

ASB2003 Adult Softball - Fall League

Pos	Team Name	Primary Contact	Phone	W-L-T	Percent	PF	PA	Diff	HTH
1	(8) AlignLife	Ben Medema	(231) 670-9324	6-0-0	1.000	95	44	51	0
2	(2) Miller Low Lifes	Tom Seekman	(616) 607-2488	4-2-0	0.667	93	65	28	1
3	(6) Grand Armory Brewing	Ande Scherf	(616) 405-5087	4-2-0	0.667	107	80	27	1
4	(5) Moali	Steven Blohm	(502) 552-5695	4-2-0	0.667	87	79	8	1
5	(1) Oakes Agency	Samantha Weerstra	(616) 862-7297	2-4-0	0.333	84	82	2	0
6	(3) GH Vets	Pat Kerbuski	(703) 850-3669	1-5-0	0.167	37	90	-53	0
7	(7) GH Dirtbags	Matthew Braginton	(616) 502-3889	0-6-0	0.000	21	84	-63	0

2019 FALL SOFTBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. General - The Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA) is a cooperative program sponsored by the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Grand Haven Board of Education, City of Ferrysburg, Robinson Township, and is administered by the Board of Education. The activities are conducted for the residents of the Grand Haven Area Public School District consistent with the following principles.

- NORA follows ASA rules with modifications.
- The Recreation Authority reserves the right to restrict the participation of non-residents and make decisions of eligibility of all players.
- Make decisions on all protests and disputes.
- Has jurisdiction over questions that are not specifically covered by these rules and regulations.
- Resident = Lives in GHAPS District Boundaries: GH City, GH Twp., City of Ferrysburg, or Robinson Twp.

2. Team and Player Eligibility - Team fee must be turned into the Recreation Office and all players must register for team on NORA website prior to team's first game or forfeit game(s). Players must be at least 16 years old.

- Player deadline** - new players may not be added to teams for the last two scheduled (2) games (Rule doesn't include rescheduled rainout games or extra scheduled games as part of the last 2 games). If teams were short players for those games, then they would need approval from the opposing manager on site.
(Exception: player substitution from the stands agreed upon by both team managers).
- Players** - player may play on more than one team, however, player cannot play for two teams on the same division league night.
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- High School Students** - shall not violate the codes of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Those students participating on High School sport teams may play after season ends.
- Managers** - are responsible for player eligibility. All players must be listed on team roster.

3. Equipment

- Balls** - game balls will be provided by each team. Each team will provide game ball. Does not need to be new, just playable. **You hit the ball you bring.** Ball specifications are to be used as follows:
All Leagues: 12" ball, COR 52/300 rating
- Additional COR 52/300 game softballs will be available for purchase at NORA for \$5 each.
- Illegal bats** are defined in the ASA Bat Certification Hand Out. **If player caught with illegal bat, the player will be called out.**
- Metal spikes** are not allowed. The liability of someone getting hurt by metal spikes is so great that

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they will not be tolerated.

- e. **Proper team equipment** is the manager's responsibility.
- f. *If a team is caught with metal spikes - Player is out for the game.*

4. Games - games will not be rescheduled for team convenience. Official ASA rules will govern with the following local rule exceptions:

