

2022 Adult



League Handbook

Casper Recreational Leagues Association
1801 East 4th Street
Casper, Wyoming 82601
(307) 235-8383

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

Find out if games will be held, postponed because of rain or field conditions, or in limbo via text, email or both. Go to <http://www.rainedout.com> and register your contact info (opt-in) and you will automatically be notified as soon as decisions are made regarding that night's games!

If you don't like rainedout.com, you can always opt-out. The choice is yours!

CASPER RECREATIONAL LEAGUES ASSOCIATION 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Interested in Umpiring?

Pay range starts at \$18 a game

- \$3 increase after attending Umpire State School to get certified
- Increase with experience by # of years umpired in league
- \$18 for participants that fill in during games

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 Joe Compston. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If the game has a scheduled umpire, they are the sole decision maker for that game.



Team Entry Information & Relevant Dates

Team fee & complete roster DEADLINE: Sun. May 8th, 12:00 p.m.

- May 12th will be team manager's meeting at 6:00pm at Rec Center
- May 19th schedules will be posted online
- Season starts May 23rd

- 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.
- 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 or Women's Double Header (16 regular season games)	\$730.00	20 PLAYERS
Men's or Women's Single Header (8 regular season games)	\$500.00	20 PLAYERS
Coed Single Header (8 regular season games)	\$500.00	20 PLAYERS

*Any team registering after the 5/8/22 due date will be assessed a **\$100** administrative **late fee** and will be accepted only at the discretion of the CRLA Board of Directors.

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 or women's double header slow pitch leagues (16 game season plus a season ending double elimination tournament) will play double headers, *when possible*, one night per week.

Men and women's single header slow pitch and coed leagues will play one game per week (8 league games) plus a season ending double elimination tournament.

Men's Slow Pitch
Double & Single Header Leagues.....Tuesdays - Thursdays

Women's Slow Pitch
Double & Single 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. *GAME STARTING TIMES* are 6:00, 7:10, 8:20, 9:30 PM. All league play will be complete or partial round robins. Tournament divisions will be established to make tournament play as competitive as

possible. 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.***

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.

Leagues begin play the week of May 23, 2022.

General Info & League Rules

1. The Casper Recreation Division shall coordinate the CRLA league play. All league related questions should be directed to the Casper Recreation Center, 1801 East 4th, 235-8383, during normal business hours.
2. The team and 12 player roster minimum/ Liability Release Form for the 2022 season are due *at the Casper Recreation Center*. **Complete information including name, email addresses, phone number and 12 signatures must be submitted to register a team.** Checks should be made payable to the CASPER RECREATIONAL LEAGUES ASSOCIATION (CRLA). **Due to the number of teams, it is advised to register prior to the deadline to avoid waiting in line.** Registration is currently open. Players will be added to rosters only when they provide a signed, completed Liability Release Form.
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
 - d. Coed Aluminum Bat League-Competitive divisions only
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. 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.* In the event the forfeit fee has not been paid before the team's next scheduled game, that team faces disciplinary action by the Board including forfeiture of the games and possible exclusion from the league. Forfeit fees must be paid at the Casper Recreation Center, Monday-Friday, during operating hours. 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.

5. **Player Protests – The responsibility for allowing “illegal” player(s) does not lie on the umpire. During the plate meeting, the umpire will ask each manager to declare if their players are legally on their team roster. An illegal player needs to be identified *before* the first pitch.**

***The definition of an illegal player is a player who is not on the roster of the team on the field or is on a roster for a different team.**

Once identified, the umpire will warn the team manager/representative that the team may not use the illegal player and they will be removed from the game as a player. If the team's line up falls below the 9-player minimum to continue, a forfeit will be declared by the umpire. If the team is shorthanded after removing the protested player, an out will be declared for the missing player when their turn at bat comes up. As a reminder, **players can only be rostered and/or play on one men's or women's team and one coed team.** If the team continues to have validated player protests it will result in the illegal player and/or the offending designated manager/representative

being suspended for the next two games and the applicable \$50 fines for each or possible expulsion for the remainder of the season.

6. 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 date of their last regularly scheduled game. Roster additions will not be allowed after this deadline without a written request supplied to the Board and approval from the Board.
7. CRLA 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.
8. **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. In Coed Divisions, two courtesy runners are allowed, one male and one female, 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. **NOTE:** *Should an injury or disqualification occur and no substitutes are available, the courtesy runner must be used as a substitute and take the place of the injured player. Should the courtesy*

runner be on base and is entered as a substitute, the player for whom the courtesy runner is running must run in their place.

9. 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/text message. ***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.
10. 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 same line up.** 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Protests related to a *misapplication of the rules* must be announced to the umpire according to USA rules and followed within 24 hours with a written statement and a deposit of \$50 to the Casper Recreation Center. The \$50 deposit will be returned if the protest is valid and will be forfeited if the protest is declared invalid.

