



GARDEN CITY
PARKS & RECREATION

Garden City Parks and Recreation

2022 Fall Adult Softball League

Men's - Coed

Information Packet

1. **Registration Deadline** – **Monday, August 22nd @ 5:00pm**
2. **Team Fee** - **\$200 - \$250** after deadline
3. **Player Fee** – **\$20 PLAYER FEE**
4. **League Determination Meeting / Rules Meeting** – **Tuesday, August 23rd @ 6:30pm** - will be held at 310 N. 6th
5. **League Schedules** – Will be posted on gcrathletics.com on **Thursday, August 25th, by 3pm**
6. **Make-Up Games** – Will be scheduled as field space is available. Games will be updated on gcrathletics.com
7. **Game Sites** – Games will be played at Peebles Complex **Games Start – Monday August 29th**
8. **Free Agent Sign Up List** – If you do not have a team to play on, go to gcrathletics.com and sign up on our free agent list. Teams can also call the recreation office to get extra players that have signed up. Teams needing players contact Bobby @ 276-1200.
9. **Softballs** – Teams will hit and retrieve their own balls. Men will hit “Classic M” or “Classic Plus” balls ONLY; *Women* will hit “*Classic W*” balls ONLY!! Teams will receive 6 game balls at their first game to use for the season. Softballs will be available to purchase at the concession stand.
10. **Season** – **10 - game season followed by a single elimination tournament.**
11. **Tournament** – During tournament play, the team with the overall better seed will be the home team for each game.
12. **Game Time** – Games will start on schedule, if you do not have enough players, you can pick up players from other teams to play the game. For each player picked up, the team will be charged \$5 per player and must be paid the following day. Just tell the score keeper and opposing manager you are playing with other players. Will not be a forfeit!!

13. Leagues –	Division	Game Days
	Coed	Monday & Wednesday
	Men's	Tuesday & Thursday

***** Upper and lower leagues will be created during the league determination meeting, make sure you have a team representative at the meeting.**

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

I. League Authority

- a. The operation of the league will be fully governed by the policies and regulations set forth by the Garden City Parks and Recreation.
- b. The Garden City Recreation will not be responsible for any injuries or accidents incurred by players or spectators.
- c. Under no circumstances will the GCPR re-schedule a game for a different day, field, or time unless games are called because of adverse weather condition or unplayable ground. Rain-out games will not be called off until 4:00 pm the day of the game. To find out about your game status you can call the weather hotline at 276-1202 or you can go to our Facebook page (Garden City Recreation). Managers are responsible for calling their players.
- d. Forfeit Fee for games that are not called into Recreation office before 4:00 pm on day of the game will be set at \$35 / team. (Professional Courtesy) Team bill must be paid prior to next scheduled game, or it will be a forfeit.

II. Team Rosters

- a. All players must pay the player fee; sign a roster and waiver of liability prior to participating in a GCPR Adult Softball League.
- b. Participants may pay and play on more than one roster, however; participants cannot be on two rosters for the same league.
- c. Teams can add players to their roster up to the final regular season game. Participants must play in one regular season game to be eligible to participate in the tournament.
- d. All players must be 16 years of age and be able to produce a valid picture I.D for within 5 minutes of a roster challenge.
- e. At no time shall a team roster consist of more than 20 players unless approval has been granted by Athletic Supervisor.

