

2025 Adult



League Handbook

Casper Recreational Leagues Association
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Casper, Wyoming 82601
(307) 235-8383

*This handbook is available to simplify rules & procedures.
Please refer to the USA Softball Rule Book for governance.*

If games are postponed because of rain or field conditions, email communication will be sent via Team Sideline. We will also post any cancellations on our Facebook page. Always assume games will be played.

Casper Recreational Leagues Association 2025 Board of Directors

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Interested in Umpiring?

Pay range:

- \$20 per game for non-certified
- \$35 per game after attending one (1) Umpire State School or other equivalent trainings, and passes USA certification exam

When an umpire isn't available for games:

In the case that an umpire isn't available for any reason to umpire a game, it will be the responsibility of both teams to umpire their game. It's recommended that there is a designated umpire from each team helping to make calls throughout the game. For more information, please contact Shorty Vasquez or Andy Hintz. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We are in dire need of umpires. Local training will be provided, as well as insurance with USA registration. It's a great way to earn extra



money and help give back to the program. Please help spread the word!

Zero Tolerance

The Casper Recreation Division holds a zero-tolerance policy toward the usage of any type of profanity, derogatory language, of any kind, at or toward anyone (including but not limited to racial slurs, the "F" word, etc.). We are asking you as players to respect umpire decisions, regardless of your opinion of the umpire's judgement. Failure to comply with an umpire/Casper Recreation Staff member's decision will be grounds for automatic ejection. Challenging calls or cursing at an umpire is prohibited. Our league and your participation in it is dependent on their willingness to officiate you. Any ejected offenders must leave the vicinity (sight & sound) immediately.

Lightning Policy

Site supervisors will administrate the lightning policy. Play will be stopped when lightning is within a 6-mile radius of the playing location. Play will be permitted to begin 30 minutes after the last strike. The Casper Recreation staff will communicate what games will be player once the threat has passed. If a game has completed enough innings when lightning begins, it will be considered complete- see incomplete game rule below.

Sub Cards

New in 2025. To help teams avoid forfeiture due to player shortages, the league allows the use of substitute player cards. These substitutes may be players already rostered on another team in the league or an individual not registered in the league. Each team will receive 6 sub cards in their team packets at the beginning of the year. Additional sub cards are available for purchase at the Casper Recreation Center front desk for \$5/ea. Sub cards are not to be transferred or sold by teams. Any team or manager that is caught illegally utilizing a sub card will be fined \$50 and incur a two-game suspension.

Sub Card rules and regulations:

- Sub cards may only be used in the regular season
- Substitute players may only play up in a division, not down. i.e. a player rostered in division 2 may substitute for division 1 but not in division 3; players can sub in their own division i.e. a division 1 player can sub for another division 1 team
- The team captain must present any sub cards they wish to utilize to the umpire before the beginning of the game. At this time, the substitute must present the umpire with a valid photo ID that matches the name on the sub card. If these documentations aren't presented, the substitute will not be allowed to play.
- Sub cards may only be used when a team cannot field enough of their own legally rostered players. i.e. Team A has 10 legally rostered players, and 2 of them are unable to play that night.

The team may use 2 players that aren't rostered on their team to meet the needed game requirements.

- Sub cards are valid on a per/player, per/game basis unless it's for a men's double header. i.e. Sub cards are only valid for one game in the coed and women's league. Men's teams may use one sub card for the same player if they are subbing for both games of a double header.
- Teams are allowed to use a maximum of three sub cards per game.

Summer Handbook

Team Entry Information & Relevant Dates

Registration Deadline: Sun. May 11th

- Schedules posted on May 19th
- Season begins May 27th- Initial Roster Deadline
- Before first tournament game- Final Roster Deadline
- Team fees include payment for all players, regular season and league tournament games and six (6) softballs. All teams will be scheduled for a league ending tournament unless disqualified.
- Additional softballs may be purchased for \$5 ea. or \$25/6 balls. Game balls are the Dudley Thunder SY52-300 or Baden USA300YS. Only official balls may be used for games. Both teams supply game balls when they bat. Women's balls will be provided.
- Invoices splitting out a team sponsor fee are available in the Recreation Center Administration Office upon request.

Slow Pitch Leagues	Team Fee	Roster Limits
Men's Double Header (18 regular season games)	\$730.00	20 PLAYERS
Women's Double Header (18 regular season games)	\$730.00	20 PLAYERS
Coed Single Header (9 regular season games)	\$500.00	20 PLAYERS

*The registration deadline will be strictly enforced, please do not delay in registering your team.