14. **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). If headgear is worn, it must be must be a baseball style hat worn brim forward and not contain inappropriate symbols or language. This rule will be enforced beginning June 13th, 2022, 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). Having more than 3 players out of uniform will result in a forfeit. Proper shoes must be worn by all participants. USA Softball Rule 3 – Equipment- G. – Shoes. **Metal or steel cleats are not permitted.**

15. **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 one hour. All leagues will incorporate the 1 & 1 count, no courtesy foul.

16. **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. See USA Rules Supplement.

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

18. 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. 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 the manager's team is scheduled to play. Failure to comply will result in their team forfeiting the game.

19. If an umpire hears any person using extreme profanity (the "F" word in any context) is an **automatic ejection**; the umpire is required to eject the offender immediately. The offender must leave the vicinity (sight & sound) **immediately**. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit. Applicable ejection and forfeit fees apply.
20. 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 the CRLA Board of Directors. Teams may not elect to play short after an ejection. Applicable ejection and forfeit fees apply.
21. Appeal of a Suspension – If a player is suspended for a violation of the CRLA Code of Conduct, that player may appeal the suspension. To appeal a suspension, the player must provide a written statement and submit a deposit of \$50 to the Casper Recreation Center. A meeting with CRLA board members will then be scheduled to hear the player's appeal. The \$50 deposit will be returned only if the appeal is valid and the suspension is overturned.
22. All teams are registered with USA Softball. 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.

23. **Glass bottles are prohibited in City Parks. Those bringing glass bottles are subject to a game forfeit plus a fine.**
24. Protect our fences...Please don't throw or hit balls against fences or backstops.
25. When getting set in the batter's box, a batter is prohibited from performing any action that removes or redistributes dirt in a way that will create a hole in the batter's box. **1st offense: Warning; 2nd offense: Batter will be called out.**
26. 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.

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

- a) Only Official Softball Wooden Bats will be allowed for men in Wood Bat League. Women may choose a wood bat or a legal metal bat. Teams CANNOT use wooden bats made for baseball. Only U.S.A. approved bats will be allowed in the Aluminum Bat League. Any bats found to be altered will be confiscated and the player will be suspended for the maximum penalty. Applicable ejection fee applies.
- b) An 11-inch ball for female batters and a 12-inch ball for male batters will be used during all co-ed games. 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.

CITY OF CASPER RECREATION DIVISION
SOFTBALL PRACTICE FIELD RESERVATION POLICY

Field reservation requests will be accepted (weather contingent) through May 20, 2022
During the following hours in the
Recreation Center Administration Office:
Monday - Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm

Teams wishing to reserve a ballfield for practice may do so by making reservations no later than one business day in advance at the Casper Recreation Center, 1801 E. 4th Street. *Fields will not be reserved by telephone or 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 #3, #4 and #5 are available for reservation.

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 team will be given a copy of the Facility Use Permit. The team must have this form in their possession at the field during their reserved time. * Lights for rentals are only available on North Casper Fields #3and #4.

The Casper Recreation Division reserves the right to refuse a reservation to anyone for such reasons as field maintenance, weather, etc. In cases of **inclement weather**, refunds or new reservations must be made during the **next three 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; however, **there is a \$5.00 per reservation charge for revision requests that are not weather-related.**

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.

<u>If you wish to practice on:</u>	<u>Make reservation no later than:</u>
Monday.....	Friday
Tuesday.....	Monday
Wednesday.....	Tuesday
Thursday.....	Wednesday
Friday.....	Thursday
Saturday.....	Thursday
Sunday.....	Thursday

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 getting 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

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 CRLA 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.

3) If a legally rostered player participates illegally on another team, the illegal player will be suspended for 2 games and must pay \$50 to be reinstated. If a team utilizes an illegal player, the game will be declared a forfeit and the team must pay the \$50 forfeit fee in order to continue league play.

4) An ejected player is ineligible for all CRLA sanctioned play for two games and he/she must pay CRLA 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 will carry over to the next year 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.

Recreation Division Contact Information

**Sports website for schedules
and other information:**

www.crlasports.com

Rained out:

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 21-22, 2022 MEN'S, WOMEN'S & COED DIVISIONS

4 Game Guarantee

Entry fee - \$225 payable to CRLA

Entry Deadline: Sunday, May 8th

Awards given to 1st and 2nd

One Pitch Softball Tournament

August 13-14, 2022 MEN'S, WOMEN'S & COED DIVISIONS

4 Game Guarantee

Entry fee - \$250 payable to CRLA

Entry Deadline: Sunday, July 31st

Awards given to 1st and 2nd

Ghosts & Goblins

Coed Softball and Kickball Tournament

October 7-8, 2022

COED DIVISIONS

4 Game Guarantee

Entry fee - \$250 payable to CRLA

Entry Deadline: Sunday, October 2nd

Awards given to 1st and 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.