

Reidland Farley Baseball & Softball Association
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Coed Adult Softball League

1. Rules

a. Sportsmanship will be a major component of all leagues. Teams, players, team managers, and spectators with poor sportsmanship are subject to ejection and suspension based on the decision of RFBSA parks personnel and management. b. RFBSA reserves the right to overrule, edit, add, or remove any rule found in these rules for the betterment of the league. c. If a player is injured by a line drive, the bat and ball will be removed from play by the umpire and kept by RFBSA staff until they can be inspected for illegal modifications and a ruling is made. The bat will be returned after inspection. d. NO provocative team names/shirts. Please keep it FAMILY FRIENDLY.

2. Inclement Weather

- a. If in doubt of a game being played due to weather, check with your team manager, all information will be updated in the groupme conversation, or call (270) 898-6575 after 4:00 PM.
- b. All on-field weather determinations will be made by the RFBSA board before and in-between games. The umpires will make weather determinations during games.
- c. We will utilize Saturday's for make up games, and/or add rain out games at the end of the season. If we can not squeeze them in during the week.

3. Game Times

- a. Tentative game times are 6:30pm, & 7:45pm, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's at RFBSA Field 1. RFBSA will do their best to reschedule games canceled due to weather. Make up games will be posted in the team managers group me conversation.
- b. If a team needs to forfeit a game, please have your team manager contact your RFBSA president through groupme, so we can notify the other team at least 2 hours before game time, if possible.
- c. Game times are subject to change only with RFBSA approval.

4. Player Eligibility

- a. Individuals who play professional baseball/softball are not eligible to participate.
- b. On all teams, men and women must be 18 years or older before the date of the first game of the season in order to be eligible to play. If a participant is injured, and your age is determined to be under 18 years old, all players on the players team will be suspended from the league indefinitely. Age restrictions are set in place, to protect you. RFBSA will not be held responsible for players who are deceitful with their registration forms.

5. Players

- a. Each team roster can consist of a maximum of twenty (20) players and a minimum of ten (10).
- b. The team manager may add/remove players to the roster after registration. In order to do this, you will need to contact the RFBSA president. A player will not be eligible to play until a player waiver is completed, and RFBSA approves the player. (If a player is removed from your roster, you may NOT add this person back at any point during the season.)
- e. RFBSA will keep a copy of all rosters, including any edits to rosters. Picture identification must be available at all times, in the event that an RFBSA staff member calls for it. Roster checks are handled on the field, without a protest fee. This is a fun event, let's keep it fair.
- f. Players must play at least 2 regular season games in order to be eligible for post-season tournament play. Rosters are frozen at the conclusion of the regular season. No changes will be made for the tournament.

6. Illegal Players

- a. Any player under the age of 18 years old.
- b. All players can only be on ONE roster.
- c. Any player who is not listed on your official roster, or has not completed their individual player waiver.
- d. Any add on players must be approved with RFBSA president before they can play a game.

7. Individual Player Waiver Forms

- a. All players must complete and sign the Individual Player Waiver before being allowed to play.
- b. Team managers are responsible for ensuring all players on the team have filled out and signed the form.
- c. All forms must be submitted by the first game.

8. Schedules

- a. Only RFBSA has the authority to change or alter season schedules. Schedule will not be changed due to conflict with any other league play.
- b. Schedules will be made available via groupme with your team manager.

9. Game Rules

- a. There will be at least one (1) umpire assigned to each scheduled game.
- b. The home team, listed on the schedule, will be in charge of keeping the scorebook.
- c. A line up must be presented to the opposing team. Line ups must consist of players first and last name. No nicknames.
- d. **ABSOLUTELY NO** alcoholic beverages. **If a team is caught with alcohol in the park before or during a game, they will be asked to leave which will result in a forfeit. If a team is caught with alcohol in the park after their game, they will have to forfeit their next game. It is important that we follow this rule in order to keep everyone safe.**
- e. No tobacco products allowed on fields or in dugouts.
- f. Teams will be responsible for cleaning out their dugouts after each game.
- g. No stealing bases.
- h. No steel or metal cleats.
- i. Only team members are allowed on field or in dugouts, during game play. Absolutely no children.
- j. Players not batting, or on deck, must remain in the dugout during the game with the gate closed.
- k. There will be no infield practice before or during the game. All warm-ups must take place in the outfield before the game.
- l. A courtesy runner may be used for 2 players per inning (one female and one male.) Courtesy runner can be any player who is not coming up to bat within the next three at bats.
- m. Game time is forfeit. A team must have at least four (4) males, and four (4) females present and ready to play at game time. Players 9 and 10 will be an automatic out in the batting line up. If a team has 9 players, place 10 in the batting order will be an automatic out. **In the event that a player is injured DURING game play, and can no longer play, teams will NOT be required to take an out in the line up for that injured player for the remainder of the game, or the game to follow.**
- n. A team consists of ten (10) players, two of these players must play the position of the pitcher and catcher. **Outfield play must consist of (2) females & (2) males. (The ONLY expectation is in the event of an injury DURING game play.)**
- o. Pitchers will be REQUIRED to use a screen. This is NOT optional. **The screen can ONLY be moved 1 foot either direction to allow the pitcher room to pitch.**
- p. A team can add additional players to the end of the line up, if they arrive late.
- q. Teams can bat more than 10 players. Line ups can NOT change during the duration of the game.
- r. Games will be sixty (60) minutes. No new innings.
- s. A regulation game shall consist of seven (7) innings for time limit: whichever comes first. The time limit will begin at the scheduled game time if possible, or 60 minutes from the first pitch. If an inning has started prior to the time limit's expiration, the inning play will be completed.
- t. If a game is tied after 7 innings, or time limit. The game will end in a tie.

