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## **Muskego Women's Softball League**

Rules and Regulations, Etc. (A General Overview)

### **League Rules – 2015**

#### **Team Roster/Waivers**

No accident insurance will be provided for teams or players. Players should have adequate personal health and accident coverage before participating in the league. All players must have a completed the waiver form before participating in the program.

There must be at least 9 players on the field to start a game. There will be a 5 minute grace period to wait for a player if a team does not have enough to begin. Once a game has started, it is legal to continue play regardless of the number of remaining players. However, when it is the missing player(s) turn to bat it will be scored as an out.

If a game is forfeited, team will need to pay **\$60.00** forfeit fee to the Parks & Recreation Department to be deposited in softball revenue account.

#### **League Structure & Game Rules**

**League Chairman, Carolyn Salentine, is the coordinator of this league.** Any issues concerning rules, schedules, league play, or umpires should be address to the League Chairman. Contact information is listed on the league schedules.

Game times are 6:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. months of May and August, 6:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. & possibly 8:15 p.m. months of June and July. All games will last 50 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first. A game is considered complete after 5 full innings. 4 1/2 if the home team is winning. The slaughter rule will be 12 runs after 5 innings are complete.

Tie games – If a game is tied at the end of 7 innings and there is time remaining the game may be continued until the tie is broken or time expires. If the games is tied and time has expired you may play one more inning. If the game remains tied after the extra inning is played, the game will then end with a tied score. Each team will then receive ½ win & ½ loss.

Two (2) called, swinging or fowls is an out. Three (3) called balls is a walk. **The plate and the mat will be used for calling balls and strikes. If the ball hits the plate OR mat it is called a strike.**

Base runners will be allowed one courtesy step. A courtesy step is defined as a single step that causes the foot to leave the base. Base runners cannot advance on a second foul ball.

Pitching arc equals 3' from release--10' arc from ground. When pitching – one foot has to be in contact with the rubber at the point of release of the ball.

**Any team in need of players may pick up to 2 players from another team within the league and must be on the roster form from a team in the Muskego Women's League. Any player you pick-up must sign the back of the umpires score sheet.**

**Umpires will be provided for this league, however if no umpire shows for a game, each team must designate a player to call balls and strikes for their team for the game. Captains must also turn in scores for the game to an umpire on another field or call into the League Chairman.**

One new game ball will be furnished by the league for each game and will be given to the home team at the end of the game.  
**\*\*Home team must supply a playable backup ball\*\*.**

Teams may bat 10 players with one extra hitter (EH). If you start the game with 11 batters you must complete the game with 11 batters. If you lose a batter during the game, the team will be assessed an out when that individual's turn comes up. The EH must be listed on the batting order before the game starts. They cannot be added once play has begun. Pinch runners must be the person who made the last out. Once a pinch runner has been placed on base she must stay out on the field until she either is made out or scores a run.

Re-entry – a player may re-enter a game one time and one time only. **Substitutions – refer to WASA rules.**

Any player who is injured and has visible blood must cover the injury before resuming play. If this is not possible that player must leave the game.

Standing sheets and schedules are available from umpires and on-line (at [www.ci.muskego.wi.us](http://www.ci.muskego.wi.us)). Captains may also call the League Chairman if you have questions.

### **Game Responsibilities & Conduct**

The Parks and Recreation Department will decide all games to be called off due to inclement weather before 4:00 p.m. and put on Hot-line # 679-5645. After 4:00 p.m., umpires, team captains, and/or League Chairman will make the decision. The HOME team of first cancelled or postponed game should notify the rest of the team captains. In the event of games being cancelled after 4:00 p.m., the League Chairman or designee will pick-up and put away bases and mats.

The League Chairman will reschedule all rainouts, as the time and daylight permits at the end of the season and is responsible for determining end of season play off games if needed. The season will end on August 16 per the Muskego Parks and Recreation Department and the Muskego/Norway School District. Formation of divisions will be made by the league manager and is dependant on the number of teams entering the league.

It is the responsibility of the team managers to police the grounds before, during and after each game. After the last game of the night on your diamond, the HOME team shall pick up the bases, strike mat and pitching rubber and return them to the shed at Mill Valley by the #2 diamond backstop. If the bases disappear, the team that was responsible the night before shall have them replaced.

Any contact, bumping, or threats to the umpire or another player during or after the game will bring immediate suspension from league play. A suspended player must come before the League Chairman and the Parks and Recreation Department for reinstatement. This covers before, during, and after all games during the softball season. Suspended players names will be shared with SEPRC (South East Park and Recreation Council).

Appeals must be made after 'time in' has been called by the umpire and before the next pitch is thrown. **Judgment calls cannot be appealed.**

Any protest of any game must be done before the game is completed and must follow WASA rules. Intent of protest must be made to both the umpire and the opposing team. **It then needs to be submitted in writing to the league manager within 48 hours after the game.** The League Chairman will set up a meeting to have both managers of the involved teams present their cases to the League Chairman. A \$15.00 protest fee must accompany all written protests and will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Monies from denied protests will be deposited into Parks and Recreation Department softball revenue accounts.

NO BEER OR ALCOHOLIC beverages are allowed on the grounds at any time. All players, coaches, and umpires shall observe the NO SMOKING rule while on the playing field. Any other smoking rules off of the field should also be followed. **The Muskego Women's Softball League is not responsible for defending anyone who chooses to disregard this warning.**

No team may practice on the City of Muskego school diamonds before they are released by the Parks & Recreation Department. Practice permits are issued by the Parks & Recreation Department on a first come first served basis.