



ADULT SOFTBALL

Leagues

- Men's Double-Header League
 - Monday, Men's Open Recreational (Class C/D), \$695
- Mixed League, Edina and Hopkins/Minnetonka League
 - Tuesday, 12" Co-Rec League (Class C/D), \$590
- Men's 35 and Older League
 - Wednesday, Men's Open Recreational (Class C/D), \$470
- Mixed League
 - Thursday, 11"/12" Co-Rec League (Class C/D), \$505
- Men's Single-Game League
 - Thursday, Men's Open Recreational (Class C/D), \$470

Registration Information

Teams register online at EdinaMN.gov/parks. Entries are accepted on a first come, first served basis. All returning teams may register from Feb. 1-16. Registration for all teams opens Feb. 17. Deadline to register is April 2, 2021.

League Information

Teams will play ten games in summer league, 20 for double-header league. Each Edina league will have a single elimination playoff. Games are played on night indicated above and refereed by paid officials. Makeup games can be played on any night of the week. Weather cancellations are built into the schedule. League Director will determine if schedule needs to be extended. Weather dependent, league will start the week of April 19, 2021. Weather cancellations will be posted on EdinaParks.com. Schedules and weekly standings will be posted on the City of Edina Parks & Recreation website. Edina league champions will receive championship t-shirt. Edina resident teams made up of 90% Edina residents receive a resident discount.

Location

- Van Valkenburg Park, 4935 Lincoln Drive, Edina

COVID-19 Rules

- All current local and state guidelines for facilities and athletics must be followed. As local and state guidelines are updated, they take precedent over the following rules. We will follow Minnesota Department of Health guideline for adult sports at the time of play.
- If players or anyone in their family is feeling ill, has a fever or other COVID symptoms do not attend the game.
- All players, umpires and spectators are encouraged to continue 6 feet social distancing on and off the field.
- All staff, players, umpires and spectators are encouraged to wear a mask or facial covering. Depending on MDH recommendations at time of play masks may be required.
- Avoid shared equipment. No handshakes, team huddles or high fives.
- All teams are required to only use their own team's softballs when in the field. Once a half-inning is complete, fielding team will take their ball into the dugout and team going to play the fields provides one of their team's softballs.
- No spitting, seeds or gum allowed for players, managers, or spectators.

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- During the game, players should be seated or lined up outside the dugouts and behind the backstop to allow for social distancing. When players are in the dugout, they should maintain a six-foot distance.
- The catcher and umpire shall position themselves during a player's at-bat to allow for social distancing. Catcher shall position themselves behind the umpire, at least 6 feet, and become a "retriever", not a catcher.
- All teams are directed to clean their dugouts and team bench areas on arrival and departure. This includes wiping down benches and any high-touch areas and removing any trash.
- Teams should not enter dugout until the other team exits. Teams must leave the field and complex immediately after their game concludes.
- Spectators should be kept to a minimum. All spectators should sit along the 1st and 3rd baselines and in the outfield maintaining a six-foot social distance. Recommend that spectators bring their own chairs. Face coverings are encouraged.

Equipment

- Teams should bring a first aid kit to each game.
- Metal spikes are not allowed.
- Bats must comply and be stamped with USSSA Mark or be a wood bat.
- Uniforms are not required.
- The official game ball is Dudley Thunder Heat blue stich Cor .40 softball, optic yellow in color.
- All teams will be provided game balls at the beginning of the season from Edina Parks & Recreation.
- All men's teams must present one new, approved softball to the umpire at the start of each game. In Co-Rec, the home team must provide two (one 12", one 11") new balls and the visiting team provide two used, umpire approved, softballs for each game.
- A two-run penalty will be assessed to any team not providing a new game ball.
- A mask is suggested for all catchers.

Roster and Players

- All players must be 18 years of age.
- Games are played with ten players.
- Rosters are due before the first game. Teams can have a maximum of 20 players on their roster.
- Teams must have eight players to start a game. If a team does not have enough players five minutes after scheduled game time, the game will result in a forfeit.
- If you need additional players, please contact Tiffany Bushland at tbushland@EdinaMN.gov for a list of interested players.
- An individual cannot play on two teams within the same division.

