

LAYTON CITY PARKS & RECREATION
SOFTBALL SPECIFICS
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PHILOSOPHY

Welcome to Layton City Parks and Recreation. The *philosophy and intent* of the Layton City Recreation Adult Softball Program is to provide participants with an opportunity to associate and play the game of softball in a structured, but *recreational manner*.

The softball program inspires area residence, regardless of sex, race, creed or color to practice the ideals of sportsmanship and physical fitness. Also, to provide an athletic or physical contest that is governed by the rules of the sport. By design, the role of the athlete will be emphasized in facilitating equity and safety among participants to promote individual growth and development.

More important than any game are the individual participants and their needs. Our focus is the participant. The game is our tool for working with people. The adult softball program will help to bring area residents closer together through common interests in sportsmanship, fellowship, cooperation and sports endeavors.

We urge you as managers to promote this philosophy with your players to maintain the success of the Layton City Adult Softball Program.

In accordance with Layton City Ordinance 9.20.010 (drinking in public places) there will be NO alcohol allowed on City property. If you or any member of your team is caught with alcohol or smelling of alcohol your team will forfeit that game. If you are caught with it after your game you will forfeit your next game and the police will be called.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A MANAGER/CAPTAIN TO NOTIFY YOUR TEAM OF ANY DECISION MADE ON THE FIELD BEFORE GAME TIME.

Metal cleats will NOT be allowed.

USSSA rules govern with the following exceptions:

- 1) **3 Ball – 2 Strike Count:** The batter is out on the second foul ball after one strike.
- 2) **Slide Rule:** If there is a play at the base and/or plate, the **RUNNER MUST** avoid contact. This may mean you must slide or you may not run into the fielder. If hard contact is made and could have been avoided, the **RUNNER WILL** be out. If flagrant contact, the runner may be ejected.

- 3) **Running to First Base:** As you run toward first base, you will see two bases. If there is a play at first, you **MUST** run to the outside base (should be orange). The first baseman will make the defensive play using the inside base (should be white).
- 4) **Home Run Rule:** There will not be any rule in effect unless teams show a lack of responsibility in bringing back balls hit over the fence, either foul or fair. If the city deems it necessary to develop a home run rule, you will be notified one-week prior to installing the rule.
- 5) **Game Time:** 55 minutes or seven innings. **Game time is game time. There will be no grace period for any games.** The scorekeeper is the official timer. The umpire and scorekeeper jointly make the decisions affecting the game time. Legitimate additions include rain delays, serious injuries, unexpected field maintenance, etc.
- 6) **Rosters: All rosters and Code of Conduct agreements are due at the first game, prior to the first pitch.** If a player has not signed the roster and Code of Conduct, they are not allowed to play. *A player may only appear on one roster per season.* Make sure that the Site Supervisor acknowledges receiving the roster. Players may be added to the roster at any time during league play. **If the roster is not handed in, the team will forfeit each game until the roster is handed in. If the roster is not handed in by the second week of play, the team captain will be notified of termination of league play without refund.**

ID'S: The site supervisor may ask for the identification from any player he/she feels is violating the rule of using someone else's name. **ID'S WILL BE REQUIRED AT TOURNAMENT TIME. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THEM YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY. If a team brings in an ineligible player during tournament play, that team forfeits the remainder of the season.**

AGE: A player must be **16 years** or older. Those players, who are between the ages of 16 and 18 must have a guardian sign a waiver to play in the adult league prior to playing in the game.

PENALTY: **If a team is caught with a player that is younger than 16 years old that team will forfeit the season with no refund.**

- 7) **Line-ups and Player Minimums:** Line-ups are due **TEN** minutes before game time. **Lineups need to have names and numbers of the players and subs.** They may be turned in to the Site Supervisor or score keeper up in the booth.

Each team will be required to have a **minimum** of **8** players to play a game. If there are **not 8** players present at the ballpark at game time, that team forfeits the game. Once the line-up is turned in **it stands.**

For example: At game time you only have 8 legal players. You turn in your line-up with 8 names, you are **NOT** penalized with outs.

- If another player shows up late, you may **NOT** add them to the line-up, but may use them as a substitute.

- If one of your 8 players gets injured, and/or cannot finish the game, your team will forfeit the game.
- You know a player is going to be late so you put them on the line-up; if they do not show up before they come up to bat in the line-up they are an automatic out until their position is filled.
- If you have put down 8 names on your line-up **you are not allowed to finish fielding your team as they show up.** You will play the game with 8 players.
- Additional hitters: Men's and Women's Leagues may choose to use **one** additional hitter. Additional hitters may play defensively, but the batting line-up remains the same, always. If a team chooses to bat eleven players and a player gets ejected, a team **must** have a replacement player or the team will forfeit the game.