Scheduling

At least six (6) teams must register for a league in order for that league to be scheduled. If a league is canceled, teams will be given the option to join another league (at the applicable fee) or will be refunded.

LEAGUE STRUCTURES AND WHEN THEY PLAY

Men's/Women's double header slow pitch leagues (18 game season plus a season ending double elimination tournament) will play double headers, *when possible*, one night per week.

Coed leagues will play one game per week (9 league games) plus a season ending double elimination tournament.

Men's Slow Pitch

Double Header Leagues.....Tuesdays - Thursdays

Women's Slow Pitch

Double Header Leagues.....Wednesdays

Coed League (Single Header).....Monday-Tuesday

Alternate nights of the week will be utilized when the regularly scheduled night conflicts with a holiday or for rainout make-ups. Rainout make-ups may take place on Friday evenings. *GAME STARTING TIMES* are 6:00, 7:10, 8:20, 9:30 PM. Tournament divisions will be established to make tournament play as competitive as possible. Recreation staff along with the CRLA Board of Directors will meet to re-align teams into divisions prior to tournament scheduling. ***Teams should be prepared to play any weeknight during the City League Tournament.***

The following is the policy for determining league champions:

- a) Outright league champions (best winning percentage).
- b) Head to Head
- c) Head to Head Differential
- d) Total Point Differential
- e) Coin Toss

Games which are rescheduled due to inclement weather or any other extenuating circumstance will be scheduled on Fridays when possible. Weekends may be used, only if necessary, to make up games at the end of the regular season.

General Info & League Rules

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3. The minimum age for participation is 15 years of age. **Players are allowed to play on only ONE team within a league.** Leagues offered are:
 - a. Men's Slow Pitch
 - b. Women's Slow Pitch
 - c. Coed Wood Bat League (All coed divisions will be wood bat leagues)

4. Slow pitch teams must have at least 9 players on the field to start the game. There shall be no grace period. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.** For the 6:00 p.m. game only – if a team has a minimum of 7 players, the game will start. If the team does not have 9 players on the field by 6:10 p.m., the game will be considered a forfeit. If a team plays the game with 9, the 10th spot in the lineup shall be an out. If the team drops below 9 the game shall be forfeited. **However, if a player gets injured and the team drops below 9, the team will still be allowed to play with 8.** Any team that forfeits a game as a result of not enough players, improper attire, or misconduct will be fined \$50.00. *The \$50.00 forfeit fee can be avoided by informing the Recreation Coordinator, (307) 235-8388, of the need to forfeit no later than 12:00 p.m. on game day.* This fee must be paid before that team's next scheduled game, or the team will not be eligible for the season ending tournament. Forfeit fees must be paid at the Casper Recreation Center, Monday-Friday, during operating hours. Additionally, any team that forfeits four (4) games during the regular season shall be declared ineligible to participate in the City Tournament. Teams experiencing extenuating circumstances and wishing for an exception to this rule may solicit the CRLA Board in writing at least one week prior to the tournament.
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6. Player Protests – The responsibility for allowing “illegal” player(s) does not lie on the umpire. An illegal player needs to be identified *by the Top of the 3rd inning or when player subs enter the game.*

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7. If a player wishes to change teams once the season has begun, he/she must submit a written request to the Recreation Division. Once granted, the player making the request and both teams involved will receive, in writing, permission to make the roster change. No change will be made otherwise. Switching teams after the regular season has ended is not permitted. Teams are allowed to make additions to their rosters until the last Friday of the regular season. Roster additions will not be allowed after this

deadline without a written request supplied to the Recreation Division and approval from the Recreation Supervisor.

