

W.H. ADULT SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2022

FEES

The entry fee:

Sunday Morning Single Wall Demarini Steel Bat league \$200.

Monday Wooden Bat, Women's league, Thursday Single Wall Demarini Steel Bat League New ! (2021) Wednesday Co-Ed, Wednesday Men's Over 50 \$250.00 (2022)

Umpire fees: 2 umpires \$30.00 per team. 1 umpire \$20.00

These fees include the USA Softball liability insurance coverage fee and softballs and scorebooks for the season. One dozen softballs.

2023 balls will no longer be supplied. You must purchase your own

Checks are to be made out to the WEST HAVEN PARKS AND RECREATION (WHPR). (2021) All fees must be paid in full by Fri March 4. Rosters due when you pick up the balls.

**SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE BY APRIL 8.
TENTATIVE START SUNDAY MAY 1.**

Players must be 18 years or older or a high school graduate in the current year is eligible. Two forfeits will result in suspension from this league and loss of all fees.

If a team changes sponsors, the new team must retain a minimum of 51% of the players on the previous year's roster in order to assume membership in the league.

Any questions arising concerning the eligibility of a player must be submitted to the League Supervisor at the Parks and Recreation Dept.

The Parks and Recreation Dept. will reserve the right to check rosters at random if questions arise.

It is the player's responsibility to notify the Parks and Recreation of any changes in address, phone number, after original rosters have been submitted.

FOREIT RULE:

Teams that forfeit a game are responsible to pay umpire fee for both teams \$30.00 per umpire if two. \$20.00 per team for one. If that's not done on the field you have 72 hours to come to the Park Rec Office with the fee (cash only). Two forfeits will result in expulsion for the league.

GAMES RULES/PROTESTS AND SCHEDULING

ALL LEAGUES WILL BE USING 70 FT. BASES(2014)

Any player seen by an umpire drinking ALCOHOL before a game will be asked not to play. Refusal will result in forfeit of game and umpire fee will be paid by guilty team. Continuous abuse of this rule by any team will result in removal from the league for remainder of season.

Teams are responsible to pick up all of their trash. Teams not following this rule will forfeit your next game and may be removed from the league if it continues.

Once the league schedules are finalized, no games will be rescheduled. If teams need to forfeit must give at least 24 hours' notice and not be charged a forfeit fee. Sunday morning must be reported before noon the Friday before.

HOME RUN RULE:

Sunday, Wed Over 50, Thursday 3 HR
Women, Monday Wooden Bat unlimited.

Home team will be determined on your schedule: The home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook.

All games will start on time, with a 10 min. grace period for the first game ONLY No field is open before 5:00 p.m. weeknights and 8:00 a.m. Sundays. Teams must start play if they have at least 9 players as long as it is not before scheduled starting time.

Each team will furnish one new ball. Teams not providing new ball will forfeit the game.

Teams caught using illegal players will forfeit the game and be eliminated from play-off play. Managers will also be suspended for a year.

Each team will be required to pay umpires \$30.for two \$20.for one each prior to game time. If forfeit occurs, under no circumstances will non-forfeiting team be obligated to pay umpires.

Foreiting team is responsible to pay umpire fee for both teams.

Games officiated by one umpire will remain \$40.00 (\$20 per team).

Home teams will be expected to remove new in ground bases at Carrigan.

No metal spikes will be allowed.

RUN AHEAD RULE: 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings(change 2017) pertains to all leagues. Home team must have last at bats unless they are the team leading

Teams will be allowed to bat 12 batters 2 extra hitters (E.H.). No E.H. will be added after the game begins. Teams must tell umpires prior to the start of the game how many players will be batting. The same rule applies to 12 batters as 11. You must finish with same number you started (unless someone is injured). Both E.H.s may play in the field as long as the batting order does not change.

If a player is injured that position will be considered an out when their time comes up to bat. Unless you are able to replace that player with a player on your roster. If a player is ejected you must have a player to replace them or the game will be forfeited.

