

Carson City Recreation Adult Softball League Handbook



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This handbook is designed to acquaint Softball coaches, managers, captains, players, spectators, umpires, and sponsors with league rules, and conditions of play set forth by the City of Carson City Recreation Division, for Softball leagues run by the Division.

Carson City strives to provide an opportunity for adults to take part in organized and enjoyable athletic programs, offering participants personal enjoyment and physical development in a recreational setting.

It is important that all participants become familiar with the information contained in this handbook. Ignorance of rules and regulations is not cause for reduction of penalties.

Please remember that sportsmanship rates first in our leagues.

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Section I: Registration

- A. Registrations must be received during the registration period and are taken on a first-come, first serve basis. **Full payment is due at the time of registration.**
- B. No person shall be allowed to register if they have a balance due on their account from another Carson City Recreation activity until the entire balance due is paid
- C. Players will be registered within a team with the authorization of the team manager or coach.
- D. Teams must have a minimum of 10 players registered (5 men and 5 women for coed).
- E. All team names must be approved by Sports Program Manager before the start of the season. No profanity, sexual connotations, or alcohol/drug will be allowed in team names.
- F. The league will not be responsible for players whose teams drop out.
- G. Players who are registered under a specific team may not switch to another team.
- H. If a team decides to no longer continue during the league, the players cannot play with another team without payment.
- I. Requests for refunds must be received prior to the posting of the game schedule or five business days before the first scheduled game, whichever occurs first. Refunds and credits will not be processed after this time. All refunds will incur a 10% admin fee and will take up to two weeks to process.

Section II: Eligibility

- A. Players must be 18 years of age or older **AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION** for all divisions.
- B. Players in the Over 40 Division must be at least 40 years old at the time of registration.
- C. Officials and City Staff have the authority to request photo ID from any player to determine the age of a possible participant.
- D. All coaches/ managers will need to submit a lineup card with all eligible players names. In order to be an eligible player, you must be a part of the 10 player team roster, or have submitted your \$5 sub fee, and filled out the sub roster. **ALL UNELIGABLE PLAYERS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING FIELD IMMEDIATELY.** If a legal player cannot fill the illegal player's position, it will be an automatic forfeit and the opposing team will receive the victory.
- E. Players will need to play at least three official games to participate in the playoffs (played games can be in any team). Teams are allowed to register players up to the 8th week (4th week for coed)
- F. Subs must pay the \$5 sub fee every time they participate in a game. Subs may only substitute for one team in a separate division. Players found playing more than the allotted amount of time could be subject to suspension. Teams found using illegal subs could be subject to forfeiture and suspensions.
- G. If you feel that a team is using an illegal sub, please notify CCRD staff immediately. Should you wait until the conclusion of a game to notify CCRD staff of an illegal sub, the outcome of the game will not be changed.

Section III: Uniforms

- A. All players should wear official uniforms. Team's jerseys and shorts/pants must be similar and visible among the opposing team.
- B. Players are not allowed to wear non-sport bandanas, hats, earrings, rings, necklaces, or any other piece of jewelry that can cause injury to the player or players.
- C. Face masks are required for all pitchers

Section IV: Facility Rules/ Misc Rules

- A. No dogs or animals in the facility. All animals will be removed from the facility.
- B. Outside alcohol is not permitted in the facility. One warning will be given, after the first warning you will be removed from the facility for the remainder of the evening.
- C. Although smoking or vaping is permitted in the facility, please dispose of your cigarettes in the cigarette butt collectors. Additionally, no smoking or vaping on the field of play.
- D. Music.....although we all love music, all music must be appropriate (no vulgar or explicate language), and must be played at a volume that is at an appropriate volume (not overly loud). One warning will be given to teams who break these rules, after the second warning, your team will be required to turn the music off for the rest of the evening. If you are required to turn your music off more than twice during the season, your team will no longer be permitted to play music the rest of the season.
- E. Carson City Parks and Recreation is now sanctioned by ASA/USA Softball. There is a three-year transition plan in place so teams and players not required to purchase new bats prior to this season. At the beginning of the 2024 season, any bats stamped with "USSSA" will become illegal bats. All bats must be stamped with the ASA/USA stamp. In regard to softballs, Carson City will continue to use USSSA approved softballs through the 2022 season. Beginning in the 2023 season, Carson City Softball will begin using ASA/USA softballs. For any clarification please contact Scott at schapman@carson.org
- F. With the transition of becoming a ASA/USA sanctioned league, beginning in the 2021 season the required pitch height will be 6'-12' arch on each pitch. For any clarification please contact Scott at schapman@carson.org

Section V: Forfeits

- A. All games must be played as scheduled and both teams must be ready for play at the scheduled game time.
- B. A team that does not show up to play or does not play once meeting the minimum number of players will forfeit. Any team that has more than 3 forfeits in a season maybe come ineligible to continue the season or may not be eligible for the playoffs. Each situation will be evaluated by CCPR Management.
- C. The maximum wait for incomplete teams on the first game of the day is 10 minutes. After this time, umpires will leave the field and call a single or double forfeit.

- D. Teams who abandon the field during a game will forfeit the current game as well as the teams following game in the current season.
- E. Carson City Recreation will **NOT** reschedule league games unless unexpected circumstances occur which prevent the scheduled game or games from being played. Teams that fail to appear at a rescheduled game forfeit the game. All games will be played unless otherwise instructed by Carson City Recreation Supervisor or Sports Program Manager.

