

MRD

Adult Softball

League

Rules & Regulations

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GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

The season will start the week of June 3 and finish after a 10 game season and single-elimination tournament (top 4/6). The league format includes a scorekeeper and one umpire per game in all divisions.

1. **Season Dates:** June 3-August 15
2. **Registration** - \$550 per team
3. **Rosters** - Each person on the team must complete the online Roster Form. The cutoff date to add players to be eligible for playoffs is two weeks prior to the end of season.
4. **Youth/Teens** - Players must be 15 years of age or older to participate in the Adult Softball League. All player's ages 15-17 must have a parent/legal guardian complete the Roster Form and agree to the waivers of liability. The player must have completed ninth grade if under 15.
5. **League Schedules** - To be determined by total team registrations. Schedules will be available Friday prior to games on the website
 - a. Team Captains are responsible for checking schedules and forwarding all league information to their players.
 - b. All schedules, standings & makeup games will be automatically updated online
6. **League Placement:** Teams may automatically be placed one league higher or lower than their first choice without being notified.
7. **League Play**
 - a. Games will be at Ute Park, Holly Park or McNeil Field
 - b. Scheduled game times are: 6:15, 7:20, 8:25, and 9:30. **There will be no pre-game practice allowed in the dirt infield areas.**
 - c. Official game time clocks will be displayed at Ute Park. The scorekeeper is the official timer for league games.
 - d. When a ball game is started the umpires are in full authority. A (1) Umpire System will be utilized for all league games (some exception)
 - e. **A Regulation Game shall consist of 7 Innings. All League Games will have a 55 minute time limit. No new inning will begin after 55 minutes of playing time.** After the time limit is passed the inning will continue until ended by rule.
8. **League Tournaments** - Tournaments will begin immediately following League Play. The top 4/6 teams in each division will play in the post season tournament. Tournament brackets will be single-elimination.
 - a. Tournament winners will get a trophy and t-shirts.
9. **Practice** - Ute/Holly Fields can be rented on weekends for practices
10. **Batting Cages** - Are no longer available they were in disrepair. You are able to rent the cages at the Field House, call 970-497-8588.
11. **UMPIRES/scorekeepers** - if you are interested in umpiring or scorekeeping, contact Matt or Jarrod

ROSTERS

1. Each player must complete the online Roster Form before playing, ROSTERS may not have more than 18 players (up to 14 can bat) Batting players DO NOT have to play in the field.
2. Players under the age of 18 will need a parent to accept the waiver, they can complete the online Roster Form.
3. Players may be added as long as they are on **only 1 Men's team OR 1 Women's team, & 1 Coed team**. Roster will be closed 2 weeks prior to the end of the season.
4. **SUBS:** You may have up to (2) substitute players from another team as long as the team has fewer than (10) registered players available. IF your registered player shows up and you have 10 or more registered players you may NOT use a SUB from another team and any SUB's must exit the game. You must inform the scorekeeper/Umpire and other team **BEFORE** game time that you will be using a SUB player. **The SUBSTITUTE MUST FILL OUT A SUB FORM and have the other team's manager/coach sign off and then give it to the scorekeeper. Players may not SUBSTITUTE more than 2 games in a season for any teams.**
5. Subject to protest, Any Team using an Ineligible or Illegal Player may forfeit all games that the Ineligible or Illegal players participated in.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Persons eligible to participate in the Adult Softball Program are all adults and anyone at least 15 years of age that are not currently suspended from participation.
2. A player may participate on **one** Men's Division Team or **one** Women's Division Team only per season. The same player may also participate on **one** Co-ed Division Team.
3. Women are allowed to play on Men's Division teams if there is no Women's Division
4. Players who play in Men's/Women's and Co-ed Divisions are limited to play at a comparable level.
5. A Player who changes from one Team's Roster to another, after playing for that team MUST notify the league supervisor and will be ineligible to play for a period of 2 league games from the day the change is registered with the MRD Office or Softball Field Supervisor. Players are limited to one change of teams per season.
6. A player is immediately eligible to play on a new team (for regular season play only) if their team has forfeited out of the program. Only players who have played in at least two regular season games, with that team, are eligible to participate in any type of post-season play, such as, league playoffs or post season tournaments.
7. **Subs from other teams (borrowed):** up to (2) players from another **TEAM** may be used only if a team has fewer than 10 rostered players available. **Substitute players must play catcher or right field and bats last in lineup or 2nd to last in coed if a guy leads off. A team may not use a borrowed player and have a player sit on the bench unless that player is unable to play and will be considered ineligible.**
8. **Any player observed or reported violating any player eligibility rule will be suspended immediately and will not be eligible to play for a period of two (2) weeks from the date of the violation.**
 - a. The opposing Team Manager must submit a **Written Protest** regarding an **Ineligible or illegal Player** by the 5th inning of the game in question. (The PENALTY for ineligible or illegal player violation by a TEAM is the forfeiture of said game). FURTHERMORE, the Ineligible or Illegal Player who participates in said game will be suspended and not be eligible to participate on ANY TEAM OR ANY OTHER MRD League Team for a period of Two (2) weeks from the date the violation occurred.

