



TOWN OF  
**WEST SENECA**  
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# ADULT SOFTBALL RULES 2016

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West Seneca Youth  
& Recreation

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Monday – Friday  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
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**2016**

**SOFTBALL RULES OF OPERATION**

**ELIGIBLE PLAYERS** – Anyone who is a resident of the Town of West Seneca. Participants who are not residents are required to pay a fee of \$10.00. Players who are eligible may be added to a team, up to, and including the last game of the first half of the season, with the consent of the League Supervisor. Players may not switch teams during the playing season. Ineligible players will constitute an automatic forfeit of the game. All players must be 18 years or older.

**PROTESTS** - All protests must be made to the umpire at the time of the rule infraction. A written copy of the protest must be sent to the League Supervisor, together with a \$25.00 deposit. Protest will be ruled on by a committee set up by the Recreation Department. The deposit will be returned providing the protest is upheld. If the protest is ruled out, the money will be used to help defray the cost of the program. Protest must be submitted to the League Supervisor within 24 hours of the game being protested. The ruling of the committee is **FINAL. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS MAY BE PROTESTED AT ANY TIME.**

**VEHICLES** - Under no circumstances will any type of motor vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle, etc.) be allowed on any school or town property adjacent to a ball diamond. Vehicles are to be parked in the designated areas only. **VIOLATORS WILL BE PUNISHED BY SUSPENSION AND FORFEITURE AT ANY TIME, BEFORE, OR DURING A GAME.**

**RULES** - All rules are subject to change at discretion of the West Seneca Recreation Department.

**INSURANCE** - Teams are required to carry their own insurance. Players and spectators participate at their own risk.

**PROFANITY**- The use of any form of profanity, vulgar remarks or gestures is strictly forbidden. It is the express responsibility of the official umpire to stop the game immediately until the violator is removed from the playing field. Removal may result in suspension of player (s).

**ALCOHOL** - There is **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL** allowed on any fields. **THERE IS AN OPEN CONTAINER LAW FOR ALL PARKS IN THE TOWN OF WEST SENECA.**

**NON-RESIDENT** - Players residing outside the boundaries of the Town of West Seneca will be assessed a fee (**\$10.00**). This fee must be paid before the player is allowed to participate.

**UMPIRES** – Teams are responsible for covering the umpire fee for each game. This fee should be paid directly to the umpire. In the event an umpire calls off a game for any reason, the balance is still due. Failure to pay the umpire for any reason will result in the teams next game being a forfeit. In the event this happens more than one time, the team may be ejected from the league.

## LEAGUE RULES

Official USA/ ASA Fast Pitch or Slow Pitch (not modified or Figure "8") rules will be followed with the following **exceptions**:

1. Eight players will be allowed to start the game if nine are not available at starting time. If at the end of the third inning nine players are not playing, the game must be completed with eight men. The game will start no later than 20 minutes after scheduled starting time.
2. **NO STEALING HOME** - Player must be batted in, or played on, in order to score.
3. No windmill pitching. NO Crow Hops.
4. Figure 8 pitching on Men's Wednesday
5. There will be a 2 strike foul ball rule in place. This means that if a batter has 2 strikes and hits a foul ball, he is out. ( Men's Slow Pitch )
6. There will be a 15 run rule. After 5 innings and a team is ahead by 15 runs, the game will end immediately.
7. **The Home Team will bat last. The Home Team will be listed last on the Schedule.**
8. The winning team is responsible for delivering the score card signed by the umpire with the score of the game to the West Seneca Recreation Department, 900 Mill Road #211 West Seneca, NY 14224. There is a slot on the office door for cards.  
All regular game scorecards must be turned in within **five** days of the game or they are ineligible. Playoff game scorecards are due in 48 hours. Verbal scores are **not** accepted. To receive a playoff game ball you must present your score card to the Recreation Office after the last game.

### **TIME LIMITS WILL BE ENFORCED.**

9. Games must start on time.
10. In case of **RAIN**, the **TEAM MANAGER** may call after 4:00 to find out if the game has been called off. **THE NUMBER TO CALL IS 677-4754 !!** A text will also be sent out to all team managers. Please like and follow our Facebook page, West Seneca Youth & Recreation, for cancellations as well.
11. Games canceled due to weather or any other circumstances outside of West Seneca Youth & Recreation's control may not be rescheduled. In the event that they are teams not available at that time will forfeit the game.
13. Additional player (s) may be added during the first round of games only. Players must sign all waiver forms.
14. Any game in which a player is used that has not been added to the team

Roster on file in the Recreation Office will be forfeited.

15. **FORFEITS - A team forfeiting a game will pay: Slow-pitch – a \$50.00 fine and Fast pitch a \$55.00 fine. Fines must be paid 48 hours before the next game.** If the fine is not paid by the next game, that game will be forfeited. The fee can be paid at the Recreation Office between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM.
16. Players may not change teams during the playing season. Players may participate on more than one team in the West Seneca Recreation League. **INELIGIBLE PLAYERS WILL CONSTITUTE AN AUTOMATIC FORFEIT OF THE GAME (S) IN WHICH THE PLAYER PARTICIPATED.**
17. **Alcoholic beverages are FORBIDDEN** from being consumed on the ball Diamond and playground. This is a **TOWN LAW.** **The umpire has the Option to forfeit the game to the non-offending team.**
18. **No** metal spikes
19. In case of rain during the game, you must have completed four innings for the game to count.
20. There will be no vulgar language from players, coaches or spectators. If there is, the violator will be removed from the premises. If the person refuses to leave, the offending team will forfeit.
21. Face masks **MUST** be worn by all catchers. ( Fast pitch Leagues )
22. Report all accidents to the Recreation Office the following business day.
23. Phone in all games not played due to field conditions unless **ALL** games were cancelled by the Town.
24. Home teams are responsible for providing the softball. If the ball is hit out of the park or is no longer playable the away team is responsible for providing a used ball to continue the game with.
25. Teams are prohibited from throwing garbage onto the diamond, grass or parking lot. All garbage should be placed in trash cans located throughout the park.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE RULES COULD RESULT IN FORFEITING GAME.**

Failure to comply with the above rules more than a single time may result in the team will be ejected from the league.

Have a Safe and Fun Season!!

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