

# New Milford Recreation Women's Softball League Rules

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1. Players must be 30 years old or older and New Milford Resident.
2. Games will be played at the A field during the softball season.
3. Games will be 6 innings. If the score is tied at the end of 6 innings, team captains in concert with the umpire can decide to play extra innings until "sudden death" or call the game a tie. The umpire has the final authority to call a game.
4. Rescheduled games will be made up during the week on days UGALS is not playing or any open spot in the schedule. This may cause double headers to occur.
5. No metal spikes allowed.
6. Bunting and stealing are not allowed. Leads may be taken after the pitched ball crosses the plate.
7. There is a free substitution rule. Any player at any time during the game.
8. Courtesy runners are allowed. The courtesy runner must be the last player out in the previous inning, or the last player in the order if the first inning. UNLESS that player is one that also needs a runner, then go to the next player and so on.
9. Pitching. Fast pitching and High Arc pitching are not permitted. Pitches should be hittable, as if you were pitching batting practice. We are not looking to strike batters out or walk them. There is NO HIT BY PITCH, the batter should have enough time to get out of the way. This is a league for FUN!
10. Sliding is NOT permitted. In a close call the runner may over run the base 2 steps. The catcher must give access to HOME PLATE in a close call. They CAN NOT BLOCK THE PLATE. Sliding will result in the runner being called OUT.
11. A maximum of 10 players and a minimum of 8 players can take the field at one time. If the other team has extra players, they are permitted to give a player(s) to the opposing team so the game can be played. There are no FORFEITS or RESCHEDULING due to not having enough players.
12. Everyone gets to bat. Rosters will have a MAXIMUM of 15 batters each game.
13. All umpire decisions are final.
14. Mercy Rule: Ahead by 10 Runs after 4 innings, game is called.
15. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. I reserve the right to refuse accepting a registration if the player has a history of unsportsmanlike conduct.
16. SPECTATORS are NOT permitted in the dugout or in area surrounding the dugout. They should be on the grass close to the playground or near the bleachers on either side of the field.

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Alcohol is not permitted on Recreation grounds. Anyone not in compliance will be asked to leave ball field.