FORFEITS

1. **Game Time is Forfeit time!** Games will be declared a forfeit if either team fails to field **eight** registered players at the scheduled start time. **The 6:15 game will have a 5 minute grace period. The clock will start at 6:15.** Team managers are responsible for having their players on the field as soon as possible following a previous game.
 - a. **Exception:** When a previous game extends into the scheduled starting time or the first game scheduled is delayed due to weather or field conditions the umpires and field supervisors will declare the official starting time. The new start time will begin no later than ten minutes from the previous games finish time.
2. Teams may use the remainder of the time allotted to them if a team forfeits up until (10) minutes before the next scheduled game. Umpires will be provided for forfeited games if both scheduled teams want to play.
3. **FORFEIT FEE: Any game forfeited at the field will be charged a \$30 umpire fee, and must pay before their next scheduled game.**
4. Any Team that forfeits two League games will not be eligible for post-season play. 3 forfeits and the team will be dropped from the league, with no refund.
5. Teams must notify the MRD Adult Coordinator/leader, before 12:00 PM of the day of the game if they know they will be unable to field a team during their regularly scheduled time. MRD will then contact the opposing team and they will decide if the game can be rescheduled or if it will be declared a loss. If the game cannot be rescheduled, for any reason, the team calling in will receive a loss for that game, and the score will be recorded as 15-0. NO FORFEIT fee will be charged in this case.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. All players must properly wear shirts, shoes, long pants, sweats or shorts suitable for softball play. Properly worn baseball style caps, visors or headbands are optional, and if worn, can be mixed.
2. **NO METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED IN LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT PLAY.**
3. Players are encouraged to not wear jewelry during play. Players that do wear jewelry are doing so at their own risk. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry. Eyeglasses not worn properly should be removed.
4. **Bats:** **A batter who enters the Batter's Box with an illegal bat will be called out, anyone with an altered bat will be out and ejected. All bats with burrs, dents and visible cracks will be removed. Bats must be stamped with an ASA, NSA, or USSSA Stamp, Senior bats may only be used by players 55 and Older.**
 - a. **All bats must not exceed 1.20 BPF and have the proper stamp.**
 - b. If a bat is questioned as to its approval the bat will be removed from the game until such time as the player using the bat can prove that it is currently legal. The game time will not be used for questioned bats.
 - c. All bat handles must have grips permanently attached to the bat with minimum of 6 inches and maximum of 15 inches from the knob of the bat. No bare metal, wood or composite may be exposed in this area. Resin, pine tar or spray substances are allowed on this area of the bat only.
 - d. No equipment may be unnaturally changed by heating, cooling or icing it.