Teams may start with 9 players and add a tenth at any time that will bat last. An 11th and 12th. player may only be added before the team goes through the lineup after games begin. **No non roster player will be added to make a 10th. player. Less than nine players is considered a forfeit.**

Foreiting team is responsible to pay umpire fee for both teams.

All leagues will be using a 1 and 1 count rule. This means each batter will start with 1 ball and 1 strike when they come up to bat. NO EXTRA FOUL BALL.

ALTERED BAT RULE: PLAYERS CAUGHT USING AN ALTERED BAT OR USING A DOUBLEWALL BAT IN A SINGLEWALL LEAGUE OR A HARD BALL BAT IN THE WOODEN BAT LEAGUE WILL CAUSE HIS TEAM TO FORFEIT OUT OF THE LEAGUE AND LOSE ALL FEES. THE PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY ON ANY W.H.A.S.L TEAM.

The blood rule will be strictly enforced; any player with an open cut or blood on their uniforms will be asked to take care of the problem or will be forced to leave the game.

As a safety measure, no children or spectators will be allowed in dugouts or on player's benches during game.

USA Softball rules will apply unless stated differently in City rules. Umpires shall be sole judges in interpreting the rules during a game.

Teams will be expected to carry a copy of their up to date roster for every game.

ROSTERS ARE FROZEN ON FRIDAY JUNE 10.

No changes can be made after this date

CONDUCT

Players will be ejected from the game for unsportman like conduct or verbal abuse toward umpires. Any player ejected from a game will receive a one game suspension from their next game (*including playoffs*) in the league in which the infraction occurred. A second infraction will result in an automatic suspension from ALL league play for the remainder of the season and may be subject to more severe penalties.

A “casual profanity” rule will be in effect. This rule is to discourage players from using language that others (children, neighbors, etc.) feel to be offensive. An outburst is to be considered flagrant, if the word(s) carry into spectator area and can be heard clearly and distinctly.

PENALTY: a warning to the offending team on the first violation, ejection to the offending player on the next violation. Please look to vent tempers/ angers in another manner.

Teams caught drinking alcoholic beverages on the field or on the bench will be forfeited from league play and loss of all fees. Please place any trash in barrels provided to help keep our fields free of unsightly debris. Players drinking before games will not be allowed to play.

Drinking of alcoholic beverages on municipal property is against city ordinance

PROTESTS

An umpire’s judgment is not grounds for protest. The manager or captain of a team protesting must notify the umpire and manager of the other team that he/she is playing the remainder of the game under protest. This notification must be made at the point of actual occurrence of the claimed miss-interpretation of the official rule or rules governing the league and the umpire must attend to proper recording of protest in the official scorebook. The umpire should announce in a clear tone the score of the game and that the remainder of the game is being played under protest.

Protests shall be submitted in writing to League Supervisor, at the Parks & Recreation Dept. within 24 hours after the game in question. A check in the amount of \$35.00 must be submitted with the protest. If the protest is valid the check will be refunded. All A.S.A. rules for protest procedures will be enforced.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, every effort will be made to make the fields playable. As some fields drain better than others do, if the majority of the fields (2) are playable the games will be played as scheduled. If it is necessary to postpone games, we will make every effort to makeup all games. In order to do this; there exists the possibility of having to play games on a day/night other than your regular scheduled game.

In case of inclement weather players should check the website www.whparkrec.com or the West Haven Adult Softball facebook page. **Managers will be informed by text message and should contact team members. No decisions will be made until after 4:00 pm or weekdays 8:00 am on Sundays. NO MESSAGE MEANS GAMES ARE ON AS SCHEDULED.**

Under no circumstances are managers or players to call league officials at home regarding whether fields conditions. Contact only through the Park-Rec. Dept. if any questions arise.

