

**Minot Recreation  
Player & Spectator Rules and Regulations**

1. All participating teams must pay the user fee to be eligible. Failure to do so will result in his/her team forfeiting.
2. No Smoking on the playing fields or in the dugouts during warm-ups or games.
3. There will be no Beer, Liquor, or coolers allowed at the South Hill Complex or at the Sertoma Sports Complex. This rule is in compliance with City Ordinance and may be policed by the City Police if necessary.
4. Leave all cars and motorcycles in the parking lots or on the street. Do not drive down the malls or on the grass. Failure to abide by this rule will result in tickets being issued.
5. USA Softball rules will govern play of all Minot Recreation League and tournament events.
6. In case of rain please call the MPD Sports Hotline at 852-0820.
7. **The ten-run rule will be in effect after 5 innings in both men's and women's games and the 15 run rule will be in effect after 4 innings, and 20 run rule after 3 innings.**
8. The second team on the scorecard will be the home team. Please print first and last names on the scorecards. The team at bat will be responsible for keeping score.
9. A team may start with 8 players present at game time. If other team members show up they may be put into the line-up at the end of the batting order. There will be no penalty for teams who start a game short-handed. (no outs in the bating order)
- 9B. Teams picking up a player or 2, **must have 8** of their own to start.  
Second the pickups must be announced to the other team's manager or the umpire. If announcing to the umpire, the umpire will then ask the other manager if they can be used.  
Third the manager not using the pickups must ok the pickups of the team using pickups.  
If the other team does not allow the pickups that is ok, but if they do than it is a game and there is no complaining about the pickups.  
Pickups must be on a sanctioned USA Softball Roster.

10. Any team that forfeits three doubleheader league nights will not be allowed to finish the season.
11. Any player who is ejected from a game will have to sit out the remainder of that game and the next 2 sanctioned games (whether it is a league game or a tournament game) the second ejection = 4 game suspension and the **Third Ejection = season suspension. Warnings are not necessary before any ejection.**
12. A player or manager may be ejected from a game for:
  - Addressing or questioning the umpire persistently in regard to his/her decisions.
  - Making derogatory remarks about or to an umpire.
  - Committing acts which are derogatory to the umpire or which tend to influence his/her decisions.
  - Making personal or derogatory remarks to an opponent.
  - Un-sportsmanlike conduct by spectators of players. Ex: throwing the bat, glove, or ball in disgust. Yelling obscene remarks to other teams or spectators.
  - Intentionally trying to intimidate or injure another player or umpire.
  - PROFANITY!!!!!!

Any player using abusive or threatening language towards any umpire, scorekeeper or supervisor will be suspended for a period of a minimum of three nights or 6 games, up to indefinitely. This will be decided by the Recreation office.

Any player that pushes or strikes an umpire or supervisor will be suspended for the season and up to indefinitely and may only be reinstated after they have appeared before an MPD Board.
13. If players are found fighting on the field or at any of the Minot Recreation Facilities they will be suspended from all MPD activities until a hearing is Conducted by a Minot Park Board.
14. The team manager is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and its spectators. Any player found to be playing while intoxicated will be asked to leave the playing field area. Failure to do so will result in his/her team forfeiting.
15. The Minot Park Board and its administrators may at any time add or change a rule which is deemed necessary or needed. Also, the same people will rule on any regulation or question of the rules not covered by the rules set forth.

16. If a participant destroys or damages property, they will be held liable for the replacement or repairs. Failure to do so will result in the person being suspended from all activities.
17. Minot Park Board policy is determined by the MPD Board of Directors and they have final authority over rules and regulations.
18. MPD is not responsible for any injuries incurred by the participants or spectators while involved in Recreation activities. Participants play at their own risk.
19. 11 Nights or 22 games will be scheduled to get 10 Nights or 20 games in. No Make up games will be played after the last USA Softball of North Dakota State Tournament.
20. All batters will start with a 1- ball, 1- strike count. There will be **NO** courtesy foul. This will apply for both men and women.
21. All rostered players (on your team) that show up to a **league** game can bat. So, if you have fifteen players show up fifteen players can bat. Teams still must have at least eight fielders to stat a game. (**This rule is for MPD League play only**)