5. **Softballs will be provided by the Rec District**

- a. Softballs are provided by the MRD for League play. Please help us to continue to provide game balls by retrieving balls hit out of play by your team.
- b. **Anyone who removes softballs for personal use will be subject to suspension from league play.**

6. **SAFETY BASES** - For the safety of all players, Breakaway Bases are installed at Second and Third Bases on all fields. When a runner slides into a base and dislodges it from its proper position, the base is considered to have followed the runner. A runner reaching a base safely will not be out for being off that base if it becomes dislodged. A runner is in jeopardy of being called out if after dislodging a base the runner attempts to continue to the next base. Managers should inform their players of Breakaway Bases.

7. **DOUBLE FIRST BASES** - A Double First Base is used at all fields for safety reasons. The white portion of the base is fair, the orange part is foul. If there is a play on the batter/runner the fielder uses the white part and the runner uses the orange part.
 - a. Exception: If the ball is thrown from the foul side of first base line, or when an errant throw pulls the defensive player into foul ground.
 - b. If the batter/runner collides with a fielder about to catch a thrown ball while on the white base, interference is ruled, the ball is dead, the batter/runner is out and all other runners are returned to the last base touched at the time of the interference.
 - c. Once the batter/runner passes first base he/she may return to either the white or orange part as this is now considered one base with two colors.

LINE-UPS AND PRE-GAME

1. **Line-up cards**- are provided and are available at the concession stand. **Managers must put their batting order on line-up cards before each game. PLEASE use the person real name NO NICKNAMES**
 - a. **The line-up shall contain at least the first name and last name or initial of each player and be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 3-5 minutes prior to game time. Line-ups may be changed up until game time.**
 - b. Immediately prior to each game time, Umpires will conduct a "Pre Game Conference" with the team managers or a team representative at home plate to exchange line-ups and review ground rules or questions.
2. **THE BATTING ORDER**- The batting order must remain the same for the entire game. (Exception: Substitutions and late arriving players).
 - a. If a starter is replaced by a substitute and then later re-enters the game, the substitute must be removed and the original starter is inserted in the batting order in the same batting position as when they started.
 - b. Teams may replace a player due to injury or other reason with a substitute.
 - c. **Exception.** Any team that has a player ejected must play shorthanded and take an automatic out when the player ejected is supposed to bat.
 - d. Players may change defensive positions at any time during the game, without notification and without penalty, as long as they are properly reported on the line up and do not violate the rules for player positioning.
3. **SHORT HANDED RULE**- Under no circumstances shall a team be permitted to play with less than **eight (8)**.
 - a. **Men's & Women's teams with 8 to 9 players available at game time must leave the vacant spot(s) at the end of the line-up. There will be NO OUT taken for playing shorthanded. Teams can play with 8-14 batters in the lineup.**
 - b. **Men's & Women's Slow Pitch teams must have a minimum of eight rostered players** on the field to begin and continue league play. The next eligible player to arrive must occupy the vacant spot in the batting order without penalty. Co-Ed Slow Pitch teams must field at least **4 men/4 women to begin** and continue play. See Co-Ed rules for defensive positioning and how to set the lineup. **Lineups are frozen after the 3rd inning.**
4. **EXTRA PLAYERS** - Extra Player(s) (EP) in the Batting Order (11 - 14 batters in men's or women's or 14 batters in Co-Ed, 2 male and 2 female) is optional, but if an EP is used by a team, it must be made known prior to the start of the game and listed in the Team's Line-up. All players bat, but only ten may play defense. Extra players are NOT required to play in the field.