8. **New in 2025- Strike zone Mats.** Each division will utilize the strike zone mats. For a pitch to legally be considered a strike, the pitch must be within an arch of 6 to 10 feet and land on the mat behind Homeplate. If the pitch first contacts Homeplate, the pitch will not be considered a strike; however, any pitch first contacting the mat will make the pitch a strike. The batter will still have the opportunity to swing at any illegal pitch. Any illegal pitch that strikes the mat will still be called a ball if not swung at.
9. **New in 2025- Batter's box mats.** Batter's box mats will now be utilized for all leagues. Batter's box mats may be at an elevated level, not flush with the ground. See safety line rule below for plays at home plate.
10. Extra hitter rule – optional for men and women's teams. Teams electing to utilize an extra hitter must notify the umpire prior to each game. The manager may bat as many players as he/she carries on the roster and play any 10 players in the field. Once the game has started, no more players can be added to the batting line-up, but they may be used as substitutes. If a player leaves or is injured and no substitutes are available, his/her team must take an out in that player's position in the batting order even if they are using an extra batter(s). However, if a player is ejected and no substitutes are listed on the batting order, his/her team will forfeit the game.
11. **Courtesy Runner** – Any eligible players that may participate on offense or defense are on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. A courtesy runner may be used once per inning **and is allowed for the pitcher upon request. In Men's & Women's Divisions, up to two (2) courtesy runners are allowed per inning, which includes the pitcher if batting during that inning. In Coed Divisions, up to three (3) courtesy runners are allowed, one male and one female and one pitcher (if batting that inning), and must be of the same gender. A courtesy runner whose turn at bat comes while on base:** A.) The player who the courtesy

runner is running for will be called out. B.) The courtesy runner will be removed from the base and take their turn at bat. C.) A second courtesy runner or a substitute is not permitted at this time.

12. Rainy Day Policy - In the event of threatening weather or questionable field conditions, managers will be notified through TeamSideline.com. Managers will receive immediate postponement notifications via email. ***When in doubt, assume that the games will be played and report to the fields.*** Make up dates will not necessarily be on the same day as regular league play. Managers are responsible to communicate with their team on any cancellations during the season.
13. Incomplete Games – Any game ending early due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstance, will be replayed at the time that the game ended with your rostered team if, a) less than 4 ½ innings have been completed; or, b) less than 5 innings have been completed and the home team is behind.
14. Makeup schedules and other information will be posted online. Be sure to notify the Recreation Coordinator, (307) 235-8388 if your team's manager changes, moves, or has a contact info change.
15. The **only** time that games will be rescheduled will be as a result of inclement weather, poor field conditions, or if a team is traveling out of town to participate in a tournament. **Two weeks advance notice in writing** must be submitted to the Recreation Coordinator if traveling to a tournament conflicts with scheduled games. Requests for tournament travel reschedules will not be considered with less than two (2) weeks' notice. Rescheduled games will be played according to field availability at the end of the season or other dates available.
16. Uniforms: All teams are required to have shirts of similar color and a visible number (at least 5") on the back of the shirt. Shirts/jerseys may be mixed with a similar dominate color (example: various blues identifying the team color). **This rule will be enforced beginning June 23rd, 2025,** at which time, teams not in the prescribed uniform shall spot the opposing team one

run per player out of uniform at the time that player enters the game (one run awarded per player per game). Substitute players being utilized with a sub card must also meet uniform requirements. If headgear is worn, it must not hinder play on the field (for example, an umbrella hat) and not contain inappropriate symbols or language. Proper shoes must be worn by all participants. Head protection gear is recommended for pitchers but not required. USA Softball Rule 3 – Equipment- G. – Shoes. **Metal or steel cleats are not permitted.**

17. **Run Rules and Time Limits** – 20 runs after 3 innings
15 runs after 4 innings
10 runs after 5 innings

All slow pitch games are limited to 7 innings or 1 hour, whichever comes first.

18. **Homerun limits:** All men's and women's leagues - Each team will be allowed three (3) more over the fence homeruns than their opposition; all others are outs. Coed leagues - Each team will be allowed one (1) more over the fence homerun than their opposition; all others are outs.

19. Stealing bases in league and league tournament play is not permitted.

20. Any player who is ejected must leave the field and the vicinity **immediately** (sight & sound). If a player is ejected during the first game of a double header, he/she is ineligible for the second game of that set plus the first game of the next scheduled double header. There is a **\$50 fine** for being ejected per the Player Code of Conduct. The \$50 fine must be paid at the Casper Recreation Center no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) of the day the ejected player is eligible to play again. A player who has been ejected is not permitted to be present at any of his/her games while ineligible. Failure to comply will result in his/her team forfeiting the game (applicable forfeit fees apply).

