

STEWARTVILLE AREA MENS SUMMER LEAGUE

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all players. Eighteen or current year graduate.

SCHEDULES: Games will be played at Bear Cave Ballfields.

THE LEAGUE WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE USA SOFTBALL RULE BOOK, with certain variations adapted by the local association.

DIRECTORS: Todd Uptagrafft, 507-208-5268 or Angelie Hovey, at City Hall 533-4745 will be available to answer questions or concerns.

PLAYOFFS: All teams will be included in a single elimination tournament.

MENS LEAGUE RULES

1. All players must be positioned in fair territory before the pitch, except the catcher. The skinned portion of the infield shall differentiate between an infielder and outfielders.
2. Any player or manager fighting during a game will be ejected and ineligible for three games/or removed for the season depending on situation.
3. Only the manager and player directly involved in a play may question an umpire's decision and then to the point of reason. Any other player will be subject to ejection and possible team forfeiture of the game.
4. A mat will be used. A pitch hitting any part of the mat or plate is a strike. Three Ball/Two strike Rule with no courtesy fouls. Illegal pitches should be called immediately.
5. A team may start with 9 players. If only 8 or less eligible players are available, the team has 10 minutes from game time (1st game only) to get the eligible players or otherwise forfeits. The 10th batter is not counted as an out.
6. A player may play on only one men's team on Thursday night.
7. ABSOLUTELY NO alcoholic beverages will be allowed on playing field, including bench and area around the bench, while your team is playing. No smoking will be allowed in field of play. ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS BOTTLES/CONTAINERS allowed in the ballfield complex or the park.
8. 10 run rule will apply anytime after 5 innings.
9. If a runner intentionally knocks a fielder over, by not sliding, to try to jar the ball loose, the runner will be called out and removed from the game, 2nd offense - suspension for three games.
10. If fielder makes a fake tag to try to get the runner to slide, the runner will be awarded an extra base and the fielder will be warned. 2nd offense - suspension for 3 games.
11. **FINAL ROSTERS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 7th.** If a player gets injured for the season or moves out of the area, a new player may be added to the team roster after the deadline. All changes must be made at City Hall 24 hours prior to player's participation in league games.

12. We will be using USA Softball Casual Profanity - Family Atmosphere Rule.
13. HIV Rule - No exposed blood can be present at any time. Must be cleaned and bandaged and bloody clothes removed. Failure to comply with this rule, the player will not be allowed to play ball. It is strongly suggested that each team have a first aid kit and each player have extra clothing.
14. All games will be played as per scheduled, **TEAMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RESCHEDULE.**
15. Any person may inform the umpire of a flagrant violation of a rule. The investigation could lead to a possible penalty.
16. Double Base at First Base. If a ball is hit in the field and there is a play at first base the batter must use the orange bag or interference will be called.
17. Each team will supply their own USA Softball approved and umpire approved .52 COR ball (USA Softball Certified Ball).
18. **Game Appeals Procedure: The umpire must be notified of all disputes before the end of game. Also, written notification must be made within 48 hours of game to City Hall. All disputes will be evaluated and the decision will be FINAL.**
19. Hoffman Rule or Extra Hitter Rule may be used. If Hoffman Rule is used, it must be used the entire game.
20. Courtesy Runner may be used if opposing team agrees.
21. After rounding first base, the batter-runner must return directly to the base or go to second base.
22. Illegal re-entry now has a penalty involving the player only who is now ejected from the game. Previously it was cause for forfeiture of the game.
23. A team found using Titanium bats or a bat not listed on the USA Softball non-approved list will forfeit the game. The City has the discretion, at any time, to make ANY bat illegal due to safety concerns.
24. Any runner that is physically assisted by a coach will be called out through the delayed dead-ball procedure.
25. Home run limit: Middle - 3 home run limit
 Lower - 2 home run limit
If team goes over their home run limit the next home runs are called outs.
26. ABSOLUTELY NO STEALING!!!!
27. Rain Out Games will be scheduled to be played within the next few weeks.