GAME FORMAT & RESCHEDULED GAMES

1. When a ball game is started the umpires are in full authority. A (1) Umpire System will be utilized for all league games (some exception)
 - a. **A Regulation Game shall consist of 7 Innings. All League Games will have a 55 minute time limit. No new inning will begin after 55 minutes of playing time or 7 innings.** After the time limit is passed the inning will continue until ended by rule.
 - b. **TIED GAMES:** after the time limit has expired, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who made the last out the inning before on second base. Both teams will start their half of the inning with a runner on second base and 1 out. **Each batter will start their at bat with 3 balls and 2 strikes and NO foul to use. (one pitch NO courtesy foul) if still tied after(1) inning, all following innings the runner will start at 3rd base with (1) out and 1 pitch, no courtesy foul. ALL walks during overtime are 1 base, and the next batter must attempt to hit.**
2. A Run Ahead Rule must be used after three complete innings of play. Any team leading by (20) or more runs at the end of (3), (15+) after 4 or (10+) after 5 complete innings will be declared the winner. A team trailing by twenty (20) or more runs has the option of continuing to play the allotted game time.
3. A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if four or more complete innings have been played. The umpire is empowered to call a game at any time because of darkness, rain, fire, panic or other causes which place the patrons or players in peril. Games that are not considered regulation shall be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped.

4. In the case of Lightning in the area, the Umpires or Softball Field Supervisor may suspend play until such time that they determine it is safe to resume play. Lightning Detectors will be utilized to monitor these conditions. Please stay in the area in a safe place until play is resumed.
5. The fitness of the ground for a game shall be the sole responsibility of the MRD staff and/or the Softball Field Supervisor. A decision will be made on field conditions no earlier than 5:00 PM on scheduled game days. If field conditions are questionable team managers, coaches, and players are requested to call (after 5:00 PM) the **MRD INFORMATION HOTLINE AT 497-8577**.
6. The MRD will schedule regular season games throughout the softball season and will attempt to utilize all time slots available while maintaining consistency of Men's, Women's and Co-Ed normal nights of play. It may become necessary to add rain-out games at the end of the regular season. MRD will utilize all week nights and or weekends if necessary. Teams are required to play their teams Make-Up games as scheduled or accept a forfeit. **Teams will be playing some double-headers.**

GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES

1. **HOME TEAM** - The Home Team will be listed first on the schedule
2. **BALL AND STRIKE COUNT TO BATTER** - the Batter entering the Batter's Box will have a one (1) ball and one (1) strike count to begin his/her turn at bat. The Batter is not out on the first third strike foul ball that is not caught, but is out on the next foul ball.
3. **COURTESY RUNNERS** - A Courtesy runner may be used for a base runner at any time after a batter reaches base on their own. Only (1) courtesy runner may be used in an inning. **The Courtesy Runner will be the previous player in the lineup who is currently not on base.**
4. **PITCHING REGULATIONS** :
 - a. The pitch must be above 6 feet and below 12 feet from the ground to be a strike.
 - b. Any pitch that hits the plate or any part of the mat is a strike.
 - c. Any pitch that hits the ground will be a ball
 - d. The pitcher may not use a delivery, which is not a continuous motion.
 - e. The pitcher may not pitch from behind the back or through the legs.
 - f. The pivot foot must be in contact with the pitching area when the ball leaves the hand. The step can be taken forward, backward or to the side, provided the step is simultaneous with the release of the ball.
 - g. **The pitching area is the width of the pitching plate and 6 feet behind.**
5. **ILLEGAL PITCH** – When the umpire calls an illegal pitch (under 6' or over 12', this is a judgement call), the batter has the option to play the pitch or take a ball. If the batter chooses to swing at an illegal pitch, the play is considered live and the result of the swing will stand.
6. **HOME RUN RULES** - Home Runs hit over the fence, the batter and all runners are credited with a score. The batter and any runners on base do not need to run the bases. **3 home runs per game, each additional HR will be an inning ENDING OUT.**
7. **STEALING** - There is NO stealing OR leading off.
8. **ALL DIVISIONS**

To avoid collisions at home plate, there will be a commitment line drawn between third base and home plate. As soon as the runner passes the commitment line on the way to home plate the runner cannot return to third base (exception for fly ball tag ups). The runner must cross the line directly behind the catcher. The play will become a FORCED out instead of a TAGGED out. The catcher MUST be touching the WHITE part of the plate to be an out, NO TAG outs at home.
9. **UNWRITTEN RULES:**
 - a. Don't hit up the middle at the pitcher.
 - b. Don't run up the score: if you're up big, hit but take one base at a time (station to station).
 - c. Peel off on double plays: runner from 1st to 2nd if for sure out – peel off towards outfield so you aren't interfering with throw to 1st.
 - d. We all have jobs outside of softball so have fun. No injury is worth missing time off work for softball.