III. Game Regulations

- a. The current U.S.S.S.A. Rule Book will be used with the following modifications.
- b. All Bats Must have the current USSSA Thumb Print on the bat to be used in League Play.
- c. Teams will be allowed a five-minute grace period upon the regular scheduled game time before the game will be considered a forfeit; however, the game clock will begin at the scheduled game time.
- d. Game will be considered a complete game and no new inning may start:
 - i. At the completion of 7 innings or 6 ½ innings with the home team ahead
 - ii. The completion of 55 minutes
 1. After 55 minutes of time elapses teams will complete the inning that they are in unless the home team is ahead at the completion of the top half inning.
 - iii. The run rule will be 15 runs after 3 innings (2 ½ if home team is ahead) or 10 runs after 5 innings (4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).
- e. **A half run will be granted to the visiting team before each game. If the teams are tied at the completion of 55 – minute time limit or 7 complete innings, then the visiting team will be declared the winning.**
- f. **League Tournament – No Half Point Rule**
- g. In the event of adverse weather, a game will be counted as a complete game in 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead or you have completed 4 innings. Games prior to this will start where they were left off.
- h. Women's League – 7 runs or 3 outs will constitute an inning.
- i. Teams must have at least 8 players to start and finish a game.
 - i. Teams may finish the game with fewer players than they started with due to an injury as long as they have a minimum of 8 players remaining in the batting order. No outs will be recorded for players that have left the game due to injury.
- j. Players may re-enter the lineup two times, however they must re-enter in their original spot in the batting order.
- k. A double first base will be used in all GCPR adult softball games. When a play is being made at first base the defensive player must use the white portion of the base and the batter runner must use the orange portion of the base. If either player does not use the correct portion of the bag, the batter runner will be deemed out or safe accordingly.
- l. Courtesy Runners may be used for players for injured players. The courtesy runner must be the player that would bat last after the injured player not currently occupying a base. For example, if the injured player bats 5th in the lineup and the players batting 3rd and 4th in the lineup are currently on base, the player that bats 2nd in the lineup would be the courtesy runner.
- m. Bases will be 65 feet and pitching distance 50 feet.
- n. A pitched ball must arch at least three feet, after leaving the pitcher's hand and before it passes any part of home plate. A pitched ball must not rise higher than ten feet above the ground.

- o. All batters will start with a one-ball, one-strike count upon entering the batter's box. The batter will be declared out after two strikes. There are no courtesy fouls.

IV. Player Ejection and Team Forfeiture

- a. Any player who is ejected from the game, for unsportsmanlike conduct, will be required to pay a \$15 fee in order to participate in their next scheduled game. Fee **MUST BE** paid to lift suspension of participation in any GCPR activity. (*see E and F below for repeated offenses*)
- b. Any team having 2 or more players ejected from a game will result in a forfeit of that game.
- c. Player or team action not covered by the above rules will be covered by the Garden City Parks and Recreation "Code of Conduct" and will be enforced by the league/field supervisor.
- d. If a player is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, they must be replaced by a legal substitute or an out will be call for the vacant spot(s) in the lineup. If a team cannot replace the player with a legal substitute and does not have a minimum of eight players, then that team will forfeit that game.
- e. Any player who is ejected from 2 league games, for unsportsmanlike conduct, will sit an automatic 3 game suspension.
- f. Any player who is ejected from 3 league games, for unsportsmanlike conduct, will be banned from the remainder of the season and must apply for reinstatement to the league the following year.

V. Team Uniform and Player Eligibility

- a. All teams are strongly recommended to have like colored and numbered jerseys/shirts.
- b. **No steal cleats** will be allowed. Shoes are to be molded soles only; detachable cleats or shoes made of hard plastic or polyurethane are not allowed.
- c. **Blood Rule.** A player, coach or umpire who is bleeding or who has blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If said injured person cannot cover up the injury within 5 minutes, that person will be removed from the game.

VI. Additional Player (AP)

- a. A team may insert unlimited APs into their batting order.
- b. The batting order must remain constant; however, any 10 of those batters may take a defensive position.
- c. All batters must be present and on the lineup at the start of the game. If you have a lineup of less than ten (10) players at game time, you may add additional players upon their arrival up to ten (10), into the game at the bottom of the line-up. Once ten (10) players are reached, all additional players must be used as **substitutes only**. Do not list players on your line-up that are not present.