Section VI : Official's and Carson City Recreation Staff

- A. All umpires are registered umpires through ASA/USA Softball.
- B. It is the duty of the umpire to administer decisions of the game in accordance with the adopted league rules. It is the role of Carson City Recreation Division to offer and organize the recreation league.
- C. All league games are under the direction of the umpire. Only the team manager or coach may discuss game or program decisions with the umpire or Carson City Recreation Staff.
- D. Every player, coach, team manager and/or spectator must respect the umpires, Carson City Recreation Supervisor, and Carson City Recreation Program Managers decisions, before, during and after the game.
- E. When a player or players are found guilty of direct aggression in which there is spitting involved, verbal threats and/or physical contact against a umpire and/or field coordinator/supervisor, law enforcement will be contacted and the offender will be arrested and prosecuted.

Section VII: Game Protests

- A. Game protests shall be received or considered if they are based on a complaint involving the accuracy of the umpire's judgment.
- B. Any protest should be presented before or during each game through the captains/ managers of the team only.
- C. Notification of intent to protest the interpretation of a rule by the umpire must be made with the umpire during a dead ball, or the protest will not be received.
- D. If a participant receives an unfavorable protest response from the Softball Shift Supervisor, they may be able to protest the game call with the Program Manager. Any decision made by the Program Manager will be final.

Section VIII: Other Suspensions

The Carson City Parks and Recreation Division reserves the right to further suspend individuals who violate the NAME RULES or who causes or incites a fight or brawl, who has repeated violent offenses against other players, staff, spectators, or whose behavior causes NAME PERSON to believe the integrity of program is jeopardized due to the behavior of such person.

Carson City Recreation Division
ADULT SPORTS BEHAVIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Carson City Recreation Division is committed to providing safe and enjoyable programs. Therefore, participants in the adult sports program are held to a standard of behavior. City Staff will administer and enforce these standards. A “no tolerance” policy is instituted for unsportsmanlike behavior and violence. This document is a basic guideline and the Sports Program Manager has the authority and discretion to change or modify the offenses and penalties as needed. Team captains, managers, and coaches are responsible for actions of participants at all times during Carson City Recreation Division programs. The term “participant” includes players, captains, coaches, managers and spectators. Offenses and suspensions will be reviewed and determined by Program Manager and notice of penalties will be handled in a timely manner.

OFFENSE	MINIMUM PENALTY	MAXIMUM PENALTY	ACTION TO RECTIFY	PROBATION
Fighting or physical abuse (or intent to cause bodily harm) of another player, spectator, coach/manager or City employee	Suspension for up to 1 year.	Up to Lifetime suspension from City sponsored adult sports leagues and possible criminal charges.	Serve suspension.	1 year to lifetime, dependent on suspension.
Leaving bench/dugout during an altercation	Player ejection, entire team, manager/coach and/or player 1 game suspension.	Up to Lifetime suspension from City sponsored Adult sports leagues.	Serve suspension. Provide Program Manager with written explanation of actions, ensuring future compliance with City rules.	1 year to lifetime, dependent on suspension.
Damaging City Property	Up to 8 game suspension and financial restitution.	Up to 1 year suspension from City sponsored adult sports leagues and possible criminal charges.	Serve suspension and all financial restitution paid in full.	1 year to lifetime, dependent on suspension.
Verbal abuse, making threats toward or trash talking to another player, spectator, manager/coach or City employee or spitting	Ejection from game plus 1 game suspension.	Up to 2 year suspension from City sponsored Adult sports leagues and possible criminal charges.	Serve suspension.	1 year
Refusal to obey official's decision	Ejection from game plus 1 game suspension.	Up to 1 year suspension from City sponsored Adult sports leagues	Serve suspension.	1 year
Throwing equipment	Ejection from game plus 1 game suspension.	Remainder of adult sports league season.	Serve suspension. Provide Program Manager with written explanation of actions, ensuring future compliance with City rules.	Remainder of league to 1 year.
Illegal use of alcohol or substance	Forfeiture of game, 8 game suspension for player and/or coach. Possible law enforcement involvement.	Up to 1 year suspension from City sponsored adult sports leagues and law enforcement contacted.	Serve suspension.	Remainder of league to 1 year.
Illegal Players	Forfeiture of game.	Remainder of adult sports league season and lifetime loss of coach/manager privileges.	Serve suspension. Provide Program Manager with written explanation of actions, ensuring future compliance with City rules.	1 year
Illegal Equipment Use (bats, metal cleats, etc.)	Forfeiture of game.	Up to lifetime suspension from City sponsored adult sports leagues and notification to sanctioned organizations.	Serve suspension.	1 year

Should you be suspended from a Carson City Recreation League, you may not be an active or passive participant in any capacity for any other league, including youth sport leagues. Suspended individuals are not allowed to be present at a facility (both indoor & outdoor) while that facility is hosting the program/ league/ activity from which they are suspended from. All suspensions will be calculated on a cumulative basis to increase per suspension. Appeals may only be requested if a suspension is 1 year or more. Written notice of an appeal must be received within 2 weeks of issuance of the suspension to the Recreation Operations Manager and include date, time, incident, and reason for appeal. If notice of appeal is not received within the timeframe, suspension will remain.