COED RULES

1. Co-Ed Slow Pitch Teams must have at least **4 men/4women to begin** and continue play. 5 men and 5 women is considered regulation.
2. WITHOUT EXCEPTION: The Batting Order for Co-Ed Slow Pitch shall alternate the genders. Co-Ed Teams forced to play with 9, 11 or 13 players will be charged an automatic out when the missing batter (depending on whether a female or male batter is missing) would be scheduled to bat **OR they can have the extra male player alternate batting without taking an out.** NO WATERFALLING BATTERS IN THE LINEUP. However you may have the extra females bat.... EX. m/f/m/f/m/f/m/f/m/f/f/ up to a total of 14 batters.
3. **Substitutions:** If a team has an odd number of players, a team can take an out OR place 2 players in the same spot in the batting order who could both play defensively and alternate batting each time through the lineup.
4. A Team shall consist of players in the following defensive positions: Ten players, five male and five female: with the following positioning requirements: two males and two females in both the infield and the outfield, and one male and one female as pitcher and/or catcher.

Penalty for illegal positioning is: If all runners and batter do not advance at least one base on the play, the manager has the option of taking the result of the play or awarded a walk to the batter and advance runners if forced.

a. **NOTE:** If a team is shorthanded with either three in the infield or outfield, at least one of the three must be a male and at least one of the three must be a female player.

5. During all at bats, Outfielders must position themselves behind the restraining arc until the ball is hit. Infielders must play in the dirt infield until the ball is hit.

6. All batters will hit the 12" ball.

7. When four balls have been called by the Umpire, the Batter-Runner is awarded first base. The ball is dead. **COED ONLY-Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award and the following girl must hit with less than (2 outs) if there are (2) outs and then it is her choice to hit or walk. (Exception for overtime, all walks are 1 base to all players and the next player must attempt to hit).**

a. COED EXCEPTION: Teams that bat two men consecutively by taking an out, the first man walked is awarded 1st base and the following male batter will bat.

SENIOR RULES

1. The Senior Softball team(s) will play against in their own division if enough teams. If only 1-3 they will play in the Lower Divisions and both teams will play by senior league rules, unless stated differently in these rules.

2. **ALL** players must be 50 years old or older to be considered a Senior team.

3. Teams must have eight players available to begin or forfeit at game time.

4. Senior teams may play with five outfielders (11 players) on defense.

5. **BASE RUNNING:**

a. Senior teams may use courtesy runners at any time after the batter has reached base, and are not limited to one courtesy runner per inning.

b. Seniors can over run the base but must return and touch if proceeding to next base. If rounding the base they can be tagged out. When over running the base, they must run on the side away from the throw. If overrunning the base interferes with the ball coming in, out. *

c. Sliding into bases while base running is **NOT** allowed by either team and the runner is declared out.

6. **COED Senior Teams:**

a. Coed Senior teams will alternate genders in the batting order and follow regular league rules for defensive positioning **when possible**, with the exception of an added (5th) outfielder.

b. Senior teams playing with less than 5 females must have at least one female at pitcher or catcher, at least one in the infield and at least one in the outfield.

SPORTSMANSHIP, PROTESTS, EJECTIONS & SUSPENSIONS

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**

a. We remind all Players, Coaches and Spectators that **SPORTSMANSHIP AND PARTICIPATION** is our greatest concern in all Adult Recreation Programs. Any Unsportsmanlike Conduct will be dealt with by the MRD Adult Rec Coordinator/leader or field supervisor.

b. Team Managers are responsible for the **OVERALL CONDUCT** and **ELIGIBILITY** of their team. Only the Team Manager, or his/her representative, may confer with the umpires regarding a rule interpretation.