VII. Home Run Guidelines

- a. A home run is defined as a batted ball that exits the field of play over the outfield fence while over fair territory.
- b. Teams will be allowed 5 home runs, once both teams have hit five home runs, we will then use the 1 up rule. Balls hit over the fence that are not allowed to be a home run will be foul balls.
- c. Players do not have to round the bases to complete the homerun. The batter/runner just needs to touch first base.

VIII. Zero Tolerance Rule

- a. There will be zero tolerance for players, coaches and spectators who engage in harassing and/or unsportsmanlike behavior with umpires / officials, other spectators, game supervisors, other players, or GCPR Athletic Staff. Officials, game supervisors and GCPR Athletic Staff have the authority to penalize the player, coach, spectator, or team if an official is sworn at, harassed, argued with, or insulted. Penalties will range from: warning, to ejection from game to suspension from future games and possible forfeiture of the game.

IX. Alcohol

- a. **Alcohol is prohibited in all parks in the town of Garden City.** No player, manager, or team representative can drink alcoholic beverages or have an open container (container with alcohol) on town or city property. Local law enforcement agencies will continue to enforce this policy by issuing citations to participants who violate this policy.
- b. All GCPR fields are tobacco and alcohol-free zones. Tobacco will not be allowed on the field or in the dugouts.

X. Protests

- a. Protests shall be received and considered on matters of: Misinterpretation of a playing rule, failure to apply correct rule to a given situation, failure to impose correct penalty for a given situation. **Judgment calls cannot be protested.**
- b. Notification of intent to protest must be made immediately before the next legal or illegal pitch. Upon notification to the home plate umpire, the umpire shall inform the opposing manager and the official scorekeeper. The scorekeeper shall note in the scorebook "played under protest" and note the spot where the protest was lodged. Immediately after the game, a **\$50 cash protest fee** shall be paid to the field supervisor. Written protest must be

turned in to the field supervisor or Garden City Recreation front desk within 24 hours of the game. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned; if not upheld, the fee will be retained for operation expenses.

XI. Player Eligibility Protests

- a. Protests on player eligibility must be made prior to the contested player's completion of their first at bat prior to the next legal or illegal pitch. If a protest has not been made prior to the completion of the next legal or illegal pitch, that player is deemed eligible for the remainder of the game.
- b. At the time of protest, a fee of \$25 per player protested must be paid to the field supervisor. Players in question found not on the roster will result in a forfeit of the offending team.
- c. Players will have 5 minutes to provide a valid photo id or they will be ruled ineligible for the remainder of the game. The game will continue without the player in question and the team with the player in question will have 24 hours to show proof to GCPR league officials that this player was indeed on the roster. If a team fails to provide proof within 24 hours, the game will be ruled a forfeit.
- d. If the protest is valid, the protest fee of \$25 will be return. If not valid, the fee will be retained for operating expenses.

