

Elmhurst Park District

Adult Softball League

Spring 2025

- League games will be held at Berens Park Diamonds 1-4
- Games are held between 6:30 and 9:30PM
- 10 game regular season + single-elimination, post-season tournament for **top 8 teams**
- League fees - \$836 for 12-inch men’s league and \$860 for 14-inch co-rec league
- \$275 cash award for league champions
- \$175 cash award for league runners-up
- \$150 cash award for tournament champions
- \$100 cash award for tournament runners-up

NOTE: FULL payment is due at the time of registration.
 You may register in person at 615 N. West Ave, Elmhurst IL 60126 or online

Adult Softball League Timeline

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| <u>Saturday, February 24, 2025</u> | Registration opens. |
| <u>Saturday March 1, 2025</u> | Last Day for teams register, dependent on availability. |
| <u>Monday April 7, 2025</u> | Last Day for teams register, dependent on availability. |
| <u>Wednesday April 16, 2025</u> | Schedules available online at teamsideline.com/Elmhurst |
| <u>Monday April 21, 2025</u> | League play begins. |

Men’s 12”	Monday C1 Monday C2	Tuesday B Tuesday C1 Tuesday C2	Thursday C1 Thursday C2 Thursday C3
Co-Rec 14”	Wednesday	The divisions each night may vary depending on the number of teams that register.	



RULES

The Elmhurst Park District has adopted the following to govern the Adult Softball league organized and controlled by the Park District. Rules not covered herein will be determined by the “Official ASA Rules”.

- ASA rules apply except where the Elmhurst Park District has made adaptations.
- To ensure league parity, teams that participated and won their league for the Spring 2024 or Fall 2024 season, will be moved up leagues for the Spring 2025 season (at the Program Supervisor’s discretion).
- In addition, teams that finished .500 or better for the Spring 2024 or Fall 2024 season, will not be allowed to move down divisions for the Spring 2025 season (at the Program Supervisor’s discretion).
- If there are not enough teams to support a given league, those teams may be placed in another, available league.
- Men’s 12”
 - A team consists of ten players, eleven if the extra player (EP) is used.
 - To start a game, at least eight players must be present.
- Co-Rec 14”
 - A team consists of ten players, twelve if the extra players (EP) are used.
 - To start a game, at least eight players must be present.
 - Men are no longer allowed to wear gloves in the field, women are still allowed
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 - If a player is ejected for inappropriate conduct, the player’s place may not be taken by anyone else, forcing a team to play short a player for the remainder of the game.
 - An automatic out will be assessed each time that player would have batted.
 - If an EP is designated and not present, an out will be recorded each time the EP is to bat.
 - If a player is ejected for inappropriate conduct that team’s pitcher will also be ejected.
 - Teams have the option of batting their entire roster, if desired. This must be declared prior to the start of the game.
 - Once declared, it will be in effect for the entire game. All other rules remain in effect.
- One game ball will be provided.
 - The ball provided for each game is not guaranteed to be a “new” ball.
 - In the event of a home run or a foul ball, teams must retrieve the ball so that play may continue.
 - Teams may provide the umpire with an “extra ball” so that play may continue until the game ball is returned to play.
 - “Extra balls” provided by teams must conform to league specifications and be approved by the umpire prior to being allowed to be put into play.
 - The Park District will provided one “extra ball” per field for the first two weeks of play.
- Scorebooks are provided to teams once per year.

