

Caribou & Presque Isle Recreation & Parks

CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL

League Rules 2021

The official rules of the league will be those of the Amateur Softball Association with local rules being added.

- ❖ Games will consist of 7 innings or a time limit of 1:15. A 15-minute grace period for first game only. Game times will be 6:00PM, 7:00PM, & 8:00PM. Some Makeup games may be played at 9PM.
- ❖ **A game is considered a complete game after 4 ½ innings are complete. Any game stopped before 4 ½ innings are completed will be replayed from the start of the game.**
- ❖ Rosters are unlimited; however, a player can only play for one team. If a player decides not to play on a team and wishes to play for another team, they may do so as long as it is before the June 30th deadline. A player may not play for another team after this date in the season. All players must be 16 years of age to be eligible. **A player turning 16 during the season will be allowed to play under certain circumstances. 1. A copy of their birth certificate and their birth date is listed on the roster. 2. The players' signature and parent/guardian signature added to the roster.**
- ❖ **Rosters are due by each team's first game. Changes to the rosters may be made at anytime, but your local league director should be notified the day before a new player plays in a game. If the player is added on the day of a game, both teams must be in mutual agreement for that person to play or that game will constitute to a forfeit. The league director and the State commissioner must approve that player's eligibility. A player must play in at least 3 games during regular season to be eligible for playoffs.**
- ❖ ***New – Teams must submit a lineup card to the plate umpire and make sure late players get put on the card. If a player is not listed on the card more than 3 times, they will be ineligible to play in playoffs.**
- ❖ Line-ups must be male-female alternately. If a team has 14 players show and want to hit all 14, this will be allowed, as long as they alternate and stay in same order.
- ❖ Teams shall have 5 men and 5 women in the field. A minimum of 8 players may start the game, 5 of one gender and 3 of the other. **Teams that begin the game with only 8 players can add late players to their line-up once they arrive. Late players can be added anywhere in the lineup as long as the lineup follows a male/female, male/female or vice versa order. An out will be taken if the slot is empty and will continue to occur every time through the**

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order until that player arrives. All lineups must have 10 spots in their lineups regardless of how many players are playing.

- ❖ Teams with under 10 players may pick up a player if not on someone's roster.
- ❖ Batters will start out with a 1-1 count as soon as they step into the box.
- ❖ Pitcher's arc is 6ft – 10ft.
- ❖ Teams will be allowed to have a DH as well as an extra hitter. If the DH is used in the field, the DH spot will be terminated.
- ❖ Base Paths will be 70 feet.
- ❖ Courtesy Runner will be allowed for an **injured** player only. The player of the same gender, who made the previous out will be the only player able to run for the player being ran for.
- ❖ No metal cleats.
- ❖ Absolutely no jewelry that could cause bodily injury to you or someone else can be worn. Ex. Watches, earrings with hoops, chains etc.
- ❖ **Home Runs and 1 rule: Each team is allowed 2 home runs. Once each team has hit their limit of 2 home runs, a team may hit a third without it being counted as an out. The opposing team may hit a third as well. No team can go up 2 home runs on the other team or they will be counted as an out.**
- ❖ Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award. The next batter (female) will bat. EXCEPTION: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.
- ❖ Sliding will be allowed at home as well as on the bases. Catchers cannot block the plate or stand on or in front to block unless they have complete control of the ball. At that point, a runner can slide or give himself/herself up. If a runner happens to go in full speed and makes contact with the catcher it will be referred to as interference with the fielder. First team offense will result in an automatic out. Second team offense will result in player ejection. If the play in the umpire's view was malicious, the player will automatically be ejected. Repeated and/or severe offenses may necessitate removal from the league. If the call is obstruction by the catcher, the run will count. If the call is thought to be intentional, the fielder may be ejected from the game.
- ~~❖ The ASA rule of male/female pitcher/catcher, 2 males/females in infield and outfield is in use. Teams must only have at least 5 players of each gender on the field.~~

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- ❖ The ASA rule of male/female pitcher/catcher, 2 males/females in infield and outfield is NOT in use since 2015. Teams may play fielders in any position, BUT CANNOT SWITCH POSITIONS DURING THE INNING. A Pitcher may change to another position during the course of an inning.
- ❖ Inability of a team to control players on the field of play may result in a forfeit.
- ❖ Both the Caribou and Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Departments have a zero tolerance policy for the use of alcohol or controlled substances at any of their facilities. Any team sited with the use of any such product during the course of league play will terminate their right to play in the league for the duration of the season. The league will allow an appeal process however all decisions regarding the appeal will be final.
- ❖ Casual profanity rule adopted by A.S.A. will be in effect.
- ❖ Teams are asked to keep children out of the players' bench area and away from play. This is the captain's responsibility and is a safety concern.
- ❖ If a team forfeits three nights of play, it will be automatically dropped from the league and will forfeit its' registration fee.
- ❖ It will be mandatory for all outfielders to start on the grass until a ball has been hit. A team with a fielder playing in front of the grass, on the dirt infield will constitute into a warning for the 1st offense and then be followed by the sportsmanship rule.
- ❖ Traveling teams will play at 7pm and 8pm timeslots if at all possible. Some occasions due to inclement weather/make-up games may be played at 6pm.
- If a player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, he will not be eligible to play his team's next game. A second ejection will result in a three game suspension. The third ejection will result in that player's expulsion from the league for the remainder of the season.
 - a. Any 3rd ejection (for reasons other than physical contact) for the season, the player/player's will be suspended for the rest of the year with probation the following year. **Probation:** Any ejection the following year during probation, will result in a one-year suspension from the date the incident occurred and that player will have to go through an appeal process with league administrators for a possible return to the league.
 - b. **Any ejection for having illegal substances** (alcohol, tobacco, drugs) on any premises, police will be called and player/player's will be suspended from the league for the rest of the season and put on probation the following season.

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Ejections for Physical Contact – If a player is ejected and suspended for intentional physical contact, (punching, pushing, spitting, kicking, tripping) that player/player's will be suspended from the Caribou and Presque Isle Men's and Coed Leagues for 3 years from the date of the incident. The ASA commissioner for Northern Maine will hold an ASA hearing prior to the suspension being up before that individual may be considered back into the league.

❖ **Reminder: Teams may not play down a player after play has started due to the cause of an ejection. A sub must enter in his spot. If no sub is available to enter in that spot, the game will be forfeited. Teams may only play down due to injury.**

❖ New 2018 The 12" ball will be the only ball used in coed.

Rule 3 Section 6 Exception: Men's D Slow Pitch, Men's E Rec Slow Pitch, Women's Open Slow Pitch, Women's C and D Slow Pitch and Coed C and D Slow Pitch: the only uniform requirement is matching shirt with number.

❖ Coed – July 16-18 in Bangor

Ground Rules

Pine St.: Imaginary line from corner of the backstop to the outfield fence for inbound area. Left field the line should pass in front of the swing set area. Two bases for balls hit through any gate.

❖ **End of Season Playoffs TBA.**