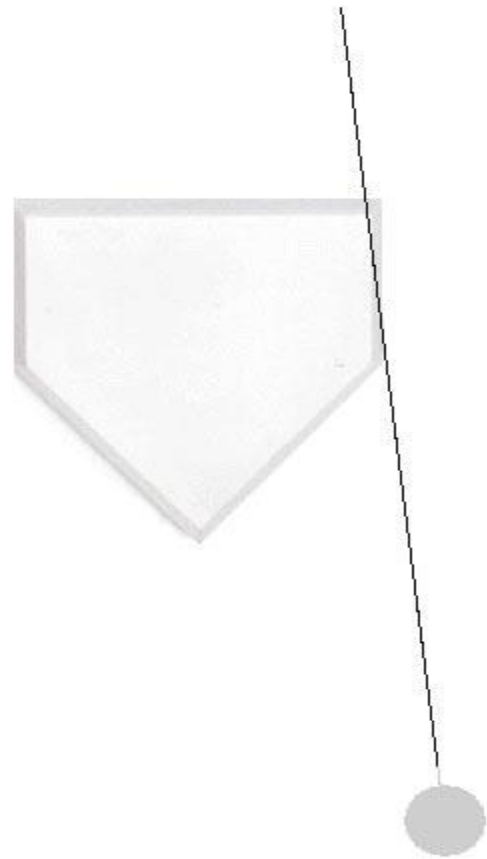
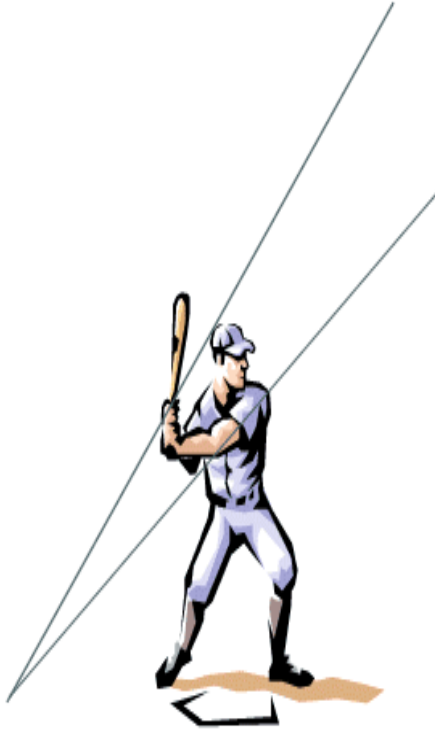
Adult Coed Rules

All the above rules apply with the following additions:

1. Teams will start and finish a game with a minimum of 8 players: 4 female and 4 male. Teams can play with 9 players in their batting order and on the field. It can be 4 men and 5 women or 5 men and 4 women. There are no restrictions to which position they play on the field.
2. Coed Defensive Positions: There is no restriction on positions played in the field; however, you are only allowed to have one additional player of the opposite gender in the field when playing with less than 10 players in the line-up. For example, you can have 4 males and 5 females or vice versa. It is not allowed to have 6 males and 4, however if the opposing team agrees a team can play 6 females and 4 males.
3. The batting order shall alternate the sexes. Every player will be allowed to bat. Teams will turn in two lineups to the scorekeeper, one for women and one for men.
4. There is a NO male dominance rule. A male or female can handle any play.
5. Any walk to male batter (intentional or not), the male batter shall automatically go to second base, the next batter; (a female) will bat. Exception: with two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat. All other runners advance if forced.
6. Courtesy Runners must be of the same gender when used in coed leagues.
7. Coed teams may use unlimited APs, however, only 10 of the batters (5 female and 5 male) may take a defensive position.

Strike Zone

- The strike zone is the space going across the batters body between the batter's forward shoulder and back knee when the batter is adjacent to the plate.
- If a batter is not standing adjacent to the plate, the umpire must make a mental adjustment by taking the size of the batter and visualizing him/her adjacent to the plate. (strike zone will vary with the height of the batter).
- As seen below, two pitches could land in the exact same spot behind the plate with one being a strike and the other being a ball
- Ball must cross home plate. If any part of the ball crosses any white portion of plate, it's a strike (still consider height of ball).





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OFFICIAL LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT ROSTER WAVIER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

TEAM NAME: _____ SPORT: _____ LEAGUE: _____

MANAGER NAME: _____ MANAGER EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE (HOME): _____ CELL PHONE: _____

READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Garden City Parks and Recreation (GCPR) athletic/sports activities, events, leagues, and tournaments, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in the program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury does exist;
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my participation;
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately;
4. I, for myself and on the behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless the GCPR and the City of Garden City, Kansas, its officers, elected officials, employees, agents and volunteers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property.

I have read this waiver, release of liability, and assumption of risk, and I fully understand its terms. I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and I sign it freely and voluntarily without inducement.

TYPE OR PRINT NAME	PLAYER SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	CELL #	Receipt #
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SPONSOR FEE: _____ DATE PAID: _____ RECEIPT #: _____

MANAGER'S VERIFICATION

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge that this roster does not include any assumed names and that each player is eligible to participate in this program. MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: _____