

Redmond Parks And Recreation Department
MEN'S WOOD BAT BASEBALL LEAGUE
Philosophy, Organization and Regulations

ORGANIZATION

The league will be made up of teams returning from the previous year. Teams with 51% or more of their rostered players living or working in Redmond City limits will have first priority to enter the league. Additional teams that do not meet the resident requirements will be accepted into the program if space is available. 10-14 teams will be accepted in the league.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide a recreational baseball league for players age **21** or older. The program is not intended for highly skilled players. The program is designed to provide enjoyable recreation and personal satisfaction through playing the great American game. The Parks Department cannot overemphasize the importance of the recreational quality of the program. For this reason, the Parks Department reserves the right to amend these regulations as needed to maintain this program philosophy.

Fees:	Program operating expenses will be supported in full by team fees. The fees will be collected and administered by the Parks Department.
Roster Size:	The <u>minimum roster size will be 12 players</u> . The recommended roster size is 15 to 16 players.
Code of Conduct:	The Participant Code of Conduct will be enforced, the umpire will enforce applicable rules and regulations.

MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The manager is responsible for all equipment issued to him.
2. The manager sets the line-ups and sees to it all participants receive fair and just treatment.
3. The manager sees to it that the team and all its members adhere to all program regulations.
4. The Manager will provide two new game balls to the umpire for each game.
5. The manager sits on, or assigns another team member to sit on the volunteer advisory board. The board will be comprised of a chairperson and a vice-chairperson elected from a group of representatives. A quorum of board members must be present to conduct any official business. Advisory Board meetings may be called by the league administrator, the board chairperson or by written request of any three baseball managers.
6. The Manager is responsible for informing the opposing manager if they will be playing all players present or using standard HS Rules for participation and substitutions. Standard rules include batting 9 players with the option of a DH and a re-entry option for starting players only.
7. If playing all players present, the manager lets the home team scorekeeper know before the game who their non-batting player(s) is/are, (if you choose not to bat a defensive player). Once players are designated as non-batting players, they may only enter the batting order if fewer than 9 players are able to bat. The manager is to have the line-up cards ready to go by game time.
8. The manager also keeps his team from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverage while in a city park or at a school facility. The manager is responsible for ensuring that no alcoholic beverages are in the possession of, or consumed by any of his team members or their followers while in a city park or at a school facility.
9. Managers are responsible for control of all team members. Only the manager may question an umpire's decision. There will be no protests.
10. Manager's should make sure an official scorekeeper will be provided by the home team at each game. However, if a scorekeeper is not available, then both teams are requested to keep score. If a discrepancy arises, the book of the home team will be considered official.
11. The manager is responsible to report the final score to the Parks Department. Scores may be reported using the Auto Score feature, emailing Michael Locke, mplocke@redmond.gov or calling 425-556-2379.
12. The manager is responsible for field maintenance as described by the league director

PLAYING REGULATIONS

Standard High School baseball rules will apply with the following special amendments:

1. **Bats must be made of wood, or wood composite material. Metal bats, composite metal bats with any metal in them, and carbon fiber bats are not allowed. If there is a question about a bat it must be approved by the league coordinator.**
2. Each team must have eight (8) of their own players to play a league game. Teams will be given a 15-minute grace period before the game is forfeited. One player from the opposing team may be borrowed for defensive purposes if necessary. The player designated as "borrowed" will remain on the opposing team until a replacement arrives and he will then return to his own team. The borrowed player will not bat for the opposing team, but will be added to the bottom of his own team's batting order when he returns. The team that borrows a player must take an out at the 9th spot in the order until a 9th player arrives.
3. A courtesy runner may be used any time a runner safely occupies a base. Please note that the runner occupying the base, not the manager, makes the decision whether or not to use a courtesy runner. **COURTESY RUNNERS ARE TO BE USED ONLY TO RUN FOR INJURED PLAYERS, AND FOR THE CATCHER. The courtesy runner shall be the player in the batting order furthest from away from their next at-bat.** If he is unavailable for any reason, the runner must run for himself.
4. All games will run a maximum of 2 hours 20 minutes. No new innings shall begin after 2 hours and 10 minutes from the scheduled starting time, (time limit when there is a second game scheduled) at Hartman Park. (Note – Lights @ Bannerwood Park will go out at 11pm)
 - For 2018 – no new inning shall begin after 2 hours and 45 from the scheduled starting time. Games start at 7p and lights will turn off at 10p promptly.
5. All games are scheduled for 7 Innings
6. The Manager is responsible for informing the opposing manager at the start of the game if they will be playing all players present or using standard HS Rules for participation and substitutions. Standard rules include batting 9 players with the option of a DH and a re-entry option for starting players only.
7. There is NO 10-Run rule in this league. Teams may play 7 innings or until their time limit expires.

