

OTTAWA

The logo features the word "OTTAWA" in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below it, the letters "ORC" are written in white inside a grey oval, which is centered on a horizontal grey line.

RECREATION COMMISSION
Adult Softball League Rules

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LEAGUE AUTHORITY

1. The Ottawa Recreation Commission, its staff, and its agents will not be responsible for any injuries or accidents incurred by players or spectators. The ORC will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
2. The ORC reserves the right to cancel and reschedule games as is necessary to accommodate gym space, field space, other programs, and for inclement weather.
3. Team Managers will be contacted with any cancellation and rescheduling information. It will also be posted on the website, www.orcottawaks.org. It is the team manager's responsibility to notify all other team members.
4. The operation of this league will be fully governed by the policies and regulations set forth by the Ottawa Recreation Commission staff.
5. The Ottawa Recreation Commission reserves the right to forfeit any game or match in which an infraction of league rules has been committed.
6. **The Ottawa Recreation Commission reserves the right to remove any player from competition for directing harmful and abusive language or other inappropriate action towards officials, facility supervisors, ORC staff, and/or individuals of the opposing teams. All ORC personnel have the authority to evict players from the game and/or bench.**
7. No alcohol beverages or tobacco products will be allowed at the Goppert Building, Don Woodward Community Center, USD 290 schools, Forest Park, Orli Cox or any other facilities that the ORC may use.
8. Teams must have the registration form and fee turned in by the registration deadline in order to be placed in the league. Failure to comply will result in being removed from the schedule.
9. Once the schedule is made teams may ask to reschedule a game due to conflict. However once the League games start the schedule is final. (The ORC will **TRY** and accommodate your request however we might not be able to due to circumstances.)

A. Rosters

1. All players must be 16 years or older.
2. The team roster must be turned in prior to the first game.
3. Additional player(s) must be added before playing a league game.
4. A player not on the roster will be considered an ineligible player.
5. Ineligible players used in games subject the team to forfeit games in which he or she has participated

6. All players must play in at least “half” of the league games to be eligible for the league tournament. Any player who does not meet this requirement will be considered an ineligible player and subject the team to forfeit tournament game(s).
7. Players may only play on *one (1) team per league*. This will be strictly enforced. If a team must use a player from another team within their league on the same night, that game is a forfeit. Teams may still play an unofficial game for fun if they choose to do so.
8. Teams may carry a minimum of 8 players.

B. Playing Rules

1. The 2018 United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Rules and Regulations will apply except as amended below.
2. Each team will purchase Softballs from Front Row Sports USSSA approved softballs . Balls will not exceed a COR of .47. No other balls will be allowed in league play. The umpire and the ORC staff will have final authority in determining approval and use of game balls.
3. **Coed-** Teams on the field must consist of 5 men and 5 women. Games can be started with 8 players (4 men and 4 women).
 - If a team has 9 players (4 women-5 men or 5 women-4 men). The vacant spot in the alternating batting order will be an automatic out. If a team starts a game with 9 players but finishes with 8 players, the automatic out will be removed and the team will be able to finish with 8 players (4 women-4 men).
4. **USSSA Stamped bats are approved.** The official bat may not measure longer than 34 inches. Miken Velocit-E Ultra, Miken Ultra II and Miken Velocit-E Ultra bats are banned from ORC softball events.
5. Each game will consist of 7 innings or 55 minutes, whichever comes first. The top of a new inning will not be started after the 55 minutes has expired. In the event of a tie after 7 innings or 55 minutes, extra innings will be permitted to finish the game and determine the winner.
6. The mercy rule will apply: if one team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 3 completed innings or 10 or more runs after 5 completed innings, or the home team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 2 ½ innings or 10 or more runs after 4 ½ innings, the game will be called.
7. It will take a minimum of 8 players to start and continue a game. If a team starts with 10 players, and someone is forced to leave (other than an ejection) the game may continue as long as the team has at least 8 players, no automatic out will be applied.
8. **PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STEAL BASES**
9. **Home Run Rule:** Maximum of 4 per team per game (Men’s Competitive/Coed)
10. **If a player is ejected from the game, the team will receive an automatic out every time he/she is up to bat. He/She cannot be substituted for offensively.**
11. There is a mandatory slide rule. When a defensive player has the ball, or is about to catch the thrown ball and a runner does not make an attempt to slide, they will be out. If, in the umpire’s judgment, the act was flagrant, the player will be ejected.
12. Infield practice is allowed during the pitcher’s warm up.
13. **NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED**
14. Game time is forfeit time. If a team has less than the player minimum, the game clock will start with a 10 minute grace period. After 10 minutes the game will be called a

- forfeit. If the player minimum arrives during the grace period, the game will begin with the time remaining on the clock
15. Profanity, drinking alcohol, & unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated at any time.
 16. **UMPIRE DECISIONS ARE FINAL**
 17. **Records will be based on games won. League tie-breakers will first go to head to head record. If still tied, the tie-breaker will then go to points given up and if it is still tied after that then it will go to points scored.**

C. Forfeits

1. A first game forfeit will be a \$10 fee and a second game forfeit will result in a \$20 fee. Fees must be paid prior to the next game played. If a team has forfeited a total of 3 games, they will be dropped from the league without being refunded. **If a team notifies the ORC office 48 hours prior to the day of the game, it will not count towards the forfeit total and forfeit fees will not be assessed.**

**** THE ORC AND ITS STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY OTHER JUDGMENT ON RULES AS DEEMED NECESSARY ****