

INVERNESS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT RECREATION
SOFTBALL RULES – 2019

7-3 CO-ED SOFTBALL – Each team will consist of 10 players, 3 of whom must be women. A team may play with 8 players, 3 of whom must be women. **If a team bats more than 10 players, they must bat 12 players, one male and one female.** When a male walks with less than two outs, he is awarded second base if the next batter is female. That female must bat. With two outs, the male is still awarded second base, but the female has her choice of walking or hitting.

1. These rules will only supplement the official softball rules as adopted by the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA).
2. (CO-ED) After three (3) over the fence homeruns by a team in a game, all succeeding fair balls hit over the fence by that team are outs.
3. Game times are 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. There will be a 10-minute default if a team is not ready to play. If a game is started late, the length of the game will be shortened accordingly.
4. All players must have signed the Roster and Liability Release. No player may play on more than one team when a company has more than one team in a league.
5. All teams' members **must have numbered shirts of the same color. No jewelry is allowed.**
6. Games will be played to 7 innings or for 1 hour, whichever comes first. If an inning has started before the hour time limit, that full inning will be completed. Note rule #3
7. All leagues have free substitution. Players may be substituted in and out of the game, but must always bat in the same order in the lineup.
8. A game that ends in a tie will remain a tie. There are no extra inning games.
9. The field boundary line is the extension of the fence.
10. Co-ed leagues: All outfielders must remain behind the 175-foot arc until the ball is hit. Penalty: If an outfielder crosses the arc prior to the ball being hit, a dead ball will be indicated by the umpire and the batter will be awarded the first base and all runners will advance one base.
11. Run rule: If a team is ahead by 10 runs after 5 full innings, or the home team is ahead by 10 runs after 4.5 innings, the game will end with the win going to the team ahead.
12. Both teams will keep score. The winning team must input the scores on the website. **Scores not reported 24 hours after a game will be scored a tie.**

13. Each team will bring a restricted flight ball in good condition to each game. Each team should also have a new ball available in case the umpire rules that the other ball is in poor condition. (Red or Gold Stitching)
14. The umpire must be notified if a captain wishes to play a game under protest. A protest must be in writing and include: the umpire's name, the date, the time, the teams involved and the nature of the protest, with proof to back it up. It must be in the Recreation Director's office within 24 hours. No protest will be reviewed or considered if it is based on the accuracy or the judgment of the umpire. A \$25.00 fee must accompany the protest submittal. Protests will be reviewed by the Recreation Director and by the Rocky Mountain Umpires Association.
15. If an umpire does not show up, it will not count as a league game unless you can get someone else to call the game and both captains agree. Please get the agreement in writing.
16. If games are canceled before 4:00 p.m., emails will be sent to the team captains. If games have to be canceled after 4:00 p.m., the umpires will make the call at the field. If the 5:30 p.m. games are canceled, the 6:45 p.m. games are automatically canceled. The umpires will notify the League Administrator if they cancel games.
17. Only captains will converse with the umpire and with the Recreation Office.
18. **No glass bottles are allowed in the park.** The first violation of this rule will result in a one-week suspension with games being called a forfeit. The second violation will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
19. **No alcohol is allowed on the playing field.**
20. Please park only in the designated parking areas.
21. To reserve a softball field for practice, call 303-649-9857 or email laurie@mulhernmre.com. Fields are reserved on a first come, first served basis and may be reserved up to two weeks in advance.
22. The top eight teams will play in the post-season tournament. Trophies will be awarded to the Tournament Champion, Runner-Up and League Champion.