- There will be a five (5) home run limit in effect for each game. Any home runs exceeding five (5) shall result in a dead ball out.
- Metal or detachable cleats are not permitted
- Eight players are required for an official game, and teams may add a ninth, and tenth player at any time. Should a team play with only eight players, an out shall be recorded each time the ninth spot in the batting order is scheduled to bat. Minimum of 8 players present for game to start.
 - If at any time after completion of the third inning, a team with only eight players falls behind by fifteen (15) or more runs, the game shall be immediately declared over.
- A twenty (20) run slaughter rule will be in effect after the fourth inning (three and one-half if the home team is ahead) or twelve (12) runs after the fifth inning (four and one-half if the home team is ahead).
- Game length: All scheduled games will be seven innings or the one (1) hour time limit, whichever comes first. No new inning will be started after 55 minutes. If the game is tied after seven innings and the time limit has not been met, extra innings will be played with international rules until the time limit, or a winner is determined. If the time limit has been met and the game is tied, then it will be ruled a tie.
 - In case of rain, a four-inning game will be official (three and one-half innings if the home team is winning). Any game called for rain prior to this point will be replayed in its entirety.
- Games tied after the completion of seven innings, prior to the one-hour time limit, shall continue using the “International Tiebreaker Rule.” Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.
 - In the event a game is tied at the completion of the one-hour time limit, the game will be declared a tied game. **Exception: Championship games shall have a 75-minute time limit.**
 - Due to the nature of the game and that no inning will be comparable to another, umpires and Elmhurst Park District staff reserve the right to announce time or last at bats depending on a given situation during the regular season.
- The infield fly rule applies.
- Players must avoid contact. If a player fails to avoid contact and there is substantial physical contact in the judgment of the umpire, the runner shall be declared out and immediately ejected. If a player is ejected for substantial physical conduct that team’s pitcher shall also be ejected.
- To appeal a play for a missed base - ask the umpire **BEFORE** the next pitch.
- Co-Rec Specific:
 - A team consist of 10 players (5 females & 5 males). If a team has only 8 or 9 players, at least 4 of them must be females.
 - Defensive positioning shall include two males and two females in the outfield, two males and two females in the infield, one male and one female in the pitcher-catcher positions. In the case of a team with 8 or 9 players, the following exceptions apply:
 - If a team has eight players, teams must position one male and one female in the pitcher-catcher positions.

- If a team has only nine players and the number of males is greater than the number of females, teams must play three players in the outfield with a male playing the right field position.
- The batting order shall alternate sexes. Should two males bat consecutively, an automatic out will be declared. Two players of the same sex can hold the same spot in the batting order if they alternate each time up to bat.
- Gloves are optional for female Co-Rec 14" Mushball players. Gloves are not allowed for male players.
- Any walk to a male batter shall result in a two base award and the next batter (a female) has the option to walk or to bat.
- Bases will be set at 65'

BATTING

- Each batter will begin with a 1-1 count.
- Batter is out if he/she throws the bat.
- Bunting is not allowed. Players must take a full swing at the ball.
- A batter is out if he/she hits one (1) foul ball after two strikes.
- Bats must be covered with a non-slip tape or other approved material (minimum of ten inches).
- The batter's box will not be marked off; however, the batter may not cross the imaginary plane of the base until the ball is contacted. For the safety of the batters and catcher, the batter may be required to move up in the batter's box.
- In all games in which a double first base is used, the batter-runner shall automatically be declared out if, on a play on the infield, he/she touches only the white portion of the base.

BASE RUNNING

- No stealing.
- No leadoffs. Base runners may leave the base if the pitched ball hits the ground, is short, or is hit.
- Courtesy Runner:
 - Each team may designate two (2) players before the game that will receive courtesy runners.
 - No other courtesy runners will be awarded, unless a player is injured during the game. (at the umpire's discretion)
 - The courtesy runner will be the last out.

PITCHING AND FIELDING

- Pitching Distances:
 - Men's 12": The pitching rubber shall be at 50 feet from home plate.
 - Co-Rec 14" Mushball: The pitching rubber shall be at 40 feet from home plate.
- The pitcher shall take a position with both feet on the ground with one or both feet in contact with the pitching rubber. The ball shall be held in one or both hands in front of the body.
- The ball must be delivered to the batter at a height of at least six (6) feet to a maximum of ten (10) feet from the ground.
- The catcher must be positioned behind the no used batter's box. The catcher may not cross the imaginary plane of home base until a pitched ball has landed. If the catcher breaks the imaginary plane before the pitched ball has landed, the batter will be awarded first base.
- **NEW: All outfielders must remain behind the white line in the outfield until contact is made with a pitched ball. (150 FT from home)**
- Men's 12" Exception:
 - After the pitcher has taken proper position, both feet in contact with the pitching rubber, he may take one step directly backwards before releasing the ball.

PLAYER CONDUCT

- Players must respect the umpire, Elmhurst Park District Staff, and other players.
- Player's behavior is the responsibility of the player and captain of that team.
- Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will be automatically suspended for a MINIMUM of two additional games at the Program Supervisor's discretion.
- In addition, that team's pitcher shall be ejected for the remainder of the game...
- Further unsportsmanlike conduct may result in forfeiture of games and/or suspensions.
- If a player is ejected from a contest (for anything other than use of metal or detachable cleats or use of tobacco products), that team's pitcher shall also be ejected from the remainder of the contest.

