

# MILFORD CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS - 2012 SEASON

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**Dates: Sundays, May 6 – August 19, 2012**

*(\*Please note rules and umpire fees are subject to change for 2012)*

Locations: Old Police Softball Field, MHS Softball Field & Keyes South Softball Field

Games - 9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am, 12:45pm

*(no games @ MHS on May 13 & 20/no games @ Keyes July 22 & August 5)*

Complete Schedule, Standings, & More Information: [www.milfordrec.com](http://www.milfordrec.com) or [www.scorebook.com](http://www.scorebook.com)

## 1. ROSTERS AND LINEUPS

### A. Player Eligibility

- Players must be at least 18+ years old.
- Each player must sign a team waiver prior to the start of each season.
- Any team that uses an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which he/she appears.
- Playoff eligibility: Players must attend ½ of their regular season games. Must be playing in the game for at least 4 innings.
- Attendance will be monitored by League Coordinator.

### B. Number of Players

- Each team must have at least 2 females on the field at all times. If this is not possible, the team is allowed 1 female but limited to 9 total fielders instead of the usual 10. Additionally, an automatic out will be charged where the missing female would bat in the lineup each time this spot is reached. A team with 1 female is also limited to 9 batters per inning (including the female). A full roster team may bat around the order until 3 outs are obtained.
- If a male batter walks with a female behind him, the female has the option of walking. However, if she chooses to hit, the male stays on first.
- Short-handed rule: This rule maybe used with the following requirements:
  - i. A Team may start with 8 players, with at least 1 girl in the lineup.
  - ii. A team starting the game with a full lineup may continue the game if a player leaves the lineup and no substitution is available. If this happens and the player is on base, it is an automatic out. Each time this player is due to bat, an automatic out is taken.
  - iii. If this player returns or a substitute becomes available, they may return to the game in the same spot (provided they were not ejected from the game).
  - iv. If a team cannot field at least 8 players, they will forfeit the game.
    - a) Players may be borrowed if a team is short-handed and both teams agree.
    - b) This game will count as a regular season game regardless of the outcome.

### C. Rosters/Roster Changes

- Rosters must be submitted to the Milford Recreation Department, prior to picking up equipment. If this provision is not met, any game thereafter will be forfeited. Rosters must consist of no more than 22 players.
- No changes to the roster unless a player gets hurt and will be out for the remainder of the season. Once a player is off the roster, they cannot be placed back on the roster for the remainder of the season. Changes must be approved by the League Coordinator or Milford Recreation Department in a timely manner.

### 2. BEGINNING COUNT

- Per USSSA rules, all batters start with a 1-and-1 ball/strike count.
- A batter will receive one foul ball after reaching a two-strike count.
- Another foul ball after this will result in a strikeout.

### 3. BASE RUNNING

- The infield fly rule will apply.
- The infield fly rule can be called with less than 2 outs and a force at any base. It must be called while the ball is in the air.
- NO TAKE OUT SLIDES! NO FAKE TAGS!
- Pinch runners can be used but must be the last player to make an out.
- The umpire may call a runner out for failing to slide into a base or for not avoiding contact with a fielder at a base where a play is being made.  
**\*\*\* Make sure to use the orange (over run) bag for close plays at first base.**
- Runners must keep in contact with the base until contact is made by the batter or the ball hits the strike zone or is received by the catcher.

### 4. RAIN RULE

- The game umpire or both coaches will decide if the game will be cancelled.
- Teams must show up to the field unless otherwise notified.
- All make up games will be played the last weekend before playoffs begin.

### 5. EQUIPMENT

- Uniforms: It is not necessary to have a matching uniform shirt; however, each member of the team must be wearing a shirt at all times.
- Shoes: Players must wear proper footwear during games.  
**\*\*\*No metal cleats allowed.**
- Bats: Follow the USSSA by-laws ban on bats.
- Balls and score books will be supplied by the Milford Park and Recreation Department.

### 6. RUN RULE

- If a team is losing by over 20 runs after 5 innings, the game is over.

### 7. UMPIRES

- Umpires will be USSSA patched.
- It is also the umpires' responsibility to discipline or report the disciplinary actions, should there be any roughness, excessive foul language and/or unsportsman like conduct during games. Any player or players asked to leave due to the above will be fined \$50 a player and are subject to future game suspensions. If a team has 3 incidents during the season, that team will be ineligible for playoffs and could be suspended for the remainder of the regular season.

8. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

- All necessary disciplinary issues will be brought before the League Coordinator/Milford Recreation Department.
- Excessive profanity could result in a 1 game suspension.
- Fighting could result in a 2 game suspension for all parties involved.
- **NO DRINKING PERMITTED ON ANY FIELD PER THE MILFORD TOWN ORDINANCE.** Anyone caught drinking will be suspended for the year and this could affect the entire team this player is on. **THIS IS A NO TOLERANCE POLICY!**

9. LEAGUE SCHEDULE

- All games will be played on Sundays.
- Times are subject to change and will depend on how many teams enter the league each season.
- Games will be played on Keyes Field, Milford High School Field and the old Police Station Field. \*\*\*\***No smoking allowed on any fields.** Smoking is permitted in the parking lot. Please discard cigarette “butts” properly.
- The determined “top teams” will advance to the playoffs. This will again depend on how many teams enter the league each season.
- In case of a tie record in regular season, the team with the highest total runs scored will determine who makes the playoffs.

10. FIELD CLEANLINESS

- This is a “carry in, carry out” league. Please be sure to carry out any items you carried in. Trash bins are supplied at each field so please be sure to throw all trash items in these bins.

11. \*\*\*\*\*HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES \*\*\*\*\*

- **It is the home teams’ responsibility to notify the Jeff Maynard @ 603-801-3742 and/or update [www.scorebook.com](http://www.scorebook.com) of the final score for each regular season game played.**

12. UMPIRE FEES

- Regular Season Payment #1 of \$170 per team is due by Friday, April 27th
- Regular Season Payment #2 of \$170 per team is by Friday, June 29th
- All payments due by due date, if payment is not received by due date, team forfeits game(s) until payment is received by the Milford Recreation Department.

*Note: Anything not covered in the Milford League Softball Rules and Regulations will be covered in the USSSA by-law book. This book will be provided to each team captain by the League Coordinator/Milford Recreation Department by the start of the 2012 season.*