PARTICIPATION & SUBSTITUTIONS (IF TEAM CHOOSES TO PLAY ALL PLAYERS PRESENT)

1. Each team's batting order will list all players who are "active" and present. If a player arrives after the game begins, that player will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
2. Defensively, there will be unlimited substitution. Players may enter and leave the game with no restrictions.
3. If a team chooses to do so, they may elect to have defensive players who do not have to bat. The scorekeeper and opposing manager must be notified of this decision before the start of the game. The player will be listed in the official book, but need not be included in the batting order. Once players are designated as non-batting players, they may only enter the batting order if fewer than 9 players are able to bat, or with permission of the opposing manager.
4. If a player is injured or needs to leave the game they can be removed from or replaced in the batting order with no penalty (assuming 9 batters are still available)

PARTICIPATION & SUBSTITUTIONS (FOR TEAMS USING ONLY 9 PLAYERS)

1. Standard HS Baseball rules apply to teams batting only 9 players
2. Only starting players may be removed from the game and then re-entered
3. A Designated hitter may be used

STANDINGS

Standings will be determined by W/L%. A tie will equal ½ win and ½ loss. Tie-breakers will be determined by:

- 1) Head to head W/L
- 2) Head to head run differential
- 3) Season runs allowed
- 4) Coin Flip

FACILITY INFORMATION

1. Two person umpire teams to officiate; provided by Northwest Baseball Umpires Association. In case of a no show from the umpires, please contact the umpires scheduler. Contacts are:
Leslie Fitzpatrick, Umpires Scheduler 206-954-7833
2. In case of emergency, call 911. Aid Car response time approximately 3 minutes within City limits. There is an emergency pay phone located by Hartman Park restrooms. Phones also located at Redmond Pool and Redmond High School.
4. For rainout information, call 425-200-0076 or www.redmond.gov/weather after 3:30pm on weekdays and 9:30am on weekends. Info-line contains an updated recorded message regarding playing condition of the field. If the field is cancelled for the early game, all additional games will be cancelled as the field will be closed for the remainder of the day.

SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

The game of baseball, even at the recreational level, presents situations that could lead to serious injury. For this reason the Redmond Parks Department is making it mandatory that all players adhere to all the following safety regulations. It is incumbent on all team managers or, in their absence an assistant or the umpires, that a practice or game cease to continue if these regulations are not followed.

1. At all times while batting, players must wear a batting helmet. This rule applies to all practices, practice games and league games within the Redmond Parks Department's jurisdiction.
2. **By August 1st, All players participating in league games must be wearing alike-colored shirts/jerseys with a number on the back of the jersey.**
3. The wearing of helmets while base running is mandatory.
3. All catchers must wear the complete catcher's gear, including a throat guard. Catchers must also wear a protective cup. It is recommended that all other players wear a protective cup as well.
4. No intentional bodily contact at any time during a game will be allowed.
 - a. A defensive player, such as a catcher, is not allowed to block home plate or any base.
 - b. Base runner will not be allowed to attempt to run over or through a fielder, even if the fielder is standing directly on the base line. (Slide & Avoid)If a collision occurs and if, in the judgment of the umpire, the precipitating action was intentional, the offending player will be immediately ejected from the game and submitted to penalties prescribed in the Code of Conduct.
5. Aggressive tagging of a runner, or sliding in "spikes high" will not be tolerated. If the action is judged as intentional, the offending player will be immediately ejected from the game and will be subject to penalties under unsportsmanlike conduct in the Code of Conduct.
6. For the offensive team, only the hitter, the on deck batter, base runners and the base coaches will be allowed on the playing field. All other team members should be in the dugout. Bat boys or girls will not be used. All bats and other equipment not in use must be in the dugout.