c. Participants in athletic programs must obey League Rules and follow accepted sportsmanship standards. Participants are expected to deal with MRD employees, including; game officials, score keepers, and supervisors, in a manner reflecting good sportsmanship.

d. **ABUSIVE AND PROFANE LANGUAGE OR BEHAVIOR BY PARTICIPANTS** that may endanger the well being of others, will not be tolerated and violators will be removed from the premises.

e. Managers, Players, Coaches or anyone affiliated with a Team shall not at any time, whether from the benches, coaches box, playing field, bleachers, behind the backstop or from the parking lot, use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect negatively upon opposing players, staff, umpires or spectators.

f. **VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE**, of any kind, will not be tolerated toward the umpires, scorekeeper, field supervisor, spectators or other players either on the field, dugouts or in the stands. Verbal or physical abuse is defined as any type of act or behavior, that in the judgment of the umpire(s) or Softball Field Supervisor warrants his/her removal. The violator(s) may be ejected from the game at the umpires' discretion. Any ejected person must leave the grounds and cannot have contact with the umpires or participants in the game. Any further disturbance caused by the same individual will be reported to the Montrose Police.

g. No tobacco or Vaping use or use of profane language will be permitted in the facility, including coaches box or field areas. A team violating this rule will be subject to forfeit. Any founded complaint will mean elimination from the program for that player or team.

h. Any Player, Coach or Manager causing directly or indirectly any physical attack upon an Umpire, MRD Staff Member, or another Player or threatens anyone with bodily harm by words or acts at any time, may subject themselves to permanent suspension from all MRD activities.

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j. These acts would include but are not limited to the following:

i. Bumping, pushing or grabbing

- ii. Attempting to kick, strike or swing at anyone.
- iii. Throwing a ball, bat, glove or any object at anyone. **(Absolutely No Contact Is Necessary)**
- iv. If physical restraint is required to keep a player, coach or manager from attacking anyone.
- k. **At the discretion of the Umpire or Field Supervisor, a Player, who is noticeably impaired due to an injury or intoxication, will not be allowed to participate during his/her league game.**

2. **EJECTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS**

- a. The Umpires and/or the Field Supervisor have the authority to eject a player, coach, manager or spectators multiple from a game for violation of rules or for flagrant misconduct.
- b. Upon the ejection of a Player, Coach or Manager for **Unsportsmanlike Conduct**, the Umpire will inform the Team Manager and the Softball Field Supervisor that this person has been ejected. The Team Manager will then be responsible for removing this person from the softball field complex within a **one minute time period**. Failure to do so will warrant a forfeiture of that team's game.
- c. Any Player, Coach or Manager who is ejected or suspended from a game, will not be eligible to participate on **THIS TEAM OR ANY MRD LEAGUE TEAM**, until a **MINIMUM** of a one game suspension has been met, in the League in which the infraction occurred.
- d. Any manager, coach or player ejected twice during the season, will be suspended and not eligible to participate for the remainder of the season, including playoffs or tournaments.

3. **PROTESTS**

- a. An **OFFICIAL WRITTEN PROTEST** must be filed with the Softball Field Supervisor by the completion of the game, or if in the last inning within 10 minutes of the game ending.
- b. **A Protest involving an Umpire's judgment, will not be permitted.**
- c. Generally there are four types of protests:
 - i. Misinterpretation of a playing rule - This protest must be made before the next pitch or before all infielders have left fair territory, or if on the last play of the game, before the umpires leave the playing field. NOTE: After one pitch has been thrown (legal or illegal) no change can be made on an Umpire's ruling.
 - ii. Illegal substitute or re-entry - A protest must be made while the player is in the game and before the umpires leave the playing field. NOTE: An umpire cannot reverse a decision after a pitch (legal or illegal) to the next batter. Violations of this rule may cause a player to become disqualified.
 - iii. Ineligible Player - A player eligibility protest must be made by the opposing Team Manger. Eligibility is the decision of the Softball Board and the MRD. (Example: A person playing who has been suspended for two games for misconduct).
 - a. An ineligible player shall be defined as a player that may not legally play in that division or league. (Examples: A 14 Yr Old, a Men's Upper player also playing in Men's Lower league, any player playing on two different teams in the same division or two teams of the same gender.)
 - iv. Disqualified Player - Is a player who may no longer reenter because of being substituted for twice, or returns to the wrong place in the batting order.