FORFEITS

- If a team fails to have enough rostered players in their dugout by game time, the game will be awarded to the opposing team in a score of 7-0.
- Game time is forfeit time

- Once an umpire declares a game forfeited, the game cannot be played.
- If a team forfeits 2 games, they are ineligible for the post-season tournament, per program supervisor discretion.
- Forfeiture of a doubleheader will be counted as one forfeit for eligibility purposes.
- If a team is aware ahead of time that they will not have enough players to field a team, they should call or e-mail the Program Supervisor at tgiovenco@epd.org as early as possible. Same day forfeit will result in a \$5 charge. This will be taken out of any winnings or registration fees.
 - The Program Supervisor will then attempt to notify the other team, if time allows.
 - In the event a rainout occurs BEFORE the scheduled start time of the game, the game will not be recorded as a forfeit and will be rescheduled.
- Carry enough rostered players to not forfeit during the season.
 - A free agent list is available for all teams upon request.
 - All roster rules apply when adding Free Agents to your team.
- Grace Period:
 - There will be a ten-minute grace period for all games.
 - Should a team fail to have the minimum number of players required to begin the game upon conclusion of the grace period, the game shall be declared a forfeit and awarded to the opposing team.
 - The grace period is considered a part of the one-hour time limit for the game.

TOURNAMENTS

- A BONUS single elimination tournament is conducted at the end of league play. League standings determine the seeding of each team in the tournament.
- The top eight teams in each league shall be eligible for the tournament. In extreme circumstances, the tournament may be cut to the top four teams in each league or cut completely.
- In the event the tournament is cut due to time constraints, the tournament prize money will be added up, and divided evenly amongst the top four teams in each league.
- Tournament play has separate awards from league play.
- Several games may be played in succession.
- Tournament rules will be the same as regular season
 - Exception: Games tied at the conclusion of seven innings or one hour, will be played until one team is ahead at the end of an inning utilizing the “International Tiebreaker rule.”
- No refunds will be given in the event the tournament is canceled.

TIE-BREAKER POLICY

- To determine a league champion, the tiebreaker will be based on:
 - 1) League standing during the regular season (winning percentage)
 - 2) Games back
 - 3) Head-to-head*
 - 4) Head-to-head run differential
 - 5) Average run differential
 - 6) Total runs against
 - 7) Total runs for
 - 8) Coin toss

*Generally, Head-to-head will only determine one winner. After that, the next tie breaker is used to break the tie between the remaining teams.

*Head-to-head could be versus the entire league depending on the standings. If 2 or more teams have the same record it would focus on the group of teams that have the same records.

QUESTIONS

- If you have any questions regarding the league, please contact Toni Giovenco, Program Manager at tgiovenco@epd.org or 630-993-8980 or the league coordinator at leaguecoordinator@epd.org



ASA BAT TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



- All bats must be ASA/USA approved. Use of an illegal bat will result in a player ejection and that team's pitcher shall also be ejected from the remainder of the contest. A player found to have an illegal bat a second time will be suspended for the remainder of league and post season play (at the Program Supervisor's discretion).
- Even if a bat has been approved in another park district league does not necessarily mean that it will be accepted in the Elmhurst Park District leagues.
- A complete list of legal/illegal bats can be found on <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-asa/certified-asa-equipment>
- The official bat in ASA Championship Play must meet all the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1 and:
 - The Official bat must bear either the ASA approved 2000 certification mark, the ASA 2004 certification mark as shown below, or the ASA 2013 Certification Mark (Slow Pitch ONLY) as shown below and must not be listed on an ASA Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks, and
 - Must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National Office; or must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect. This includes wooden bats
- All bats in ASA Championship Play, except Seniors, must pass the ASA Bat Performance Standard. All bats having the 2000, 2004 or 2013(Slow Pitch, Men's Adult Fast Pitch, Junior Olympic Boy's Fast Pitch and Men's Modified Pitch ONLY) Certification Mark and not listed on the list of Non-Approved bats with Certification marks will be allowed in ASA Championship Play. Bats with the 2013 Certification Mark will be allowed in Slow Pitch National Championship Play Only. For your convenience, the ASA website has a listing of all approved bats and bats that have ASA Certification Marks and are no longer approved.
- For a list of bats that have been tested and found to comply with the ASA bat performance standards, and therefore are authorized to bear the ASA 2000, ASA 2004 or ASA 2013 certification mark and/or are authorized for use in ASA Championship Play please click on the manufacturer below. Manufacturers continue to submit additional bat models for testing, and the ASA will update this list as test results become available.
- **Non-Approved Bats 2004 and Beyond**
 - [Click here for ASA's 1 Page Non Approved Bats with Certification Marks \(2000 and 2004\) \(current listing\)](#)
 - [Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with Certification Marks \(2000 and 2004\) \(current listing\)](#)
 - [Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with 2004 Certification Marks \(current listing\)](#)