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COED Rules:

A) No more **men** than **women** on the field, however, there may be more women than men on the field. Batting order must alternate; no two men will bat back to back. **If you are hitting and one of your females does not show up your next hitter (male) will be out also.** For **RECREATION LEAGUES**, men must bat opposite handed, with one designated hitter that is allowed to hit with their dominant hand. For the **COMPETITIVE LEAGUES**, men are allowed to hit with their dominant hand. **If you choose to use additional hitters, a team must use both a woman and a man or neither. Additional hitters may play defensively, but the batting line-up remains the same, always. Teams will meet at home plate before the game starts to decide if teams will hit opposite (weak) handed or with their dominant (strong) hand. If a team wants to hit opposite (weak) handed and the other team wants to hit dominant (strong) handed both teams will have to hit opposite (weak) handed.**

B) **The Pitcher and Catcher must be opposite sex** (unless playing with more women than men). The other positions must be 2 men/2 women in the outfield; 3 men/3 women in the infield. **Outfielders are outfielders** and **MAY NOT** make contact with a hit ball until it crosses into the outfield playing area. If a pitcher walks a man, he is awarded second base and the woman following may have the option to bat or occupy first base.

9) **Player Ejection:** A player or manager ejected from a game will be automatically suspended from the next **2 games**. **THIS EJECTION INCLUDES THE PLAYING FACILITY AND LAYTON CITY PARK PROPERTY.** If the player/manager does not leave the facility within five minutes, the game will be stopped and declared a forfeit. Additional action may be taken including, but not limited to, probation and total suspension.

10) **Uniforms:** Each team **MUST** have uniform shirts with **NUMBERS**. The uniform shirts will be the same color with 4 – 6 inch numbers on the back. If a player is out of uniform, they will not be eligible to play in that game. This decision must be made clear by the team representative to the official during the pre-game meeting. We strongly encourage team managers to keep a few extra

team shirts with them at all times. They also come in handy if a bleeding situation occurs.

- 11) **Protests:** Notification of intent to protest must be made **BEFORE** the next pitch. The manager shall immediately notify the plate umpire and the scorekeeper that the game is being continued under protest. Protests then must be filed in writing at the recreation office by **5:00pm** the following work day with a \$50.00 protest fee. If the protest is upheld then the check will be returned. Protest forms are available from the scorekeeper.
- 12) **Slaughter Rule:** 15 runs after 5 innings or 20 runs after 3 innings for **ALL** leagues.
- 13) **Weather:** (Manager Only) PLEASE **DO NOT CALL** the Recreation Department before **4:00pm** if the weather is questionable. After **4:00pm** call **801-336-3920** for a recorded message. Rainouts will be rescheduled at the earliest date possible. (**NOTE: Your team may play on a different night than you have registered for**). Check with the Recreation Office to verify dates and times. You may also check the city website @ **www.laytoncity.org**.
- 14) **Awards:** Individual awards for 1st place teams will be awarded for the Tournament, and limited to 13 players per team, 14 for Coed. A team award will be awarded for League Champions.
- 15) **Tournament Eligibility:** The top 4 teams from each division will be eligible for tournament play. **For a player to be eligible for tournament play, they must have played in at least 2 games during the regular season. It is the responsibility of Layton City and/or the opposing team to determine if a player is eligible for tournament play.** Any team attempting to bring ineligible players will be disqualified from the tournament. If you cannot field a team of at least 8 eligible players, the game will be forfeited.
- 16) **CONDUCT:** Please refer to the Players Code of Conduct. As a manager or team representative, I consider you to be responsible for your team. Please inform your team members of the rules governing Layton City Adult Softball. The officials have been encouraged to be quick to correct any abusive language or actions. My personal philosophy, **THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS!** If your behavior would offend or embarrass any member of your family or mine, any recreation department personnel have the right and responsibility to ask you to leave the field and possibly the program. If you or your team members refuse to leave the premises, the local police agency will be contacted for your immediate removal.
- 17) **COURTESY RUNNERS:** Will be allowed. The team that needs a courtesy runner must inform the umpire. The runner will be replaced with the last person who made an out. The scorekeepers will let you know who the runner should be.

Layton City Parks & Recreation reserves the right to amend or make additions to the rules, as they deem necessary. If you have any questions please call **Natalie Flint @ 801-336-3922**. If you have comments and/or complaints regarding the officials, please call **Gene @ 801-499-2340**.