



## City of Saco, Maine

### Parks & Recreation Department

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# WOMEN'S SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL 2021

## COVID-19 PREVENTION PROTOCOLS

### MASKS

- Mask are required to be worn at all times at Saco Parks and Recreation Young School Softball Field. This includes during game play.

### SPECTATORS

- One spectator per player is permitted. Spectators are required to wear masks while attending.

### HEALTH SCREENING

- The umpire will handle check in before the start of each game.
- Health screening will consist of a temperature check, reviewing of any COVID-19 related symptoms, and hand sanitizer.
- If a temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher, you can not participate.
- Please stay home if you are sick.

## League Guidelines

### ROSTERS

- Rosters are due no later than **Friday May 28th,2021** and must have no more than 20 players listed.
- Initial rosters should be emailed to Alyssa Clark at [aclark@sacomaine.org](mailto:aclark@sacomaine.org) and should include each player's name.
- Every player on the team roster must register in the Saco Rec online system by their first game night.
- Players must be registered by the start of the season, for liability purposes.
- Every player must be at least 18 years old by the start of the current season.
- After **Friday May 28th,2021** any additions to the roster must be submitted to Alyssa Clark in email format.
- Each player may be listed on only one Saco Recreation Women's League Roster.
- **Numbers on uniforms are required.**

### FEE

- There is a \$50.00 team deposit due **Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021** to secure your spot.
- The fee for the 2021 season is \$650.00.
- The team deposit is part of the full team fee.
- **Make checks payable to: Saco Parks & Recreation.**
- Please send team fee via mail to Saco Community Center: 75 Franklin St., Saco ME 04072.
- Teams must turn in one check from either their sponsor or their team representative.
- Bank checks are an acceptable way to consolidate multiple player payments.
- No refund if a team fails to complete the season.

### MEDICAL KITS

- Medical kits will **NOT** be provided, and teams must provide their own.
- A player with any visible blood on herself or her uniform will not be permitted to play until the bleeding is stopped and any visible blood must be covered with bandages, tape, or another shirt.

## FIELD POLICIES

- Only the rostered players should be on the field or using program equipment.
- Only 12 rostered players can play per team.
- The batting team may have half of their team in the dugout, utilizing 6 ft. distancing. The other half will be outside the field, utilizing 6 ft. distancing. Players outside can stand along the back-stop fence.
- Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited--this includes playing fields and practice areas, as well as the parking areas. Teams will face suspension from the League for violation of this rule. Teams are asked to control their spectators. The Team Representative is responsible for the conduct of her players.
- The Parks & Recreation Department and the City of Saco does hereby declare that all of its Parks and Recreation facilities are tobacco-free zones and specifically restricts the use of any tobacco products on, in, or at any athletic facility, playground, or assembly area under the authority of the City of Saco Parks & Recreation Department.
- All ball fields are off-limit for practices. Stay off fields if they are wet and/or muddy. Teams will be fined \$25.00 for a violation of this rule. If games are called because of poor playing conditions, the fields are off limit for practice.
- Players are responsible for their own insurance coverage.
- There should be no non players or coaches on the playing field at any time. This includes using children as bat boys or girls.

## GAME TIMES

- Games will be starting **Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. Game times are 6:30pm, 7:30pm, and 8:30pm.
- If a team has 9 players, the game will begin at 6:30pm. Additional player(s) may be added when she arrives.
- Game times may vary depending on the number of teams registered, but each team will be guaranteed a certain number of games. **(2021 = 12 Games)**
- If multiple games are scheduled at Young Field, there will be **NO** new inning after 7:30pm or after 8:30pm.
- **All lights MUST be off by 10:00 PM** regardless of inning or score. It is up to the team captains and/or representatives to keep games moving along in timely fashion. Winning team will be responsible for lights.

## EQUIPMENT

- Game balls will be provided by Saco Parks and Recreation and managed by the umpire.
- Clean and disinfected softballs will be used for each game.
- We will not be providing any other equipment such as bats and gloves.

## STANDINGS

- Team standings will be updated weekly on [www.sacorec.com](http://www.sacorec.com)
- There will be no playoffs.
- Team with the best record wins.

