

2020 League Rules

No protests are allowed for rules interpretations. The umpire's decision shall be final.

The ball/strike count will be 3/2 with no courtesy foul ball allowed.

A team may bat any number 8 or greater. Additional players are allowed to enter at the end of the batting order as they arrive at any point throughout the game.

Teams are allowed 3 home runs over the fence per game. Every fair ball hit over the fence thereafter will be declared an out.

Music players are allowed at a reasonable volume and with family appropriate music. If an official or staff request it be turned off, teams must comply.

Metal spikes are not allowed.

Games will be declared complete if there is more than 20 runs after 4 innings; 15 after 5 innings; 10 after 6 innings. All leagues will use the Flip/Flop rule.

Team Roster Forms

A Team Roster must be completed and submitted online prior to your team's first game. Teams will not receive their supply of game balls until the roster has been submitted.

Players who are not on your team's roster/waiver are considered illegal players. Games that have illegal players compete can be ruled forfeits. Players can be added to your roster within the 20 player roster limit.

All players must sign a USSSA COVID-19 waiver before participating.

Game Balls

Team are provided a supply of game balls for the season. Teams are responsible for providing games balls for use while their team is batting. Teams are not to use the opposing team's ball and are expected to have replacements ready as necessary. should remain in original packaging until they are needed in the game. It is recommended teams label their balls with identifiable markings. No altered balls allowed, penalty is an automatic out if appealed by opposing team.

If more balls are needed, teams are responsible for purchasing additional legal game balls. Teams must bring an appropriate number of balls in order to have back up balls ready to be used for play. Games delayed due to no available game balls (not having enough, not retrieving balls out of play, etc), it is at the umpire's discretion to call strikes and outs until a ball is thrown in to the pitcher for play.

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2021 Men's Softball Rules

Welcome to the 2021 Men's Softball season. This season promises to be a fun and competitive season for all teams and players. Enclosed you will find information that is important to the softball leagues.

All 2021 Men's Softball leagues will be officiated by a USSSA official with a field attendant onsite to assist with urgent field condition matters.

Teams will play an 11 week doubleheader regular season with scheduled league playoffs played (on regular night of play) immediately following the regular season if games are completed prior to August 6.

Thank you for playing in Golden Valley and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable season!

Sincerely,



John W. Stutzman, CPRP

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Schedules

League Play begins Monday, April 26 featuring an 11-week doubleheader season and will end no later than Thursday, August 12.

Game times are balanced so that a team will not have more than one more or one less game at a particular game time than the league average. Ex: If the league average is two early games, a team may have 1, 2, or 3 games scheduled.

Teams will have equal number of home and away games. If a team does play an odd number of games, it will have either one extra home or away game.

Make-up games will be added on to the end of the regular season, prior to August 12.

Team/Player Conduct

Players must be at least 18 years of age to participate in the Adult Athletic Leagues.

During the regular season a person may play for any team, provided that two of the teams are not on the same evening.

The City of Golden Valley is NOT RESPONSIBLE for lost or stolen items.

Teams must show up for games on time. If there is a need to forfeit, that team must contact both the League Director and the listed manager of the team that they are scheduled to play by 3 pm on the day of the game. Only rostered players are allowed.

If a threat/verbal intent to harm a player is witnessed by the umpire, a warning shall be issued to both teams. After a warning is issued, if a pitcher is hit by an untouched batted ball, the batter will be declared out.

Team/Player Conduct Continued...

Physical altercations will result in immediate suspension from league play for the individuals that were involved, as determined by the League Director. Verbal confrontations will be reviewed and appropriate disciplinary action will be issued on an incident by incident basis.

Abusing officials, and city staff will not be tolerated. There is a difference between discussing a call, and verbal abuse. Physical altercations will lead to an immediate ejection.

The League Director will review any situation where a player/manager is ejected from the game to determine if further action should be taken. Repeated offenses during a season will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.

League Overview

The City of Golden Valley Men's Softball Leagues are sanctioned by Minnesota United State Specially Sports Association (USSSA) and play according to their rules with a few exceptions which are covered in this booklet.

All teams are responsible for understanding and following the City of Golden Valley Softball League Rules in addition the USSSA rules of play. A managers meeting is held prior to the season to provide teams with an overview of these policies and rules and gain a proper understanding and clarification as needed.

All teams registered for a Golden Valley Softball Leagues are subject to transfer at the discretion of the League Director. A mandated transfer by the League Director may occur due to (but is not limited to) level of competition, previous league results, balancing number of teams per league, or team classification.

Game Details

Teams are expected to show up for games on time, there is no grace period.

A minimum of eight players is required to start and finish a game. If a team falls below 8 players, for any reason, the result will be a forfeit.

All games have a 55 minute time limit. Games that reach the time limit are considered a completed game. If the score is tied after the time limit is reached or 7 innings of play, the game will be played out using the "Tie Breaker Rule" until a winner is determined. The "Tie Breaker Rule" states that the last out from the previous inning will be placed on second base with the inning starting with one out.

All field lights must be turned off at 10:30 pm. If this results in an incomplete game, a continuation game will be scheduled. In the event of a continuation, teams can reset their batting order and fielding positions for the start of the continuation game.

In the event a game in progress is canceled by the umpire due to weather it shall be considered a complete game and will not be continued after 5 innings of play or if the home team is leading after 4 ½ innings of play. Games which are not considered completed will be rescheduled and restarted as a new game at a later date.

In the event of inclement weather on the day of the game the League Director will determine if the games are to be played no later than 4 pm. League updates and game cancellations will be placed on the weather voicemail line at 763-512-2350.

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