



DAVENPORT PARKS AND RECREATION 700 W. River Drive, Davenport, Iowa 52802  
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## WOMENS SOFTBALL PACKET

### LEAGUE INFORMATION

1. Leagues offered: (No classification).
  - **Play per registered league, Monday/Wednesday Women's, Tuesday/Thursday Coed, or Sunday Coed.** League play is followed by a single elimination tournament. League play is at Lindsay Park.
  - All teams qualify for the post-season tournament. Tournament Champion receives T-shirts to commemorate the victory.
  - NOTE: All dates are subject to change due to field conditions, but every effort will be made to schedule games on days as advertised.
  - Pitch your own ball league. Women's must be 11in/yellow Balls...They should be ASA stamped, COR 52, 300 compression.
  - One Umpire per game.
  - For further information you may call the Davenport Parks and Recreation Department at 563-328-7275.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Purpose of Activity:

To promote women's softball as a constructive recreational activity for players and spectators of Davenport.
2. Rosters:
  - a. Teams may make roster changes through fifth week of the league.
  - b. All changes made by a team must be handled by the manager or assistant and be made in written form listing team name, player name, address, phone, and city and submitted to umpire at Lindsay Park. A player will not be considered on a roster until the Umpire/Recreation Office receives this written notice.
  - c. All players must be 18 years of age and older.
3. Rainouts:
  - a. **Team managers must call the RAINOUT HOTLINE at 888-3000, after 4:00 p.m.** on days of questionable weather or possible poor field conditions If unsure - call the HOTLINE!!
  - b. If questionable weather occurs after 4:00 p.m., decisions regarding field playability will be made at the ball field by game umpire at first game of evening.





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- c. Games that are rained-out will be rescheduled and placed at the end of the schedule on the night you play (Tuesday, Wednesday or Sunday). E-mails will be sent out with revised schedules, changes and future implications.

Game times that are rescheduled on different days (emergency only) may be played at the Parks and Recreation discretion, with a majority vote by captains.

**LEAGUE RULES**

1. Protests:
  - Must follow ASA requirements with the following exceptions:  
 Written protest submitted to Recreation Office within 1 working day (8:00 - 5:00 pm).
2. Benches: Only ballplayers, 2 coaches and 1 scorekeeper are allowed on the bench.
3. Alcoholic Beverages: All alcoholic beverages are prohibited from the playing field and in or near the dugout area (bench). Any player or coach detected of drinking alcohol during their game, anywhere, may be ejected from the game.
4. Forfeits:
  - a. Failure to have at least **8 players** present at diamond at scheduled game time ready to play. If due to an ejection or injury a team is left with fewer than 8 players.
  - c. **FORFEIT FEE:** If your team is unable to play it is your responsibility to notify the Parks and Recreation office, the opposing team captain, and your league coordinator at least six hours prior to your scheduled match time. This will allow the schedule to be modified as necessary to accommodate the changes. Failure to provide adequate notification will result in a forfeit fee of \$15.00 being accessed to your team which will need to be paid before your next scheduled match. Failure to provide adequate notification a second time will result in your team being dropped from the league and your league fees will not be refunded.
5. Ejections, Suspension, Appeal Process
  - a. Game ejections are categorized as 1) VERBAL ABUSE or 2) PHYSICAL ABUSE.

1. Verbal Abuse





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Players, managers, coaches and favoring fans may receive suspensions for up to a maximum of five (5) years from the date of the violation, for the verbal harassment of game officials, beleaguering of department staff or its representatives or for the use of profanity or any other derogatory remarks detrimental to the operation of the league.

2. Physical Abuse

Players, managers, coaches or favoring fans may receive suspensions for up to a maximum of five (5) years from the date of the violations for physical contact with game officials, department staff or its representatives, other players, fans, coaches or casual observers may receive the same penalties for any damage inflicted on city property, or any other person's personal property.

- b. Incidents in these categories, where suspensions have been issued, shall be reported to reciprocating agencies, of the Quad City Sports Committee and these agencies shall review the person's participation status in their sponsored activities and may impose similar suspensions at that time.

Quad City Sports Committee consists of representatives from:

- Bettendorf Parks and Recreation
- Davenport Parks and Recreation
- Dugout Softball Complex
- East Moline Parks and Recreation
- Moline Parks and Recreation
- Rock Island Parks and Recreation

- c. Also, any incident resulting in a person receiving one (1) year or more of suspension shall be reported to the sport's governing body (i.e. ASA, USVBA or IHSA, and state Park and Recreation Association), and the person(s) involved shall be subject to any penalties or suspensions levied by these agencies.

d. Appeal Process

Any individual has the right to appeal a suspension that exceeds one (1) game. The player(s) will receive written notice of suspension from Recreation Office (if suspension exceeds one (1) game) informing them of





suspension length and (if requested by player), a date/time when a hearing will be held in order for player(s) to appeal suspension.

If a player(s) does not notify Recreation Office, in written form, prior to appeal request deadline, the Recreation Office will assume the player(s) does not wish to appeal suspension as stated.

