

CAPE MAY COUNTY SOFTBALL
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CITY OF CAPE MAY DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, RECREATION AND CIVIC AFFAIRS

Make-ups and Forfeits

You must have 9 players to start and finish a game. Less than 9 players at any time during the game results in forfeiture. The game must start on time if a team has 9 players. A team starting with 9 players may add a 10th player in the 10th batting position but not add an 11th player. Teams starting with 10 or 11 players may only play with less players in the event of injury, illness or emergency and in no event can they play with less than 9 players. If a player is ejected from the game by the umpire and a team has no available replacement it results in a forfeiture (available replacement is a roster player - non starter who has not played or a starter eligible to re-enter the game for the expelled player).

Two forfeitures (other than forfeitures caused by player expulsion) result in expulsion from the league and loss of balance of league fee.

Probationary team - any team which has been subjected to expulsion during the previous season shall be permitted to return only upon:

Affirmative vote of majority of teams.

One forfeiture during probationary season results in expulsion.

Forfeiting teams pay the entire umpire fee - (one-man crew - \$42 or two man crews - \$64). The umpire fee must be delivered to the Cape May Civic Affairs office in Convention Hall within two working days of the forfeiture or umpires will not be provided for their subsequent games.

Within two working days after league games are cancelled due to weather, field conditions, etc... captains are required to call Cape May Civic Affairs (884-9565) to verify if and when their make-up game has been scheduled.

Also, within two working days following cancellations the Civic Affairs office will begin scheduling make-up games. After games are rescheduled notices will be sent to captains/representatives of the affected teams, umpires and those individuals in charge of fields. If all parties receive the notification except one team which results in a forfeit being called by the umpire at the field against that team, then the forfeit will stand.

STARTING TIME

Monday through Friday 6:30 p.m.

Playoffs 6:15 p.m.

BALLS/EQUIPMENT

Home team is responsible for supplying two new designated league balls plus "backup" balls for each game. Official league ball is the Spirt-42 core, 300 compression.

PROTESTS

Must be lodged with the umpire, then with the league executive committee for final determination. (note: Judgment calls cannot be protested.)

RULES A.S.A. rules will be observed unless specified.

Harassment of umpires is prohibited penalized by suspensions and possible expulsion depending on frequency and severity of offense.

PLAYER EJECTIONS

First offense - suspension from team's next game.

Second offense - suspension from team's next three Games.

Third offense - indefinite suspension

Physical abuse of an umpire will result in an indefinite suspension.

11 MAN RULE

A team may bat 11 and field 10 players. Batting order may not change but fielding positions can and also the designated hitter and any of the fielders may switch. Teams may start with 9 players (minimum).

Designated Hitter Rule (started 2013)

A team may use another starter as a hitter only. The **Designated Hitter** shall never play a defensive position during the game.

Playoff Eligibility

To qualify for post-season playoffs players must be on a team roster as of June 19 and play in at least 6 games. All teams must submit team rosters before June 19 to qualify for playoffs. Players are "locked into a team the first game they play.

UMPIRE FEE

Teams are required to pay the umpire(s) prior to the start of each game; otherwise game will not be played.

* One umpire: each team pays **\$21.00** * Two umpires each team pays **\$32.00**

SCORES & HIGHLIGHTS

Scores and highlights must be given to the office staff of the Cape May Department of Civic Affairs. Scores can be phoned into the office by calling 884- 9565 or emailed to recdept@capemaycity.com at any time.

Highlights may also be called into the Atlantic City Press at 1-800-582-7055 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Each team is responsible for keeping accurate book for each game. Home team book is official.

SCHEDULE CHANGES UPON FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

1. Participation in A.S.A. or U.S.S.S.A. Championship game(s).
2. Participation by team or substantial part of a team in an armed service tournament.
3. Exceptions will be determined by executive committee.
4. Initiated by office of Department of Civic Affairs.

A Minimum one week advance notice must be given for reasons (1), (2) and (3) above by contacting the Cape May Civic Affairs office 884-9565.

For more information, please contact the Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Civic Affairs by calling (609) 884-9565 or by e-mail to recdept@capemaycity.com. You can also visit us online at www.discovercapemaynj.com.

TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the following:

- Regular season champion
- Playoff champion in each division
- Playoff runner-up in each division

HOME TEAM

1. Home team is first number on the schedule, example: (9-2) 9 is home team.
2. Home team is responsible for providing and setting bases and pitcher's mound. (If no mound or bases are present.)
3. Team should come equipped with either 100 foot tape or premeasured string. Distances from back of home plate are 70 feet for both first and third base and 92 feet 11 inches to second base. Pitchers mound is 50 feet from back of home plate. Bases must be staked down with metal stakes or spikes. Visiting team gets field for infield practice from 6 - 6:15 p.m., home team from 6:15 - 6:30 p.m. Coaches should familiarize all players with this rule.
4. Bats and other equipment must be accordance with current A.S.A. standards and will be inspected by the umpire prior to start of game.

LEAGUE FEE

The League fee is **\$350**. Checks are to be made payable to the following:

City of Cape May
643 Washington Street
Cape May, NJ 08205

ROSTERS

Maximum number of 20 players. Rosters should contain name, address and phone number of manager (captain) and names and addresses of players.

