

WILTON PARKS AND RECREATION ADULT CO-ED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

INFORMATION & RULES

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Games will be scheduled and played at Wilton's City Park located at 401 East Wate Street.

Games will be scheduled on one particular day throughout the season, i.e. every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc.

Under no circumstances will the Parks and Recreation Department reschedule a game on a different day or time except when games are cancelled because of adverse weather conditions or unplayable field conditions. If games are postponed due to rain, they will be made up as soon as possible. Rescheduled game information will be available to managers soon after the rained out game day. Managers will be contacted by the Parks & Recreation Superintendent with make-up information. **MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING THEIR PLAYERS AND INFORMING THEM OF RESCHEDULED DATES.**

Entry fees will not be refunded once league scheduling is completed. Refunds prior to the start of the season will be considered upon request and will not be guaranteed.

The Parks and Recreation department will be responsible for scheduling games, game balls, scorebooks, league standings, and general league administration.

The Parks and Recreation department, the City of Wilton and its agents are not responsible for any injury, accident or loss incurred by a player(s) or spectators as a result of this program. Individuals are encouraged to have personal health/accident insurance to cover injuries that may occur.

Weekly standings will be posted on www.teamsideline.com/sites/wiltonrecreation and our Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Scores need to be reported to the Parks and Recreation Superintendent weekly for standings to be updated. These can be texted or emailed – (563) 506-1174 or krobesson@wiltoniowa.gov

Participants will be responsible for supervising their children.

The Parks and Recreation Superintendent must be notified immediately and in writing when a team changes managers and/or email address in order for them to receive league correspondence.

The Parks and Recreation Department business office is located in the Wilton City Hall, 104 East 4th Street. League business can be conducted Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. All league transactions (rosters, manager changes, etc.) must be conducted at these times.

ELIGIBILITY

Player must be 18 years of age and his or her high school class has graduated. Use of an ineligible player will result in a forfeit.

ROSTERS

Roster forms must be completed and submitted to the Wilton Parks and Recreation department prior to the first game.

Rosters must include the players first and last name, birthdate, the town in which they reside, and a phone number. No rosters will be accepted other than those written on the official form issued to managers at the time of registration. If the rosters fail to meet these guidelines, they will not be accepted.

Team rosters will allow up to 15 players, however, a minimum of 10 players must be carried throughout the season. Team managers will be able to make additions and changes on their rosters up until completion of their 6th game. All rosters become frozen after this date, unless teams need to add a player to meet minimum roster limit.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

USA Softball rules will apply in all situations except for those designated herein. Players must wear shirts and shoes while participating. Team uniforms are not required, but encouraged. Metal spikes are not allowed (including screw-on or screw-in metal tipped spikes).

Alcohol will be allowed in the dugouts, but is not allowed on the field of play.

Managers will be responsible for the conduct of their players and must inform players of schedules, make-up games, league rules and policies.

Parks and Recreation department staff and/or Wilton Police Department staff shall have the authority to remove any player, manager or spectator from the game and park.

Game time is forfeit time. There is no grace period.

No new inning will start after fifty-five (55) minutes from the first pitch of the game.

A pitcher is allowed three warm up pitches the first inning and one warm up pitch each succeeding inning. The ball should be returned to the pitcher after every pitch and put-out in the interest of game time.

Ten players must be used. Teams may use 6 men, 4 women to play. Batting order shall alternate between sexes, with the exception of occasions when males have to bat-to-back. If teams chose to play with 5 men, 5 women the batting order must alternate. A team may begin the game with a minimum of eight (8) players-four (4) men and four (4) women. If a team has nine (9) players, a combination of five (5) women and four (4) men, or five (5) men and (4) women must be used.

A team playing with 8 players will place an automatic out within their line-up. A team playing with 9 players will not have an automatic out.

Defensive positioning must include (2) females in the outfield and (2) females in the infield.

Sliding is allowed, but not required. Both runners and fielders should avoid unnecessary contact.

Games are to be seven (7) innings in length OR the time limit, whichever comes first. All games are subject to the USA Tiebreaker Rule. In regular season play, the tiebreaker will be in effect only after 7 innings have been completed and if the time limit hasn't elapsed. Once the time limit has elapsed and the game is tied, then the game is considered final and a tie will be awarded to both teams. In tournament play, the tiebreaker will be in effect when 7 innings have been completed or the time limit has expired, whichever comes first. Games in tournament play cannot end in a tie – the game must be played to completion. If the game is tied, the USA tiebreaker rule will take effect. Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the lead off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner).

At the end of three (3) complete innings of play (2 ½, if the home team is ahead), the 20 run rule is in effect, the 15 run rule is in effect after four (4) innings (3 ½, if the home team is ahead), the 10 run rule is in effect after five (5) innings (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead).

A game stopped due to an injury severe enough to demand emergency assistance (i.e., ambulance), will be temporarily suspended at that time. The game will resume from that point to the full 55 minutes time limit or its conclusion, whichever comes first.

An oversized carpet/mat will be used to determine balls and strikes. A strike will be called when any part of the ball hits any area of the mat or plate. The pitch height limit will be at 6' and 10'.

Batter will start with a one ball, one strike count. A batter shall walk after three (3) balls and is out after two (2) strikes. A batter is also out if the second strike is a foul ball.

Any eligible player on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner (a male must run for a male and a female for a female). A courtesy runner may be used once per inning per gender. Exception: 1) A courtesy runner is allowed at any time for a player that is injured during the play. 2) Pitchers are allowed courtesy runners at anytime. -If a courtesy runner's time at bat comes up while they are on base, the runner is out, the base is vacated and the person will come to bat.

The pitching distance is 50 feet per USA Softball rules. If a step is taken it can be forward, backward or to the side provided the pivot foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate and the step is simultaneous with the release of the ball.

Five run homerun limit. Any homeruns after limits are reached will be considered an out.

Base Stealing is NOT allowed.

Games will be umpired by other teams. Each team will supply one umpire that will officiate the game scheduled directly after theirs. If your teams are the last scheduled games of the day, you will have to supply umpires for the first games of the day.