Edina League Co-Rec Rules

- Teams must have a minimum of eight players. Teams can have one more man than woman. (Example: five men and four women is legal, five men and three women is not legal.)
- At least one male must be present to play. (Example: one man and seven women is legal.)
- Men and women must alternate in the batting order. If more women are playing than men, women may be next to each other in the batting order.
- Teams may use a continuous batting order, meaning all players can bat. All players present can bat in a continuous batting order even if unequal amount of men and women. Teams using a continuous batting order must inform umpire and other team before the game begins.

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- If a male batter is walked, he will be given first and second base. The next batter (female) can select an automatic walk or select to hit.
- A maximum of two home runs can be hit per game in co-rec. After a team has reached its home run limit any additional home run results in an out unless their opponent is even with them or only one up in home runs. After the limit is reached, teams may hit a maximum of +1 home runs relative to their opponent's home run total. Home team can go 1-up in last inning or extra innings.
- No defensive player, except the pitcher, can be in front of the base line until after the ball is hit. Violation results in no pitch.
- A courtesy runner is allowed for an injured player. Courtesy runner must be the last person out of the same gender.
- Players may only change defensive positions during an inning if there is a substitution, pitching change or injury.

Edina Men's League Rules

- A maximum of three home runs can be hit per game in men's leagues. After a team has reached its home run limit any additional home run results in an out unless their opponent is even with them or only one up in home runs. After the limit is reached, teams may hit a maximum of +1 home runs relative to their opponent's home run total. Home team can go 1-up in last inning or extra innings.
- Teams may use a continuous batting order, meaning all players can bat.

General Rules

- The official rules of the league will be USSSA Slow Pitch unless otherwise indicated in this document.
- League will use the three balls and two strikes rule with no courtesy foul. The batter is out on the first foul ball after the second strike.
- A runner may slide.
- Any player digging out the batter's box will be called out.
- A runner can't leave the base until the ball is hit.
- Each team is requested to keep a scorebook. Home team will keep official score.
- Maximum game time is 60 minutes. Games during regular season may end in a tie.
- New innings will not begin 55 minutes after the game start time.
- In time or weather constraints a game is complete after five innings played or home team is ahead and 4 ½ innings played.
- Game is considered complete if a team is ahead by 10 runs after six innings, 15 runs after five innings and 20 runs after four innings.
- If an umpire is absent, managers should agree on an umpire and play the game.
- No protests are allowed, league is meant to have fun. Umpire has authority over the game.
- If a game is delayed because a team does not have softballs available (either from not having enough, or from not chasing down home run/foul balls), it is at the umpire's discretion to start calling strikes and outs until a ball is thrown in to the pitcher for play.

Playoff Information

- Each Edina league will have a single elimination playoff.
- Playoff games will be played with the same rules as regular season games. Championship game will not have a time limit.

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- Tie breaker analysis standings are first calculated using games back. If there is a tie after the initial calculation, the following tie breaker configurations will be used to break the tie or ties.
 - 1 Winning Percentage
 - 2 Head-To-Head
 - 3 Head-To-Head Differential
 - 4 Total Runs For
 - 5 Total Runs Against
 - 6 Total Runs Differential
 - 7 Lowest Number of Forfeits
 - 8 Coin Toss

Weather Information

- Captains will be emailed if games are canceled by the league director before 4:30 p.m.
- Cancellations will be displayed on edinamn.gov/parks
- In questionable weather situations, game decisions will be made by the umpire at the playing field.

Player Conduct

- Alcohol is not allowed in Edina parks, parking lots or surrounding streets.
- Smoking is not allowed in Edina parks or parking lots.
- Umpires have the authority to remove or ban a player and/or manager from the game and park.
- The team manager will represent and be responsible for all actions of the team while at the park. Only team manager should address the umpire on judgment calls.
- Swearing or cursing can be grounds for ejection by umpire.
- If a player is removed from a game by an umpire, League Director may impose additional consequences.
- Only players are allowed in the dugout. Children are not allowed in the dugout.

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