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PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

I. CONDITIONS

- A. The Code of Conduct applies to all participants including players, coaches, managers, and sponsors involved in Redmond Parks and Recreation sponsored or co-sponsored adult leagues and tournaments.
- B. The Code will be strictly enforced.
- C. The Code applies to participant conduct before, during and after all league and/or tournament games.
- D. Participants will be held liable for damages caused by willful, destructive conduct.
- E. It is the responsibility of each team manager to ensure that all participants know and adhere to the rules and regulations.

II. ENFORCEMENT

- A. The League Administrator has the power to impose penalties as prescribed within the Code.
- B. The League Administrator will collect all necessary documentation. In cases where penalties are specific, the League Administrator will impose said penalty. In cases where the penalty may be imposed in degrees, a group consisting of the League Administrator, the City of Bothell League Administrator and a representative of the governing Umpires Association will meet within 10 days to rule on the violation and impose the penalty.

III. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- A. ***STRIKING OR THREATENING AN UMPIRE OR PARTICIPANT*** - No participant shall bump, shove, strike, touch in a threatening manner or threaten with bodily harm any umpire, participant or city staff. The game umpire is required to immediately suspend said participant from further play, and notify the League Administrator. Said participant will remain suspended until the League Administrator reinstates him or her.

The minimum penalty is a 30-day suspension. The maximum penalty is suspension from all Redmond Parks and Recreation sports leagues for life. A second incident involving the same participant will automatically invoke a minimum penalty of suspension for five calendar years.

- B. ***UN-SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT*** - Any verbal abuse directed at an umpire or participant, or any other objectionable behavior, including demonstrations of disagreement with an umpire's decision, shall be defined as un-sportsmanlike conduct. Un-sportsmanlike conduct will be punishable by immediate ejection from the game and suspension for the next scheduled and contested league game. The umpire is required to immediately notify the League Administrator. A subsequent ejection of the same participant shall result in said participant's suspension from all Redmond Parks and Recreation sponsored leagues for one calendar year.

- C. ***DISCUSSION OF AN OFFICIAL'S DECISION*** - No participant other than the team manager or the designated team captain shall discuss, in any manner, an official's decision. Offenders will be given one warning by the umpire. Continued discussion shall be judged as un-sportsmanlike conduct and the offender will be subject to the penalties prescribed in section III-B.
- D. ***UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS*** - Intentional rough tactics in the play of the game directed toward another participant shall be defined as unnecessary roughness. Unnecessary roughness shall be judged to be un-sportsmanlike conduct and is subject to the penalties prescribed in section III-B.
- E. ***ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES*** - No participant shall be in possession of, or consume an alcoholic beverage or appear in an intoxicated condition in a City Park. The umpire will immediately eject said participant and notify the League Administrator. Said participant shall be suspended for the next two scheduled and contested league games. The decision to eject a participant because of intoxication will be a judgment decision and will not be challengeable. A subsequent second ejection of the same participant shall result in said participant's suspension from all Redmond Parks and Recreation sponsored leagues for one calendar year.
- F. ***SMOKING*** – Smoking is not allowed on the Fields. Offenders will be given one warning by the game umpire. Continued offense shall be judged as un-sportsmanlike conduct, and the offender will be subject to the penalties prescribed in section III-B.
- G. ***EJECTION; FAILURE TO LEAVE*** - Any participant ejected from a game by an official must immediately leave the facility or field area; out of sight and sound. Failure to do so will carry a penalty of forfeiture of the game for said participant's team, and said participant will be suspended from all Redmond Parks and Recreation sponsored league games for one calendar year.
- H. ***EJECTION*** – A player that is ejected due to un-sportsmanlike conduct is not allowed to participate in his or her team's next scheduled softball game. A player who is ejected two times for un-sportsmanlike conduct in one season will be suspended for the remainder of the current season. Said player may or may not be allowed to play the following year, this decision will be made by the League Administrator. Offending players will cause their team to forfeit the game in which said player appeared.