1. Team roster must be submitted by April 25 to ensure players are allowed on the U.S.C.G. BASE. No one will be allowed on base (wives, scorekeepers, etc.) unless they are on the list submitted to the Security Gatehouse through the Civic Affairs office.
2. **Changes** - are permitted until **June 18**. Roster changes must be in **writing** and turned in to Civic Affairs. No player may switch teams after having participated in league game.

ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY - Roster players must be at least 17 years of age.

FOUL BALL

A foul ball with the count at 2 strikes results in an automatic out, according to A.S.A. rules.

BASE RUNNING - COURTESY RUNNER

Under guidelines of A.S.A. Senior Men's Rule 8, section 10a

A courtesy runner shall be allowed once per inning for any reason. The courtesy runner must be the last recorded out (or the player scheduled to bat last, if in the first inning with no outs) and must be entered prior to the first pitch to the next batter. The courtesy runner is officially in the game when play ball has been declared by the umpire. An ineligible courtesy runner is an appeal situation that must be made before a illegal or legal pitch to the next batter. Effect: the use of an ineligible courtesy runner shall result in the removal of the runner from the base and an out be recorded on the player who he replaced. Must be a player in the line-up!

12 RUN RULE - If a 12 run or more advantage is held by home team after 4 ½ innings or visiting team after 5 innings the game is over. Applies to all fields.

12 RUN RULE will be in effect for playoff games including the finals.

RAINOUTS - If not declared by 4:00 p.m. in advance of game your team must show up and have at least 9 players by the designated game time (6:30 p.m.) - rainouts at the field will be decided by the umpire.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Are not permitted on or at the field. Teams violating this rule will be subject to expulsion from the league.

PITCHING ARC - 6' - 12' arc. (See A.S.A. Rule Book).

SUBSTITUTION/RE-ENTRY – A.S.A. rule 4, section 5, page 52, 2009 rulebook

PRACTICE/FIELD RULES

Wildwood, County Park and Cape May Court House fields can be reserved for practice by phoning the respective Recreation Departments.

Lower Cape May Regional baseball fields are off limits.

Stealing – Base Stealing is not permitted.

PLAYOFFS

- Finals (best of 5), all other series (best of 3)
- Playoff games governed by A.S.A. rules. Finals must go 7 innings. If discontinued game picks up where it was stopped.
- Team with best record has choice of field and is home team in odd numbered games.

TIEBREAKER

- Regular season record
- Head to head competition
- Run differential (head to head)
- Division record
- Division run differential
- Season run differential

BLOOD RULE

A player that has an injury that is bleeding must have it bandaged and/or wrapped so that no other person

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can come in contact with the blood. If the injury occurs during the game the wound must be attended to before that player can resume playing. **EACH TEAM** should have a first aid kit with an antiseptic, peroxide, gauze pads, tape, band aids and perhaps some ACE bandages.

PARKING

Players and spectators are required to park in designed parking lots.

FIGHTING

- **First Offense:** When umpires eject players and/or suspend play as a result of the inappropriate behavior the league will penalize the guilty player(s) with at least one game suspension.
- If no umpire action is taken on the field the league will investigate and the guilty team(s) will be assessed a "first offense" and additional sanctions if warranted.
- **Second offense:** Guilty team(s) will be suspended indefinitely irregardless of on-field action of the umpires if an incident can be validated by a league investigation.
- All penalties can be carried over to other city-sponsored leagues and the following season.

METAL SPIKES ARE PROHIBITED

Bases/Field Dimensions (New)

* 70' between each base

* 99' from home plate to second base

Contact Information

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League Registration Form

Why Waivers?

The City of Cape May requires all players to sign a waiver prior to playing in our leagues. The reasons for this are as follows:

Liability: The waiver helps players understand that there are risks associated with playing adult sports and that by participating in The City of Cape May events, you are assuming these risks.

Sportsmanship: The league asks that everyone who plays in our leagues display good sportsmanship at all times, under all circumstances. By signing the waiver you agree to participate in our leagues with good sportsmanship.

Player Information: The waiver allows us to collect important information about our players if we should need to contact you for cancellations, time changes, etc. We DO NOT sell or give player information to other organizations.

WAIVER FOR PARTICIPANT: In consideration of accepting my/my child’s entry, I hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors and administrators, waiver and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against the City of Cape May or school district and it’s representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself or child at any activity sponsored by these groups.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND FAIR PLAY AGREEMENT:

1. I have read, understood and will abide by the rules of my sport as outlined the City of Cape May; **2.** I understand that if it is reported by the official, Recreation Staff or an opponent, that I have behaved in an unsporting manner or have not played by the rules, that I could be suspended or ejected from the league, with no refund. **3.** I understand that my team captain is the only person who can approach the official regarding concerns surrounding the game. It is my responsibility to let my captain know my concerns so he/she can deal with them.

Name		Age	
Home Phone			
E-Mail			
Address			
Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Signature*			

*parents signature if player is under 18 years of age

**City of Cape May - Department of Civic Affairs
Men's Softball League Roster**

Team Name	
Captain	
E-Mail	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Co-Captain	
E-Mail	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

ROSTER

1.	Name	Phone		E-Mail	
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