Note: Managers will be held accountable for their teams' players and spectators. Umpires may inform a manager to aid in calming their player(s) down before the umpire decides to eject the player(s). If the umpire ejects the player(s) and in the opinion of the umpire the manager did not aid in the calming of

their player(s), the manager will be fined \$50 also. The \$50 fine must be paid at the Casper Recreation Center no later than 12:00pm (noon) of the day of the team manager's next eligible contest. Failure to comply will result in their team forfeiting the game. Managers are responsible for the sportsmanship of their teams players, bench personnel and their fans outside the playing field. **Each situation is subject to change based on the individual situation.*

21. Music must be maintained at a reasonable volume and not be derogatory in any aspect. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit. Applicable ejection and forfeit fees apply.
22. If in the umpire's judgment, a player deliberately takes out another player, the offender shall be immediately ejected and his/her further participation in league play is subject to review of Casper Recreation Administration and the CRLA Board of Directors. Teams may not elect to play short after an ejection. Applicable ejection and forfeit fees apply.
23. Appeal of a Suspension – If a player is suspended for a violation of the CRLA Code of Conduct, that player may appeal the suspension in writing. A meeting with an odd number of CRLA board members will then be scheduled to hear the player's appeal.
24. All teams are registered with USA Softball and receive liability insurance through their registration fee. USA Softball rosters may be delivered to the Casper Recreation Center, 1801 East 4th Street Casper, WY 82601. Teams participating in any State Tournament must properly complete and submit a USA Softball roster form.
25. Alcohol, smoke tobacco, and vaping are NOT allowed inside the fences, playing area, or dugouts. Cellphones are NOT allowed in the field of play – this also includes coaches. If found, a warning will be given. Repeated offenses will result in an ejection of the offending person(s). **Glass bottles are prohibited in City Parks. Those bringing glass bottles are subject to a game forfeit plus a fine.**

26. Protect our fences...Please don't throw or hit balls against fences or backstops.
27. USA Rule (Bats) – Equipment: The official bat shall have a safety grip of cork, tape (no smooth plastic tape) or composition material. The safety grip shall not be less than 10 inches long and shall not extend more than 15 inches from the knob end of the bat. Resin, pine tar or spray substances are permissible on the safety grip only. *Bats can be tested upon request.*

28. **RULES SPECIFIC TO COED PLAY ONLY**

- a) Only Official Softball Wooden Bats will be allowed in Coed League. Women may choose a wood bat or a legal metal bat. The Corndog bat is legal for play. Teams CANNOT use wooden bats made for baseball. Any bats found to be altered will be confiscated and the player will be suspended for the maximum penalty. Applicable ejection fee applies.
- b) **Male batters will use a 12-in ball. Women batters will use an 11-in ball.** It will be the umpire's responsibility for changing out the appropriate ball. There won't be any warm-up pitching allowed after the first inning unless there is a new pitcher. A 200-foot restraining line for all outfielders/all batters will be used until the ball is hit (penalty-batter has option to hit again).
- c) A team must have at least 9 players (5 female and 4 male or 5 male and 4 female) to begin a game (Note: An out must be taken in the open spot in the lineup if nine players are being used; however, if the team has an extra female, that team may play with 6 females and 4 males). If a male shows up after the game has started and his team is playing with 6 females, he may substitute into the line-up and bat in a spot in the order so that the team is alternating sexes. If a team falls below 9 players (with a minimum of 4 of any one gender) at any time as a result of ejection or players having to leave the game, the penalty is 7-0 forfeit and a \$50.00 forfeit fee. **For the 6:00 p.m. game only – if a team has a minimum of 7 players, the game will start. If the team does not have 9 players on the field by 6:10 pm the game will be considered a forfeit. The combination must be 4 males and 3 females or 4 females or 3 males.**

- d) Defensive positioning shall include two males and two females in the outfield, two males and two females in the infield, and one male and one female in the pitcher - catcher positions. If a team is playing with 6 females and 4 males then a female may replace a male position. The pitcher/catcher positions must be a male/female combo. **All infielders must play on the dirt portion of the playing field while a batter is batting.**
- e) The batting order shall alternate genders unless a team is playing with six women and four men, then a team's batting order shall alternate genders until there are no more men, then women may bat back to back. Coed teams may bat all players on their rosters as long as they either (a) alternate genders throughout the line-up or, (b) bat more women than men.
- f) If a male is walked, he will be awarded two bases and the next female batter must hit unless there are two outs. If there are two outs and the male has walked, the female has the choice to hit or walk until she takes a pitch (Refer to USA Rule). If a team is using 6 females and 4 males, the extra female does not "stand in" for the male position for the application of this rule.