- a. **Number of players** - minimum of (8) players are required to start (or continue a game). If the required number of team members are not present, the game will be a forfeit. You may pick up a player from the stands (limit 2 players/game) vs. forfeiting the game, only if both managers agree prior to the start of the game. Players from the stands can be from the same division, but only if agreed by both managers prior to the game. Both managers must put the agreed player's full name on the score sheet along with their signature. If both teams cannot agree, then game is still considered a forfeit. Game time is forfeit time. Umpires will not be required to work game that is a forfeit.
- b. **Coed players** - Team should consist of at least 4 female players. Minimum 2 female players on outfield and infield. Teams may start the game and play with 9 on the field (4 female/5 male).
- c. **Games** - will automatically end and are official if one team has a ten (10) run lead after 4 ½ innings with the home team ahead, or if one team is ahead by twenty (20) runs after 3 ½ innings with home team ahead.
- d. **Rained Out Games** - games will be rescheduled with the game starting over. However, games will be official after 4 ½ innings if home team is ahead. Best effort will be made to reschedule rain outs on the same night of the week but if season ending dictates, games may need to be moved to another night.
- e. **Coed** - Only for Coed, a line will be placed on outfield at **180ft**. Outfielders must stay behind the line until batter swings, makes contact with the ball, or until it crosses home plate (both male and female). If the line is crossed, batter will take result of play or take 1st base. All runners will advance one base if forced.
- f. **Time Limits** - Games limited to 1 hour. No new inning shall begin after 1 hour from start of game with game being official regardless of inning.
- g. **Tied games** - if a game is tied, it may continue until tie is broken at end of complete inning. First game can continue within the 1-hour time limit until 9 innings, second game until darkness (exception: Mulligan's Hollow). Umpires time is official.
- h. **Tie Breaker Rule** - If after the completion of seven (7) innings of play, the score is tied, the following tiebreaker rule will be played to determine a winning team. Starting the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter if time permitted, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning be placed on second base (ei., If the number five batter is the lead off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base). If the tie is not broken in the allotted time, then the tie game will be rescheduled only if it affects the team league standings for first place.
- i. **Batter counts**: Men's and Co-ed are a 1-1 count on the batter. Batter will start with 1 ball, 1 strike count.

I. HOME RUN LIMIT=

Men's & Coed: 2 HOME RUN LIMIT. When one team reaches 2 home runs they have to wait until the opposing team reaches 2 home runs before they are allowed another home run. If they do hit a home run before the opposing team hits 2 home runs the batter who hit the 3rd home run is out. Once each team reaches 2 home runs then it goes to 1 home run per team until the opposing

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team also hits 1 home run. If the team hits 2 home runs before the opposing team hits 1 home run the batter is considered out. ***2018 CO-ED REVISION** - If a female hits a home run, it does not count against the team's 2 home run limit.

****A team may go one up in the last inning.***

Coed: Run Limit per Inning - 10 runs is the max scored by one team in an inning, until the last inning.

m. MERCY RULE: Mercy is 20 runs ahead after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after 5 innings.

5. Unlimited Substitution Rule -

- a. **All players first and last names** must be listed in batting order for entire game.
- b. If a player comes late for a game that player must be added to end of existing batting order. If a player is not present, do not put in batting order.
- c. If a player listed in batting order of a team using the "unlimited" substitution is taken out of game for injury or having to leave game early, that position in batting order is skipped with no penalty.
- d. ***If a player reaches base safely, men's division has the option of using a courtesy runner, (1 per inning). Coed can use 1 courtesy runner for a male and 1 for a female per inning. If a person is injured going to a base, they may use a courtesy runner. The injured player may re-enter the game later.***
- e. Free substitution will be in effect at the beginning of each half inning for team taking field. Once half inning has started, the defense can only make one defensive substitution change except for an injured player or replacement of pitcher.
- f. The unlimited substitution rule is designed to enable a team to play as many players as possible.
- g. ***No stealing in these slow pitch leagues.***

6. Regular Substitution - allows teams to play and list 10 players in the batting order. Because "unlimited" substitution rule allows skipping a batting spot with no penalty if a player is injured or having to leave game early, a team playing with 10 players under regular substitution rule and dropping to 9 players may also skip that position in the batting order without penalty.

7. Appeal Plays - umpires will call runner out for missing a base or leaving a base before fly ball is caught when play ends. All consequences remain the same if appealed. Appeals may still be made for batting out of order or illegal re-entry.

8. Protests - no protest will be accepted on judgment calls. No protest will be considered unless made in accordance with ASA rules. Managers must inform umpires before ball is put back in play that the game is being played under protest. The umpire then will note protest on score sheet. You must file a protest within 48 hours of the game, along with a \$25 protest fee. Illegal roster protest can be made at any time during the season.