## CANCELLATIONS

Game cancellations will be called by the recreation department by 4pm. After 4pm all decisions are made by the game officials. If the first game of the night is cancelled by the Rec Dept, then the second game is also automatically cancelled. All cancellations made by the Recreation department will be handled in the following order:

- Cancellation messages will be placed on the department's website at [www.sacorec.com](http://www.sacorec.com) in the scrolling banner announcement section on the homepage.

- An email and text will go out to every registered player who has opted for these notifications.
- It is also the captain's responsibility to relay messages to teammates.
- If you do not hear from us, you need to show up at the field.
- Teams not having a minimum of 9 players will forfeit--could be a double forfeit if neither team have enough players.
- Lightning or Thunder: Cease play, seek lightning safe structure; Play may begin after a minimum of 30 minutes after the last sign of lightning or thunder. If lightning continues, end the event.
- If games cannot be made-up because of weather conditions, then the season standings will be based off the team who has played the fewest number of games, regardless of the number of times a team has played each other vs. other teams.

**RULES: All rules are subject to change once registration numbers are known**

### **Game Rules**

Current USA rules will govern play, except as amended by League Rules.  
Saco Parks and Recreation will furnish one or two umpires per game as available.  
He/she will call balls/strikes, safe/out, and arc/height of pitches.

### **FIELD DIMENSIONS**

- Field measurements: Bases= 60' Pitching= 50'.

### **START OF PLAY**

- A team may start with 9 players; the 10th player must be added as soon as they show up. The player will be added at the end of the batting order. When a team is playing shorthanded and a tenth player arrives, it is no longer necessary to wait until the next half inning. The tenth player may enter the game upon her arrival, assuming she is properly equipped to do so. As for a player leaving and the team not having a substitute, it should be noted that the position in the batting order may remain open without this being considered an out except in the case of an ejection. (You may finish with 9 players).

### **BATTING**

- The batter shall assume a one-ball, one strike count upon entering the batter's box.
- Every bat used in a game will need to be USA approved. Bat testing may be scheduled if necessary.
- Batting Cards must include the first and last name of each player in attendance. This will help us monitor the number of games that each player has played.
- Each team will receive a packet of batting cards for the season.
- The umpires will put the score cards in the designated box at the end of each game so we can tally wins and losses at the end of each week.

### **SCORING**

- If a team is ahead by 20 or more runs after four innings (three and a half innings if the home team is ahead), the game is over. A twelve-run rule applies after four and a half innings.
- We will allow 2 fouls on the third strike—If you hit a foul on the third strike, you will be allowed one more foul (unless the foul is caught, then you are out.)
- **Courtesy Runner:** If a player has a medical condition or injury, a courtesy runner can be used by that player, as long as the player has successfully reached first base. The courtesy runner will be the batter who made the last out. If the game is in the first inning and no outs have been made, the courtesy runner will be the last player listed in the batting order.

- All protests must be submitted within 24 hours. Be familiar with the Protest Rule. A \$25 fee must accompany the written protest. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. The Program Director for the City of Saco Parks & Recreation Department will decide the outcome of the protest. All decisions will be final.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

- Teams may borrow three players from another team to avoid a forfeit. If more players are needed the two teams must discuss and agree upon it.

## **FORFEITS**

- Teams forfeiting three or more games are subject to ejection from the league--after review. Teams ejected will forfeit all fees.
- If you are not going to have enough players on a given night, please call Alyssa Clark so she can notify the opposing team.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

- Players will not huddle after each point, or at any point during, before, or after a game. No hand slaps after games. Sportsmanship will continue in a touchless manner.
- Good Sportsmanship should always be demonstrated. There should be no words exchanged during breaks and during play. Teams should be respectful.
- This is a recreation-level of play. There should be little to no contact during the games. Overly aggressive players may be asked to sit out.
- Ejected players or coaches will be face suspension of 1 game minimum but will vary based on severity. They cannot show up at the field during their suspended game. Coaches and/or team representatives are responsible for the conduct of their players. Make sure all players understand the rules.
- All players will refrain from using foul or vulgar language.
- Catchers will refrain from talking to the batter. Chatter is permissible, but catchers cannot yell, "Swing" or say other remarks to confuse or hinder the batter.

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