Fall Handbook

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- Schedules posted on August 12th
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- Before first tournament game- Final Roster Deadline

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15. **New in 2025- Strike zone Mats.** Each division will utilize the strike zone mats. For a pitch to legally be considered a strike, the pitch must be within an arch of 6 to 10 feet and land on the mat behind Homeplate. If the pitch first contacts Homeplate, the pitch will not be considered a strike; however, any pitch first contacting the mat will make the pitch a strike. The batter will still have the opportunity to swing at any illegal pitch. Any illegal pitch that strikes the mat will still be called a ball if not swung at.
16. now be utilized for all leagues. Batter's box mats may be at an elevated level, not flush with the ground. Sliding into home plate is not recommended.
17. Teams will play using the 7 and 3 format, having a **MINIMUM** of 3 girls in the field at all times when not batting. All players are allowed to play any position. Teams can have more males than females.

18. **Male batters will use a 12-in ball. Women batters will use an 11-in ball. Only approved USA/ASA wood bats allowed for men. Women can use a legal wood or metal bat.** A 200-foot restraining line for all outfielders will be used until the ball is hit regardless of the batter's gender (penalty - batter has option to hit again).
19. 4 players of the same sex are **NOT ALLOWED** to bat consecutively.
20. If a male is walked, he will be awarded two bases and the next female batter must hit unless there are two outs. If there are two outs and the male has walked, the female has the choice to hit or walk until she takes a pitch (Refer to ASA Rule). A male only gets 2 bases on a walk if a female is next to bat, otherwise a single base is awarded for a walk.
21. **All games will utilize the 1 and 1 count for all batters.**
22. All infielders must play on the dirt portion of the playing field while a batter is batting.
23. Courtesy Runner – See courtesy runner rule from summer section.
24. If an umpire hears any person using extreme profanity (the “F” word in any context) is an **automatic ejection**. This includes any derogatory language, of any kind, at or toward anyone (includes but is not limited to racial slurs, etc.). The umpire is required to eject the offender immediately. The offender must leave the vicinity (sight & sound) **immediately**. Any music must be maintained at a reasonable volume and not be derogatory in any aspect. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit. Applicable ejection and forfeit fees apply.
25. If in the umpire's judgment, a player deliberately takes out another player, the offender shall be immediately ejected and his/her further participation in league play is subject to review of Casper Recreation Administration and the CRLA Board of Directors. Teams may not elect to play short after an ejection. Applicable ejection and forfeit fees apply.
26. Any player who is ejected must leave the field and the vicinity **immediately** (sight & sound). If a player is ejected during the first game of a double header, he/she is ineligible for the second game of that set plus the first game of the next scheduled double header. There is a **\$50 fine** for being ejected per the Player Code of Conduct. The \$50 fine must be paid at the Casper Recreation Center no later than

12:00 p.m. (noon) of the day the ejected player wished to play. A player who has been ejected is not permitted to be present at any of his/her games while ineligible. Failure to comply will result in his/her team forfeiting the game (applicable forfeit fees apply).

Note: Managers will be held accountable for their teams' players and spectators. Umpires may inform a manager to aid in calming their player(s) down before the umpire decides to eject the player(s). If the umpire ejects the player(s) and in the opinion of the umpire the manager did not aid in the calming of their player(s), the manager will be fined \$50 also. The \$50 fine must be paid at the Casper Recreation Center no later than 12:00pm (noon) of the day of the team manager's next eligible contest. Failure to comply will result in their team forfeiting the game. Managers are responsible for the sportsmanship of their teams players, bench personnel and their fans outside the playing field. **Each situation is subject to change based on the individual situation.*

27. Run Rules 2025 – 20 runs after 3 innings
 - a. 15 runs after 4 innings
 - b. 10 runs after 5 innings
28. Fall coed games are limited to 7 innings or 50 minutes, whichever comes first.
29. Homerun limits: Each team will be allowed one (1) more over the fence homerun than their opposition; all others are OUTS.

CITY OF CASPER RECREATION DIVISION SOFTBALL PRACTICE FIELD RESERVATION POLICY

**Field reservation requests will be accepted
(weather contingent) through May 2, 2025**

**During the following hours in the
Recreation Center Administration Office:**

Monday - Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm or call 307-235-8388

Teams wishing to reserve a ballfield for practice may do so by making reservations no later than 7 business days in advance at the Casper Recreation

Center, 1801 E. 4th Street. *Fields will not be reserved without payment of all fees.* Reservations can only be made Monday - Friday, during the hours listed above. Reservations will not be accepted after hours. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis with no limit on the number of reservations. Crossroads Fields #1, #2, and #3 and North Casper Fields #1-#5 are available for reservation based on availability.