7. Identification: **All players should have identification available at all games.**

8. Umpire Jurisdiction:

Umpire has complete jurisdiction over any team before, during and after game at umpire's scheduled field (park) of work. Umpire may prohibit player(s) from playing, if in the umpire's judgment he/she feels that the player(s) is intoxicated and incapable of safely playing. Umpire will be the official scorer and is empowered to call a game at any time because of rain, darkness, etc. and game will be called complete if 5 or more complete innings have been played or if the home team has scored more runs in 4 or more innings than the other team has scored in 5 or more innings (does not apply to tournaments). All substitutions must report to the umpire at the time of substitution. Incomplete games will be restarted from point of suspension.

9. Addressing Umpire:

**Only 1 individual, manager or coach (individual at pre-game conference), not player or players involved in call (except player-coach) may discuss a call with an umpire or league official.** Any player delaying a game because of a disagreement is subject to ejection from game. **DO NOT ARGUE WITH THE UMPIRE!**

10. Pre-game Conference:

A designated coach will meet with the umpire at home plate prior to the game to review ground rules and discuss pertinent game information. This individual will be the only person allowed to address the umpire during the game.

11. Home Team:

- Will occupy third base bench.
- Must have their scorekeeper notify umpire of present score after each half inning.
- Must notify umpire and opponent of all substitutions as they occur.





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12. Visiting Team:
  - a. Will occupy first base bench.
  - b. Must have their scorekeeper notify umpire of present score after each half inning.
  - c. Must notify umpire and opponent of all substitutions as they occur.
  
13. Retrieving Foul balls/Homeruns:
  - a. Home team will occupy third baseline and will retrieve any foul ball down the third baseline. The visiting team will occupy first baseline and will retrieve any foul ball down the first baseline.
  - b. The team that hits a homerun or ground rule double over or through a fence will be responsible for retrieving it.
  - c. If the ball bounces over, through or gets stuck in fence, the defensive player should raise both hands.
  
15. Infield Practice and After an Out:
  - a. Pre-game infield practice is not allowed. An infield ball is allowed between innings.
  - b. After an out is made, the ball must be returned directly to pitcher. If the team fails to comply, a ball is called for each throw, including the throw to pitcher.
  
17. Uniforms:

Uniforms or matching tops with numbers are not required but encouraged.
  
19. Throwing Bat:

Any portion of a thrown or released bat, regardless of intent and in the umpire's judgment to be with a force to cause injury, whether contact occurs or not, that enters the home plate area behind the front of home plate and within the width of batting boxes and back to end of catcher's box, shall be ruled: "Dead ball - batter out", all runners return to last base occupied. Further violation will result in game ejections.
  
20. Time Limits:

International Tie Breaking Rule used for extra-inning games and for games tied beyond time limit.





**The time limit for all games will be one (1) hour unless game is tied.** No game will begin after 10:00 p.m. No inning will begin after 11:00 p.m. All games will be played from the point of suspension, if applicable, at the earliest date possible as determined by Recreation Office. Games begin at 6:00 p.m. and are scheduled every 60 minutes thereafter.

21. Warm-Up Pitches:

Three (3) pitches - 1st inning and for first appearance of a new substitute pitcher; two (2) pitches after that.

22. Extra Players (EP's)

**Teams may use unlimited extra hitters in batting line-up.** Guidelines for EP use are as follows:

1. All EP's must be made known prior to the start of the game.
2. EP's may be entered in any spot in the batting order, but must bat in a position that will not violate alternating rule, and will remain in those spots the entire game.
3. If an EP is substituted for (or leaves the game for any reason), at any time, either by substitute hitter or runner, she may re-enter once. The substitute must be a player who has not been in the game.
4. In the event one of the EP's leaves the game, whatever the reason, and there is no eligible substitutes, then the other EP spot must also leave the batting order and the spots in the batting order will be skipped (no automatic out). The penalty for an EP returning to the game illegally shall be game ejection of EP and manager.
5. EP's may enter game on defense for players of same sex.

c. Courtesy runners

1. Courtesy runners may only be used in the case of injury that occurred during play.
2. Courtesy runner will be the last same sex batter not on base.

23. Defensive Positions: by ASA rules

- a. No more than 10 players (including pitcher and catcher) may be on the field at any one time.

24. Outfield Obstruction





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**Outfielders must remain entirely behind outfield line until ball is hit (for ALL batters).** Should this be violated and any runner does not advance one base, the manager of the batting team has the option of 1) taking the results of the play or, 2) awarding the batter first base and advancing other runners if they are forced.

25. Conduct:  
Manager/coach will be responsible for the conduct of each respective team member in or near program area. Failure to control player and/or own supporting spectators can result in game ejection of player and manager and/or game forfeiture.
27. The Davenport Park and Recreation Department reserves the right to exercise any measure deemed appropriate in the interest of preserving the intent of the program, the integrity of the game, and the enjoyment and safety of participants.