If you have a problem with, or complaint, about an umpire, manager, player, fan or supervisor please be specific on names, dates, what field and the details of the situation. Anyone may call the Recreation Coordinator/leader to discuss a problem.

4. **League Standings/Scoring:**

Win = 2 pts Forfeit = -1 pts Ejection = -2 pts

MRD FACILITIES RULES

1. **Please do not leave small children unattended!** Children left unattended will be given a shot of espresso and a free cat.
2. Children under the age of 15 years old, are **NOT PERMITTED** on the playing field or in the dugouts, or in the warm-up areas, when occupied by players warming up.
3. **Foul/Home run Balls**— Kids returning MRD balls will be given a free otter pop or candy! .
4. **Alcoholic Beverages:** Teams can obtain a permit to consume beer, wine or seltzer. Permits can be revoked at any time by the City of Montrose or MRD. Players will be allowed to consume within the Ute Park Complex or in the dugout/bleachers at Holly Park. No alcohol is allowed on the field of play. If you are drinking, please carry your ID with you in the event the field supervisor asks for age verification. Underage drinking will not be tolerated and violations will result in suspension and possible team expulsion. This is a privilege and not a right.
5. Please help us keep your Softball Complexes safe by observing the following park rules:
 - No Metal Cleats
 - No Pets, unless on a leash
 - No Alcoholic Beverages (inside field)
 - **No Glass Containers**
 - No Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, etc.
 - Do Not Hit Balls Into Fences, Backstops or Buildings
 - Do Not Climb Fences
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Do Not Leave Small Children Unattended

- Do Not Use Fields If Gates Are Locked
- Do Not Throw or Hit Balls in spectator areas
- **Smoking/Vaping is NOT permitted inside the complex. Use the Parking Lot**

Family Friendly: we want this program to be family friendly, a place where you can bring your kids so you can have fun. Keep that in mind when picking music to play or how you speak even with teammates. Watch the profanity and have fun.

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POINTS OF EMPHASIS & RULE CHANGES

- **Beer, Seltzers or Wine in a CAN are allowed in the facility and dugout.**
 - NO Bottles
 - NO Hard Alcohol
 - NO Shooters
 - NOT on the field of play (or in coaches box)
 - NO UNDERAGE DRINKING - all players may be carded before drinking. Spectators will be also be carded if they appear underage and are drinking. Don't ruin it for everyone that does follow the rules.
- **NO VAPING, smoking or Tobacco use** - this is a district wide policy for all MRD facilities. You can go to the parking lot and that doesn't mean right next to the entrance gate either.
- **Altered Bats** - Don't use bats that have been altered, shaved, rolled, or damaged in any way.
- **Throwing of Bats** - don't. I understand you might have had a bad hit but don't take it out on the bat. I promise it did nothing, that was all you. Also, it just makes you look like a poor sport. Players may be ejected for throwing bats.
- **Spectators** - They are there to watch you play and are a part of your team. Keep them in line and under control. We won't tolerate abuse from spectators towards officials (Scorekeepers, Umpires or Supervisors)
- **Substitution Rules** - In order to get more people playing we are allowing teams to play with an extra guy or girl, but they will be placed in the lineup with another guy or girl:

6guys/4girls	5guys/4girls	5guys/6girls
Wade	Wade	Wade
Abby	Abby	Abby
Matt	Matt	Matt
Cindy	Cindy	Cindy
Justin	Justin	Justin
Holly	Holly	Holly
John/Jason	John/Jason	John
Melissa	Melissa	Melissa
Bill	NO OUT	Bill
OUT		Lisa Debby

- **HR Rules: All Leagues: 3 home runs per game. All others will be INNING ENDING OUTS.**