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CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

FOND DU LAC FAMILY YMCA

Program Rules



OUR MISSION

The mission of Fond du Lac Family YMCA is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Our programs and services strive to strengthen the family, guide the youth of today, and meet the ever changing needs of our community. The Fond du Lac Family YMCA believes that, in a diverse world, we are stronger when we are inclusive, when our doors are open to all and when everyone has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Diversity Statement

Here at the Y, we believe that a healthier and stronger community emerges when everyone has the opportunity to cultivate and nurture a healthy mind, body and spirit. Our core values are **honesty, respect, responsibility and caring**--they guide everything we do. Together we ensure that everyone across age, ability, cultural background, ethnicity, faith, gender expression, gender identity, ideology, income, language, national origin, race, religion or sexual orientation has access to resources to reach their full potential.



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ELIGIBILITY

- Only members male or female (or their spouse) of that parish play on that parish's team.
- Players must be at least **16 years of age** to play in a game (For insurance reasons).
- Roster limit is 25.

GAMES

- Game times will depend on the number of teams registered. Schedules will be emailed after registration is complete.
- Twilight diamonds will be used.
- Diamonds will be announced with schedules.
- Players can arrive 10 minutes late to any game and be added to the end of the batting order.
- Teams will need a minimum of 9 players to start and must finish with 8 players.
- **2 female requirement on field, per team, per game**
 - If a team has only 1 female: Only 9 players may take the field and the "10th batter" will be an automatic out. The field cannot have 9 males and 1 female.
 - A game cannot start without at least one female player
- A (5) minute grace period after the official starting time of a game is allowed before a forfeit will be called. Teams will be forced to start with 9 players.
- 60 minute time limit (No new inning will start after the 60 minute limit)
 - If an inning starts within 10 minutes of the time limit the umpire will announce that this will be the last inning of the game.
- Pitchers can use up to 5 practice pitches to start their first inning and 2 practice pitches each additional inning.

BALLS

- The YMCA supplies a new ball or acceptable used ball.
- Any .52/ 300 lb. compression ball will be used (yellow). White softballs are NOT acceptable.



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SPIKES

- No metal spikes allowed.

POSTPONED GAMES

- Postponed games will be played per notification from the YMCA.
- The Rec. Department makes the call for canceling games. If city rec. games are canceled, so are the Church Softball League games.
- Call the Softball Hotline @ 906-6666 for any cancellations.
- Game cancellations will also be posted on the Fond du Lac Family YMCA's website.

UMPIRES

- Umpires are provided.
- Umpires will report all games to the YMCA by the next day. We will be using the same rules as the Fond du Lac Rec. Department.
- **RESPECT THE UMPIRES FOR EACH GAME.** Disrespect shown toward an umpire (or opposing player) will not be tolerated. Appropriate action for any misconduct will be levied by league commissioner.

RULES

- **ASA Rules.**
- Additional rule changes will be given to managers.
- Both the plate and the mat will be considered a strike.
- Slow pitch, 6-10 foot arc.
 - The ball must be above pitcher's head for the minimum arc (6ft). The maximum arc (10ft). Both measurements are at the umpire's discretion.
 - Umpires will announce **ILLEGAL** while the ball is in the air as soon as they determine the pitch is too high or flat.
- Umpire will announce foul hits. If the ball is fair the umpire will not verbally announce it, they will point towards the fair side of the line.
- Base on balls (walk) = Three balls, Out=two strikes (a foul is a strike).
 - If a male batter is walked on three (3) balls/zero (0) strikes, with a female on deck, the male player is awarded 2nd base.



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- If the above situation occurs and there are two (2) outs, the female batter will get the option to take 1st base
- Re-entry rule for all players (pitcher included).
 - There is no limitation as to the number of times a player return to a position.
- Teams will be allowed to bat as many players as they would like, but only 10 in the field at a time.
- Game roster/batting order is required for each game.
- Must notify umpire prior to game to use courtesy runner or notify immediately after an injury during game. **Must use last batter who was called out.**
 - If in first inning and no outs have been called yet, your team must use the last base runner to score.
 - If neither an out nor a score has occurred, the 7th player from that point in the batting order can be used.
- The hitter may request a courtesy runner from ANY base once they are called safe. Request must be before the next pitch.
- Outfielders will not be allowed to enter the infield to field a ground ball or fly ball. If this happens rule will be a dead ball, all runners advance 1 base. No outs will be assessed on that play.
 - You must play your initial position. Any “intentional” act will be judgment call by the umpire.
- At least (2) girls must bat within the Top 10 of the batting order.

Objective: No more collisions at home plate.

- We will have a Home Plate Extension and Commit Line. The Commit Line will be 40 feet from 3rd base and 20 feet from home plate. The Home Plate Extension will have similar rules to 1st base.
- If a base runner crosses the Commit Line, they **MUST** go home. This will be considered a force.
- Once the base runner is committed, the catcher will not attempt to tag the runner but touch the Extension to get the runner out.
- The catcher is the only position that can use the Home Plate Extension.
- If the ball gets past the catcher they may now attempt to tag the runner.



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PROTESTS

- Protests upon judgment calls will not be accepted.
- Protests must be made within 24 hours for a rule infraction, or thereof, and 48 hours for an illegal player.
- INTENTION TO PROTEST MUST BE MADE CLEARLY TO THE UMPIRE BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH!
- A written protest must be submitted to the YMCA by the next day.
- Replays will be played during make-up week. Usually last week of season.
- If player is ejected from game he/she will not be eligible to play the next scheduled game.
- If a player is ejected a second time during the season the player will not be allowed to participate for the duration of the league.

TEAM FEES

- \$250.00 (Deadline is May 1st)

STARTING DATE

- Starting date is May 10th.

AWARDS

- 1st place traveling trophy.

RESCHEDULING

- Teams may reschedule a game by mutual consent and with advance notification of the YMCA. A minimum of 24 hours' notice is mandatory.

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