

2026 Colby Recreation COED Softball League Rules/Regulations



1. LEAGUE INFORMATION:

- a. Limit of 2 current softball/baseball players allowed per team. That can mean 2 guys or 2 women, or 1 of each, but no more than 2 current softball/baseball players per team (College Letter Winners)
- b. All players must sign a roster and waiver of liability prior to participating in this league. Teams can add players to the roster up to their final regular season game. Participants must play in at least 1 regular season game to be eligible for the double elimination tournament. Participants may not play on more than one team or be on more than one roster.

2. Games

- a. Home team will be determined by the schedule.
- b. Games will be (7) innings and every batter will begin with a 1-1 count. No new innings may be started after 55 minutes. To keep games moving along, it is advised to show up at the field 10 minutes prior to game time. This league will use a half point rule during regular season play. That means that a half run will be granted to the visiting team before each game. If the teams are tied at the completion of 7 innings or the 55-minute time limit, then the visiting team will be declared the winning team of that contest. This half run rule will not be in affect during postseason play.
- c. The Recreation must be informed of any pre-game forfeits before 3 pm the day of the games. Teams forfeiting will be charged a fee of \$30 if they fail to follow this policy and will need to be paid before their next scheduled games.
- d. The decision of all umpires is final. There shall be no appeal. Any questions may be made to the umpire in charge in a sportsmanlike manner prior to the next pitch from the team captain. Any unsportsmanlike actions or language can result in ejection of the player or coach from the game.
- e. Home Run Limit – A home run is defined as a batted ball that exits the field of play over the outfield fence while over fair territory. Teams will be allowed 5 home runs. Once both teams have hit five home runs, we will use the one up rule. Balls hit over the fence will after the home run limit has been reached will result in an out.

- f. A game is considered run ruled when one team is leading another by fifteen (15) or more runs after three (3) complete innings or when one team is leading another by ten (10) or more runs after (5) complete innings.
- g. **Pitching-Slow pitch bases will be 70 ft.**, the pitching rubber will be 50 ft. from home plate. The pitching motion must be underhanded, with the palm of the throwing hand either up or down, at a moderate speed with an arc of at least 6ft. and no more than 12 ft. from the ground to the top of the arc.
- h. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Slow pitch adult softball is played with ten (10) players. However, a team may start or finish a game with 8 players. Anytime a team falls below eight (8) players, that team will forfeit game.
- i. **NO stealing bases, NO bunting.**
- j. **COMPLETE GAME:** A game is considered official after 3 ½ innings is completed.
- k. A ball/strike mat will be utilized by the umpires when calling a ball or strike. This mat will be placed directly behind home plate and if any part of the ball hits the matt a strike will be called.
- l. **COURTESY RUNNER:** Each team is allowed to use one (1) courtesy runner an inning (per gender). The courtesy runner can be anybody in the lineup, but only one person per inning can be switched for a courtesy runner. If the courtesy runner is still on base when he/she is due to be at the plate, then the batter will be declared out.
- m. Game Times is after the captains meeting, or at scheduled game time if a team is not there or ready. If a team is not successfully at their designated field by the time the game starts, it will be 1 run for every 2 minutes until they are signed in and ready to play. After 10 minutes, the game is to be considered a forfeit. Each Field will start a clock based on when the game time approaches.

3. Teams

- a. A defensive team shall consist of (10) players. There must be at least 8 people to start a game. Once a game has started, a team can add people to the lineup to reach a 10-person lineup. Anyone after that must be a sub.
- b. **There can be (4) outfielders if a team has 10 players in the lineup. There may only be 4 infielders. There must be at least 2 females and 2 males playing in the infield, and 2 males and 2 females playing in the outfield. The pitcher/catcher combo must also be 1 male and 1 female.**
- c. All line-ups must be turned in to the umpire **at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled game time.**
- d. **Batting order** – A batting order must be submitted prior to the game and followed during the game. The batting order may not exceed (12) players.

- e. Players must be at least 16 years of age. Any player under 18 years of age must have a parent sign the liability waiver.
- f. The crash rule is in effect – Players must make an attempt to slide or avoid all contact.
- g. Any batter who is walked will be awarded one base
- h. Rosters are due to the Game Official by the start of your team's first game of the season.
- i. Any foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct by players or coaches will result in ejection by the umpire or Game Official. Let's keep this a fun FAMILY environment!
- j. Any player ejected from a game is automatically suspended for the rest of the day and must meet with the Recreation Director before he/she is allowed to play in the league again.

4. Equipment

- a. No steel/metal cleats. You must have shoes on in order to play. No Bare feet.
- b. Game balls will be provided by the CRD. Men will use 12 inch / Women 11 inch. All other personal equipment will be supplied by the team and individuals. Bats shall be on a list of approved bats, as published by ASA. Any team/player that is caught with an illegal bat will have to forfeit the game immediately and can result in termination from the league. Team captain will be required to meet with Recreation Director.
- c. Starting in the Fall of 2026, The Colby Recreation Department will supply teams with a set number of softballs. The teams will then be required to supply balls for their games during the season. Individual balls will be sold at the fields by the Colby Recreation Department for \$5 a ball. Teams are allowed to go out and purchase balls themselves, but they need to be the 52 Core/300 that the Rec supplies. Non regulated balls will not be used.

5. Miscellaneous

- a. The second foul ball after two (2) strikes is an out (1 Courtesy Foul Rule).
- b. A player, coaches or official who is bleeding, or who has an open wound, or has blood on his or her body or clothing, shall be prohibited from participating further in the game, until appropriated treatment has been administered.
- c. A player, coach or official will not be allowed to participate unless:
 - i. All bleeding has stopped
 - ii. Any exposed cut/scrape, which has bled is completely covered
 - iii. Bloody clothing is removed.
- d. Alcohol is not allowed on the playing field or in the dug outs. Please respect this to ensure the family environment is kept in place. Team Capt. Please help enforce this.



**Official League or Tournament Roster
Waiver and Release of Liability**

Team Name: _____ Sport: _____ League: _____

Manager Name: _____ Manager Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Date Team Paid: _____ Receipt #: _____

Read Before Signing:

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Colby Recreation Department (CRD) 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. 1, for myself and on the behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless the CRD and the City of Colby,, 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	Cell #	Date of Birth
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Managers Verification:

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge that this roster does not include any assumed names and that each players is eligible to participate in this program:

Managers Printed Name: _____

Managers Signature: _____