

2026 Fall Adult Softball ZOOM Manager's Meeting

Make sure to sign in via chat
box with league, team name,
and manager name

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recreation.lakewoodcityschools.org



Materials

- Lakewood Recreation Rulebook (online)
- Power Point Presentation
- Roster Envelopes (will be available for pick up at fields)
- ASA "Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks"

Bat specs available on ASA website: www.softball.org

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Office Hours

***Monday through Friday
7:00am – 5:00pm***

Except Holidays

Play Dates for Season

- **Start of Regular Season – Monday, August 31st**
- Add/Release Player Deadline – Oct 1st
- Playoffs will start the week of October 26, 2026-Regardless
- Season will end the week of November 16, 2026-Regardless

ROSTER DEADLINE:

Failure to register the minimum number of players required on or before the roster deadline may result in a team being dropped from the league.

If a team does not have minimum # of players registered as of the roster deadline a \$25 fee may be charged.

Change of Managers

- Both managers must email me at mitchell.robida@lakewoodcityschools.org
- Filling out a different manager on the roster does not constitute manager change

Hotline

HOTLINE NUMBER 216-529-4117

- Information available after 3:00 PM weekdays;
- Used for field and/or short notice changes – managers are encouraged to call daily **even if weather is good**

Web Site

www.recreation.lakewoodcityschools.org

- Contains “Urgent News” ticker with hotline information
- Rules and important information
- Hotline information has most up to date information

Schedules

- Schedules e-mailed to managers
- Managers are responsible for securing a copy of the schedule and any revisions
- All schedules and revisions will be posted at www.bgsd.com
- Available for pick-up at Recreation Department
- NOT given out over the phone

Schedules & Request

- Weekday – double-header leagues will flip for home prior to first game and switch for second game
- Team benches are interchangeable
- None will be accepted (all leagues & playoffs)

Make-Up Games

- Weekday Division - make-up games to be played on regular game nights.
- COED Monday (10/19)
- Men's Tuesday (10/13) & (10/20)
- Men's Wednesday (10/14) & (10/21)
- The Season will end the week Monday (11/16)-Regardless

Standings

- Standings will be available at www.bgsd.com

Tournament & Champions

- Playoff seeding will be determined as of the conclusion of the regular season
- This is a single elimination playoff.
- Regular Season(plaque & T-shirt) and Tournament Champion(T-shirt) will be awarded. Credit may be issued instead of t-shirts.
- Ties for regular season winner will be determined by head to head competition, if equal then total runs scored against each other, and if still tied total runs scored for the season.

Game Fees

- Game Fees - \$41 per team/per game (\$82)
- Breakdown of Fees
 - 2 Umpires (\$35 each)
 - Scorer (\$12)
- Same Fees In All Divisions and At All Fields
- MUST HAVE EXACT AMOUNT (1-\$20, 3-\$5, 1-\$1, etc)

Game Fees

- If only 1 umpire is present, he/she will receive 1 1/2 umpire game fee
- If no scorer is present, the umpires will receive 1/2 scorer game fee
- Teams are responsible for collecting any refunds from the scorer or umpire the night of the game
- Refunds of game fees will not be processed by the Recreation Department

Game Fees

- If a game begins and is cancelled before 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is winning), every effort will be made to resume the game from the point of interruption at later date. If resume game is not scheduled, no fees will be refunded.
- If game is resumed teams are not responsible for any additional game fees

Review of Play

- 7 Innings
- Time Limits: 1 Hour

5 innings will constitute a legal game; 4 1/2 if the home team is winning

- Exceptions:
 - Mercy Rule (See ASA Run Rules)
 - Tie Games
 - Curfew - No new inning after 11:00 PM
- Games cancelled due to time limit that have not completed minimum # of innings WILL count as a legal game

Key Rules

- All Lakewood Recreation Softball Leagues are governed by the Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Commission (CREC)
- Play by Amateur Softball Association Rules (ASA)
- Additional rules specific to Lakewood are in the Lakewood Softball Rulebook
- All managers are responsible for knowing, enforcing and abiding by these rules

Key Rules

ASA Batting Count Rule In Effect

- Each at-bat begins with a 1-1 count
- **A batter with two strikes - the first foul ball hit by a batter with two strikes will not result in a strike; a foul ball hit following that will result in a third strike out**

Key Rules

- No Metal Cleats/No Spikes (All Leagues)
- Must be ready to play at game time
- Children are not permitted in the bench area at any time (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Staff only in score booths
- Base Distance 65'

Key Rules

On-Field Player Limits

—Men's A/Sunday 9 Min/11 Max

—Co-Ed 9 Min/12 Max

NEW - COED divisions must field a minimum of 9 or a maximum of 12 players.

An odd number of players is permitted, however in an effort to play games and avoid forfeits, an out will be charged for the missing player in the batting order.

Failure to have a minimum of 9 players (5 males and 4 females or 4 males and 5 females) for any reason to start and finish a game will result in a forfeit.