9. Rained Out Games - information on cancellation of games due to rain or severe weather will be announced on WGHN FM/AM (92.1), listed on the NORA website (nora.ghaps.org) or call the Recreation Program Office cancellation line at 850.5125 starting at 4:00 p.m. If decision to play game is made at the field the umpire will decide if field is playable. Teams should report to field if in doubt.

10. Conduct of Players - unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, obscene language, unnecessary roughness, threatening comments will not be tolerated on or off the playing field. Umpires have authority and are asked to eject any player from games for unsportsmanlike conduct. The Recreation Department has the authority

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to suspend any player or manager for just cause. Anyone caught in the use of profanity will be ejected from game and suspended for the next game.

a. Any player, coach or manager ejected from game is automatically suspended from that persons next game in our leagues. Upon review,

The Recreation Department may suspend player, coach or manager indefinitely. Player shall not be present at their team games during suspension.

b. Managers or players ejected from game must leave ball field and park or their team will forfeit the game.

c. Players found guilty of false registration, i.e. assumed names, fictitious address, falsifying age, etc, are liable to suspension. Managers

playing ineligible players are also liable to suspension and forfeit game(s).

d. Smoking will not be allowed on playing field, dug outs, or in coaches boxes. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any field at anytime with players liable to suspension or forfeit game.

11. **Score sheets** - will be provided to umpires before start of season. One score sheet will be used with **correct team name** and batting order filled out **with both first and last names of players (printed legibly)** before start of game. The umpire is asked to turn in the score sheet at the Recreation Office after game. League standings are available on the NORA website at www.norarec.org under "Adult League Standings & Scores."

Updated 8/8/19

Game Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team	Score		Type	Status
					H	A		
Thu 09/03/2020	6:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(1) Oakes Agency	(2) Miller Low Lifes	18	21	RS	
	7:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(8) AlignLife	(1) Oakes Agency	17	7	RS	
	8:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(6) Grand Armory Brewing	(7) GH Dirtbags	20	4	RS	
	9:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(3) GH Vets	(5) Moali	5	18	RS	
Thu 09/10/2020	6:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(2) Miller Low Lifes	(6) Grand Armory Brewing	14	16	RS	
	7:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(1) Oakes Agency	(5) Moali	11	17	RS	
	8:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(8) AlignLife	(3) GH Vets	19	2	RS	

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	9:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(7) GH Dirtbags	(8) AlignLife	0	2	RS	
Thu 09/17/2020	6:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(2) Miller Low Lifes	(8) AlignLife	12	17	RS	
	7:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(7) GH Dirtbags	(5) Moali	0	15	RS	
	8:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(1) Oakes Agency	(7) GH Dirtbags	19	10	RS	
	9:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(6) Grand Armory Brewing	(3) GH Vets	19	9	RS	
Thu 09/24/2020	6:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(3) GH Vets	(7) GH Dirtbags	16	6	RS	
	7:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(5) Moali	(2) Miller Low Lifes	11	22	RS	
	8:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(8) AlignLife	(6) Grand Armory Brewing	19	18	RS	
Thu 10/01/2020	6:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(7) GH Dirtbags	(2) Miller Low Lifes	1	12	RS	
	7:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(5) Moali	(6) Grand Armory Brewing	21	20	RS	
	8:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(3) GH Vets	(1) Oakes Agency	3	16	RS	
Thu 10/08/2020	6:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(5) Moali	(8) AlignLife	5	21	RS	
	7:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(2) Miller Low Lifes	(3) GH Vets	12	2	RS	
	8:00 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(6) Grand Armory Brewing	(1) Oakes Agency	14	13	RS	

Type: RS - Regular Season Game PS - Pre Season Game PL - Playoff Game PR - Practice

Status: C - Canceled P - Postponed R - Rescheduled