u. Four (4) innings constitute a legal game. Four (4) innings of play must be completed or 3 1/2 innings completed in which the away team has already batted in the top of the fourth and the home team is winning. This will be used to determine a winner in case of time constraints, inclement weather, or other safety issues.

v. Home run limit is as followed: Coed League (2) per game. Any home runs after the hit limit will be considered automatic outs. Home runs are considered balls that are hit over the net. If a ball hits the net, the ball is still in play. If the ball hits the net, and is caught by a player, this is NOT an out, and the ball is still in play.

w. Teams are responsible for retrieving any balls that are hit outside of the playing field. If you do not wish to retrieve the balls, teams will be responsible for paying \$6 per ball, or providing gently used game balls with the same specs as the current game balls, after your 4 ball limit per night, in order to continue game play.

x. The following rules will be used when a team is ahead by the following margin: 20 runs after 3 innings. 15 runs after 4 innings. 10 runs after 5 innings.

y. If there is a tie in the standings at the end of the regular season, the following criteria will be used to determine tournament seeding: 1) Head to Head 2) Run differential between teams involved in the tie. 3) Run differential against all teams in the league. 4) Coin toss. **This is ONLY if we follow a seeded bracket for the tournament!**

z. There will be no time limit for the championship game during the tournament. Run rules will still apply. **Two umpires will be assigned for the championship game during the tournament.**

10. Coed League Rules

a. 12" softballs will be used for men and women.

b. Each player will come to bat with a 1-1 pitch count.

c. A team shall consist of 10 players on field. 6:4 format. (men:women)

d. Line ups can not have more than two males in a row.

f. You may bat more than 10 players, however the same male/female format must be followed. Line up can NOT change during the game.

g. If a male is walked with two outs, they receive two bases, AND IF a female batter is next at bat, they may choose to hit, or receive a walk to 1st base.

h. Pitching must have an arch of at least 6', but not exceed 10' from the ground.

i. Catchers are not required to wear catching equipment, and are not required to squat down in the catching position.

j. If a batted ball is hit to the screen, this is an automatic out.

k. **Outfield play must consist of (2) females & (2) males. (The ONLY expectation is in the event of an injury DURING game play.)**

11. Player Conduct Rules

a. No alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs on RFBSA property.

b. No tobacco products allowed on fields, or in dugouts. Including vapes.

c. If any player, coach, or spectator is involved in a fight or situation involving verbal, that person will be suspended per RFBSA policy.

d. RFBSA will not tolerate physical OR verbal abuse to any staff member, umpire, coach, player, or spectator. In order to maintain safety for all penalties have been put in place, and strongly enforced. First time offenders may be suspended for a minimum of 1-year from all of RFBSA programs. Second time offenders will be suspended indefinitely. Any person ejected from a game must leave RFBSA property right away.

e. Any obscene language or gestures of any kind displayed by a player, team manager, coach, or spectator will result in an immediate ejection.

f. Showing respect towards the umpire(s) and RFBSA is an integral part of the success of the league.

g. Umpires and RFBSA have the right to eject ANY player or team for inappropriate behavior.

12. Protest

- a. No protests will be allowed for rule application or judgment calls made by the umpire(s). **Umpire(s) call will stand.**
- b. There is no protest fee to check bats or rosters. Roster checks must be requested before the game, or the point where the player enters the game.
- c. **Umpire(s) have the right to remove ANY bat from game play, at ANY time.**

13. Bat Information

- a. Players may only use bats that are OFFICIAL softball bats. **NO SENIOR OR ULTRAS.**
- b. A bat check can be requested before or during the game. The umpire will conduct the bat check, and may consult with the RFBSA. They will look for the following conditions to determine if it is legal. 1) In safe playing conditions. 2) Determined to not have been altered. 3) Must not be a senior or ultra. 4) Must be official softball.
- c. If a bat is determined to be illegal, it will be removed from the game and the player using the bat will be ejected for the remainder of the present game and next played game.

14. Team Manager Roles

- a. Team managers play a huge role in the success of the league. If RFBSA must contact the team manager in the event of any changes. It is the team manager's responsibility to make sure the rest of the team is notified.
- b. Team managers roles include: 1) Submitting roster, player waivers, and league fees. 2) Distributing all rules and information to players of the team. 3) Responsible for checking the groupme, for updates or changes. 4) Responsible for adding/removing players from the roster. 5) Managing teams conduct while on RFBSA property. 6) Managing the fans conduct while on RFBSA property. 7) Make sure their players are retrieving foul balls. 8) Ensure the team is leaving a clean dugout. 9) Ensure that the equipment being used meets league requirements.

NO INSURANCE IS CARRIED BY RFBSA ON INDIVIDUAL PLAYER IN THE LEAGUE. EACH PLAYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER OWN INSURANCE.

NO TEAM WILL BE PLACED ON THE SCHEDULE UNLESS THE FEE IS PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER REGISTRATION.

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