The Public Works Dept. will be the sole judges as to whether or not fields are playable. Any team playing on fields, which have been determined, unplayable will be automatically eliminated from any play-off competition.

CHAMPIONSHIPS/PLAY-OFFS

The loss column will determine league champions primarily. If a tie occurs for league champions, head on head could be a determining factor as long as one team beat the other one twice. Run difference will not decide championship only play-off positioning. Each league and playoff winners will receive a trophy.

All leagues will play in a double-elimination year end tournament will all teams participating. Teams will be expected to pay the umpires for all playoff games

Playoffs will be the 1 seed plays the last seed etc. Seeds will be determined as follows:

- a) How teams involved fared against each other during regular season.
- b) Total runs scored subtracted from total runs scored against.
- c) Picked from a hat if no determination can be made.
- d) **Seeds will not change during playoffs. Seed is determined by regular season record.**
- e) **The higher seed team will always play the lowest seed team remaining the playoffs. (2021)**

Play-off positions and brackets will be posted on the website.

The winner in each lower division will move up to a higher division and the last place team in each division will move down one division.

Teams must use players on their roster for playoffs. You will not be able to add anyone from another team to avoid forfeit like you are able to do during the season. Managers must have up to date rosters and the ability to prove who the player in question is.

LEAGUE SUPERVISOR HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE RULE CHANGES THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED DURING THE SEASON.

All rosters are frozen on Friday June 10. No players will be added to any roster after this date.

SINGLE WALL Demarini Steel BATS: (2020)

Sunday and Thursday Leagues will use ASA approved single wall bats. Players caught with an altered bat or a bat that has been tampered with for better performance or using a bat determined to be a double wall will be immediately suspended from West Haven Adult Softball Leagues with a lifetime ban.

Women's League will be required to use only bats that appear on the USA softball approved list. www.usasoftball.com.

Beginning in 2020 all single wall bats used on Sunday and Thursday will be the Demarini Steel bat only.

BAT RULES

All bats must have the ASA Certification and must not be on the Non-Approved list.

Wood bats must also be ASA approved. Softball bats only

Any player caught using an altered bat will force his team to forfeit all league games and face a permanent ban from W.H.A.S.L.

ADDITIONAL RULES

Team managers will receive text messages such as cancellations, game change etc. The message will pertain to only your league.(2014)

Teams will pay all umpire fees during playoffs/ balls will still be supplied. (2014).
(2023) teams will provide team balls for playoffs.

Teams with less than 9 players: The team manager of the other team has the right to play or take the forfeit. That manager will also pick the player to make 9 players provided the player wants to play. *Teams may only add a ninth player. When and if a roster player shows up they will be put in the lineup and the substitute player will be removed. Teams may only add 1 non roster player. Teams with less than 8 or less players will forfeit the game. (2016)*

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER POLICY

AFTER 4:00P.M. WEEKLY OR AFTER 8:00A.M. ON SUNDAYS

The quickest way is check the website at www.whparkrec.com or managers text message.
Managers please message your team with cancellations

12 game schedules for all leagues with a double–elimination tournament will include all teams. (2013)

70 ft. Bases all leagues (2013)

**WOODEN BAT LEAGUES: All bats must have the A.S.A. certified stamp.
NO HARD BALL BATS.**

NO METAL CLEATS.

No more than two runners per inning.

Warley Field: Only the on deck batter out of the dugout.

***Pick up all your trash (including empty cans) before leaving the field and
be respectful of the surrounding neighbors.***

**IF YOU FORFEIT A GAME REMEMBER YOU HAVE 72 HOURS TO PAY
UMPIRES OR COME TO THE OFFICE**

**THE WEST HAVEN PARKS AND RECREATION WILL DO WHAT EVER WE
CAN TO PLAY EVERY SCHEDULED GAME. (Including doubleheaders if
possible) BUT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL GAMES IF DEEMED
IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE UP AND WOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON THE
SEASON OUTCOME**