Key Rules

- Ball must be returned to pitcher for "time" to be called. "Time" cannot be called by other infielders or outfielders
- Umpires may call "time" whenever it appears play has come to an end. This is not dependent on who has the ball
- BGSD *Standings/Stats of all teams at the conclusion of regular season play will be used to determine elimination tournament seeding*

Uniforms

- Uniforms are not required for Fall Softball, but they are strongly encouraged.
- If you do have uniforms, all players **MUST** wear a uniform shirt with a number on the back
- NO duplicate numbers
- See Rulebook, (FYI there are no AA Teams)

Equipment

Game Balls:

- Game balls are supplied by the Recreation Department and will be at each game location.
- 12" 52-Cor 300 Compression with ASA Stamp for all leagues
- Teams will take the ball off the field with them

Equipment

Bats:

- Must have ASA Stamp
- ASA “Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks” in effect (handout)
- Bat specs available on ASA website: www.softball.org
- Managers are responsible for maintaining and abiding by the most current ASA rules and list



Equipment Challenge

- A bat may be protested by the opposing team only when the bat is in the batter's box (includes after the batter has just batted). Umpires may request to check bats at any time during the game. If it is discovered by an umpire that the bat is illegal, the game is forfeited and a forfeit fee will apply

Forfeits

- Forfeit Fee - \$100
- Alternative Forfeit Options:
 - If both teams agree to cover expenses, pay fees and play practice game
 - Forfeiting team pays all fees to cover officials, practice game may be played
 - Please refer to page 44 of the Rulebook for forfeit notification.

I.D. of Players

- Each player must carry personal I.D
- Failure to present I.D. upon request of umpires will result in:
 - Forfeit of game
 - AND Forfeit Fee Assessed
- Cannot go home to get I.D. - must be present at field

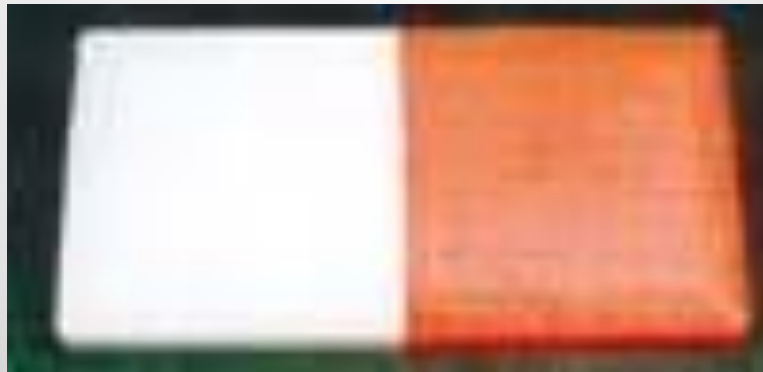
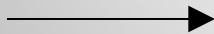
I.D. Challenge

- Each team permitted 2 I.D. challenges per game
- Must be made during game in question:
 - Prior to Start of Game
 - Between 1/2 Innings
 - Prior to start of 5th Inning
- Suspended players are not eligible to play at any time -
Penalty: Forfeit & Forfeit Fee

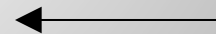
Double 1st Base

On most fields, 1st base will be “double” with an orange and a white bag. The orange is for the runner and the white is for the fielder. This is a safety precaution. Bases are interchangeable when necessary.

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Ejections

- Any manager or player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will draw an automatic 1-game suspension from the next actual game played by their own team and may be suspended for additional time if warranted by the offense.
- If a manager or player is ejected they must serve their suspension in the league in which the ejection occurred and are not eligible to play in any games in any division until the suspension has been served. *Penalty = Forfeit*
- Ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct are not appealable.
- The ejected participant must leave the game site immediately.
- **Ejections for fighting will result in a season ejection and you will have to appear before the CREC to be reinstated**

Suspension List

- Prior to placing an entry, manager must screen his or her team for any suspended player(s) and be sure not to sign his/her contract. A list of suspended players is available at the Recreation Department
- A suspended or ineligible player's name must not appear on any roster or lineup. All games ineligible/suspended player participated in will be forfeited and a forfeit fee may be assessed

Protests

- Must be made by manager to home plate umpire prior to the next pitch and be noted on the score sheet
- If protest on last play of game - must be filed immediately
- Must be submitted to Lakewood Recreation in writing within 24 hours of game
- \$5 protest fee with written report
- During playoffs, play protests must be resolved at the field by umpires

Closing/Questions

- Our goal is to provide opportunities for participation
- We want to avoid rainouts, forfeits and protests wherever possible
 - Effective field maintenance
 - Consistent enforcement of rules
 - Comprehensive training of umpires
 - Effective Communication
- We will consistently enforce all rules and regulations to the best of our ability for the good of all teams in all leagues
- Questions?

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
HAVE A GREAT SEASON!**