The fee for field reservation is \$10.00/2 hours. If lights are needed, the additional charge is \$7.00 per hour. Fields may be reserved until 10:00 p.m. Upon making a reservation, the person making the reservation will have to sign a waiver. It is recommended that teams have this form in their possession at the field during their reserved time.

The Casper Recreation Division reserves the right to refuse a reservation to anyone for such reasons as field maintenance, weather, etc. In case of **inclement weather**, refunds or new reservations must be made during the **next two business days following the weather-related cancellation**. For any other reason, cancellations must be made three business days in advance to receive a refund or new reservation. Email athleticfieldrentals@casperwy.gov for refunds or for a new reservation.

If a team is using a field, and a team arrives with a Facility Use Permit, the non-reserving team must vacate the field immediately. Remember the reserving team has paid a fee and will have all rights to the field.

City Ordinances You Should Know

- **12.36.030 - Glass beverage containers prohibited.**

A. No person shall have in his or her possession, or dispose of, any glass beverage containers in any city park. This prohibition applies to all circumstances, including activities allowed by city-granted permit.

B. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be punished as provided in Chapter 1.28 of this code, as amended.

(Ord. 15-89 §§ 1, 2, 1989)

What this says: No glass bottles at the fields or you risk being cited.

- **12.36.040 – Alcoholic beverages and public intoxication.**

A. It is unlawful for any person to bring into, possess or consume any alcoholic or malt beverages on or in any public park or cemetery, or loiter in an intoxicated condition in such park or cemetery within or owned by the city.

B. Upon application to the city manager or his duly authorized representative, any person may obtain permission to bring in, possess and consume alcoholic or malt beverages on or in the areas mentioned in subsection A of this section.

(Prior code § 28-1)

What this says: Intoxicated individuals or those that drag a cooler of beer to the ball field risk being cited.

- **12.36.050 - Loitering and other disorderly conduct.**

No person shall sleep or protractedly lounge on the seats or benches, or other areas, or engage in loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, or engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to a breach of the public peace in a park.

What this says: Watch your mouth and behave like a reasonable person.

Code of Conduct

It is the responsibility of all coaches and managers to read and inform their players, bench personnel and fans of this Code of Conduct before the season begins.

****Please note that aspects of the Adult Softball Code of Conduct may differ from those of alternate sports leagues. ****

The Casper Recreational Leagues Association (CRLA) wants to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all that are involved. The CRLA expects all athletes, coaches/managers, officials/umpires and spectators to hold themselves to high standards of sportsmanship. Officials/Umpires and game management are there to help ensure fair play and provide a positive experience for everyone. Please treat all accordingly. In keeping with our mission, the CRLA expects all players, coaches, referees/umpires and spectators to maintain self-control at all times while remaining positive and showing respect for your team, opponents and officials/umpires at all times.

As a participant in City of Casper Sports Leagues, it is your responsibility to uphold and enforce the Code of Conduct including the following:

1) No player, official, spectator or participant shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, spit on or at or threaten another player, official, spectator or participant. Officials/Umpires are required to suspend the player(s) immediately from further play and report such player(s) to the Recreation Supervisor of Sports. Such player(s) must leave the facility immediately and shall remain suspended until the CRLA Board Representatives and Recreation Supervisor of Sports have considered their case.

2) No player(s) shall at any time refuse to abide by an official's decision, use obscene gestures or language, be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official or spectator, or use unnecessary tactics including those against the body or person of an opposing player. **The "F" word will result in an automatic ejection.** Officials/Umpires are required to suspend such player(s), who must leave the facility, immediately from further play and report such player(s) to the recreation Supervisor of Sports. If during tournament play, the player(s) is not eligible to compete in the balance of the tournament. If, for any reason, the player is not ejected, Casper Recreation Staff reserves the right to enact any and all disciplinary action.

