for the league to be played.

Coed league fees are \$425. Payment due by Monday, August 5.

The fee pays for the league director, umpires, game ball, field maintenance, lights, and awards. We do not require uniform shirts or individual player fees.

Please check the ASA web site (asasoftware.com) for eligible bats. All bats must meet all USA Softball specifications and requirements.

Schedules will be distributed via email no later than the week prior to the beginning of the season.

We will attempt to solve any schedule conflicts via email. If a conflict arises, please email either League Coordinator, Ed Wilson, at edwilson3733@yahoo.com, or Wellness Center Director, Kevin Noe, at knoe@westlafayette.in.gov.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Coed Fee: \$425 (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, August 5 Registration and Fees Due

Monday, August 19 League Play Begins

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

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

West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department Coed Recreational Softball League Fall 2024

\$475 per team Registration ends August 5 Season begins August 19

Contact Information

Coach's Name: _____ Team Name: _____

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

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Asst. Coach: _____ E-mail: _____

My team would like to play in the following division:

- A Division** Majority of players are highly skilled and experienced softball players.
- B Division** Majority of players are least skilled/experienced in playing softball

Teams will be assigned a division based on previous playing experience and results in the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Softball League combined with what is noted on the team's registration form.

We hereby apply for admission to the Coed 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:

Place an 'X' in the slot(s) your team **CAN PLAY**.
There is **NO** guarantee that your request will be honored.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:00 pm				
7:15 pm				
8:30 pm				

Also, specify any particular date and time your team **CANNOT PLAY**: _____

Payment 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
Check made payable to: **City of West Lafayette**

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-and-recreation/get-involved/park-recreation-and-programs/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 or the League Director 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.

**WEST LAFAYETTE PARKS AND RECREATION
2024 COED SOFTBALL RULES**

1. LENGTH OF GAMES

- A. League play will begin on May 13.
- B. Games will start at 6:15 and 7:45 PM, Monday through Thursday. There is NO grace period. Games need to start at 6:15 PM to ensure that 7:45 PM games start on time.
- C. Time limit: maximum of 1:10. No inning may start after elapsed time of 1:10. If a game is tied that exceeds time limit, then game will be counted as a tied game. THE UMPIRES WATCH IS THE OFFICAL GAME TIME.
- D. There is a twenty (20) run rule after the third inning, a fifteen (15) run rule after the fourth or at the end of any subsequent complete inning.
- E. No game time limit during tournament play.

2. RULES

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

- A. Protests will not be allowed.
- B. A minimum of 4 female, 4 male players are required to play a game, unless both teams agree to play. If both teams agree to play, the results of the game stand as played. A maximum of 5 female and 5 male players may be on the field.
- C. Home plate is considered to be a force play, when a runner crosses the white strip halfway between home and third base called the "Line of No Return". Once the runner crosses this "Line of No Return" the force play exists at home and the runner may not return to third base. Sliding into home plate is *NOT* permitted; runner will be ruled out.
- D. When a play is made at home plate, runners must touch the mat behind the plate and fielder must receive the ball with contact on the home plate. Runners will be called out if they touch home plate, and fielders will be called for interference if they receive the thrown ball with any contact on the mat. (If a close call is not anticipated at home plate, then the runner may touch home plate or the mat).
- E. If there is a play at first base the runner must use the orange base (if available).
- F. Last day to add names to rosters is July 11.
- G. A game is considered complete after four (4) complete innings.

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 prior to the game.

6. PITCHING AND INFIELD REGULATIONS

- A. First inning – 5 warm-up pitches, infield warm ups allowed, maximum of one minute.
- B. Second inning to game completion – no warm-up pitches nor infield warm-up unless the game is delayed or pitcher is injured.
- C. Relief pitcher shall have 5 warm-up pitches.

7. INJURY RULE

- A. An injured player may be replaced by a player from his who normally could not return to the game.

8. COED RULES

- A. A minimum of 3 females must play infield positions (any combination including pitcher and catcher) and 1 female an outfield position.
- B. If a male is walked with a 4-0 count, he will advance to second base. If runners are on second, or second and third they would each advance one base. The female batter is always required to bat.
- C. The number of batters must be equal to or greater than the number of fielders.
- D. A courtesy runner may be used once and only once per inning for each gender. The courtesy runner is the first available player of the same gender ahead of the player being substituted for in the team's lineup. Example: Male batter #5 in the lineup strikes out. After female batter #6 in the lineup bats, male batter #7 in the lineup reaches safely on a single. Therefore, the courtesy runner becomes male batter #5 in the lineup.
- E. There is no limit on how many players a team may enter on a batting lineup as long as the batting order is legal (male followed by a female or female followed by a male).
 - 1. A team must finish with the same number of batters that were on the lineup to start the game or it will be assessed outs for each missing position. Example: If a team lists 16 players in the batting lineup, then it must finish with 16 players.
 - 2. The re-entry rule is in effect for all players.
 - 3. If a team does not have a legal, alternating batting order, an out will be taken for each instance where the proper order is not maintained.
- F. With 2 strikes, a foul results in an out.

9. HOME RUN RULE

- A. Any home run hit over the fence batter needs to only touch 1st base.

10. AWARDS

- A. Individual awards and a team trophy will be presented to league and tournament winners. (15 individual awards per team)

11. BLOOD RULE

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

12. TOURNAMENT PLAY

- A. Only those players listed on a team's roster by July 15 are eligible for the tournament.
- B. If requested, player will need to provide picture identification (i.e. driver's license) to verify eligibility. If unable to produce identification player is ineligible.
- C. All eligibility question must be resolved before game begins. Once game starts, no eligibility question will be addressed and the game will be considered official.

West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department
ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAM 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 - 2024 ADULT SOFTBALL TEAM ROSTER

THIS ENTIRE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT CLEARLY IN INK (BLUE or BLACK) OR TYPED.
The Roster will not be accepted if it is not properly filled out or is illegible.

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 _____

• **READ WAIVER BELOW PRIOR TO SIGNING**

PRINT Players Name (First & Last Names)	Phone Number	Address	Signature*
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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, illness 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: _____