3) Teams **MUST** have a roster upon their first regular season game and may make additions to their rosters until the last Friday of the regular season. The last Friday of the regular season is the roster deadline. Teams will not be permitted to make additions after this point as they will be locked. At any point, a team must have the minimum number of players on their roster that is required for a team to participate in the league even if a team is utilizing the 6:00 pm rule above (i.e.: A basketball team must have 4 players on their roster). Throughout any point of the season, a team (and only the team (s) scheduled to play them that night) may call for a roster check of their opponent (which must be requested by the top of 3rd inning). When a roster check is requested, staff will conduct the roster check utilizing the public end of the Teamsideline website portal. If a roster check reveals an illegal player after the game begins, the illegal player will be suspended for 2 games and must pay \$50 to be reinstated, the team captain will also be fined \$50.00 for attempting to utilize an illegal player. If a player not rostered on a team is found before the game begins, the player will be asked to leave. Please refer to Rule 13 below for specific roster check administration as it relates to the Adult Softball League. In certain circumstances, a team may be allowed a drop or addition due to injury or alternate reason. These additions and drops are left at the discretion of the Recreation Department.

4) An ejected player is ineligible for all CRLA sanctioned play for two games and he/she must pay the City a \$50.00 fine prior to playing again. The \$50.00 fine must be paid by 12:00 pm (noon) of the date the ejected player is eligible to rejoin the league. The \$50.00 fine and suspension will carry over to the next applicable season if it has not been paid.

5) No player(s) shall possess alcohol, drugs or be under the influence of such. Softball: No player(s) shall smoke tobacco products on the field of play (within the

fences or dugout). Officials/Umpires are required to suspend such a player(s) (in case of smoking at Softball Fields only after a verbal warning) immediately from further play and report player(s) to the Recreation Supervisor of Sports.

Penalties for the above infractions will be:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension for two league games, probation for the remainder of the season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all CRLA sponsored events for two years and probation for the following year at the discretion of the CRLA Board of Directors and Recreation Supervisor of Sports. Suspension from all Recreation Division Sponsored facilities and programs for two or more years is at the discretion of the Recreation Manager and/or the Parks & Recreation Director.

CITY OF CASPER
CASPER RECREATION DIVISION
AND
CASPER RECREATIONAL LEAGUES ASSOCIATION

ATHLETIC LEAGUE REFUND POLICY

TEAM ENTRY FEES

Planning for athletic leagues is extensive. Not only do the facilities have to be secured for a defined length of time, but divisions have to be drawn up and the length of the season (number of games, etc.) has to be determined before the actual game scheduling begins.

Much of this is done on projection based on the number of teams from the previous year. However, the final organization and scheduling (which is the most time consuming) does not begin until the deadline for submitting team fees has passed.

If a team drops out at this point, it will affect the division draws that have already taken place. To have to re-draw divisions or to back up and have to reschedule a division is costly and time consuming.

Teams should be certain that they would have enough players before they pay their team fee. When they pay their team fee, they are making a commitment to field a team and should be held responsible for upholding that agreement.

ONCE THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED, NO REFUNDS WILL
BE GIVEN.
SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Casper **RECREATION**

Recreation Division Contact Information

Sports website for schedules and other information:

www.teamsideline.com/casperwy

Postponed Games and Cancellations:
Email communication will be made via Team Sideline.
In case of lightning, teams must exit the complex.

Casper Recreation Center.....235-8383

City of Casper website: www.casperwy.gov



Be a good sport &
HAVE FUN!
Enjoy your softball season!

Designated Homerun Hitter Softball Tournament

May 17-18, 2025 DRAFT-STYLE FOR TEAMS

4 Game Guarantee

Entry fee - \$25

Entry Deadline: Monday, May 12th

Awards given to 1st and 2nd

One Pitch Softball Tournament

August 9-10, 2025 MEN'S, WOMEN'S & COED DIVISIONS

4 Game Guarantee

Entry fee - \$250 payable to City of Casper

Entry Deadline: Sunday, July 27th

Awards given to 1st and 2nd

Ghosts & Goblins

Coed Softball and Kickball Tournament

October 11-12, 2025 COED DIVISIONS

4 Game Guarantee

Entry fee - \$250 payable to City of Casper

Entry Deadline: Sunday, September 28th

Awards given to 1st, 2nd, and Best Costume

Send Tournament entries & inquiries to:

City of Casper Recreation Division

1801 E 4th St Casper, WY 82601

(307)235-8388

Groups wanting to host a tournament must submit a Casper Tournament Application to the Recreation Division. Past tournament experience and field availability will determine who is awarded with facility usage. A \$500 deposit and completed Tournament Application must be submitted to reserve space. Tournament directors are reminded that all tournaments must be finalized by the Wednesday prior to the tournament, so set fee deadlines appropriately.