

2018 Adult



League Handbook

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

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 it, you can always opt-out. The choice is yours!

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Interested in Umpiring?

UMPIRE REGISTRATION & DATES TO KNOW:

- Sign-up: Thur., April 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Rec Ctr. Desert Rm.
- Rules Review: Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Rec. Ctr.
- State USA Softball Umpire School: April 28, 2018, Douglas



Team Entry Information & Relevant Dates

Team fee & complete roster DEADLINE: Thur., April 12, 9:30 p.m.

- 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 \$21/6 balls. Game balls are the Dudley Thunder SY52-300. Only official balls may be used for games. The home team is responsible for providing the game ball(s).
- 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)	\$650.00*	20 PLAYERS
Men's or Women's Single Header (8 regular season games)	\$435.00*	20 PLAYERS
Coed Single Header (8 regular season games)	\$435.00*	20 PLAYERS

*Any team registering after the 4/12/18 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

If there are less than least six (6) teams registered for any given league, that particular league will not 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.....Tuesdays - Thursdays

Coed League.....Monday-Tuesday

Alternate nights of the week will be utilized when the regularly scheduled night conflicts with a holiday. *GAME STARTING TIMES are 6:00 - 7:10 - 8:20 - 9:30 p.m.* 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 14, 2018

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, Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm.
2. The **team and 12 player roster/ Liability Release Form** for the 2018 season are due *at the Casper Recreation Center no later than 9:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 2018*. **Complete information including name, addresses, phone number and signatures must be present 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 9 players on the field to start or continue the game. There shall be no grace period. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.** 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. In the event this fine 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. *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. 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. **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.**

5. Player Protests – The responsibility for allowing “illegal” player(s) does not lie on the umpire. The **team manager/representative must approach the umpire to identify any “illegal” player.** The definition of an illegal player is a player who is not on the roster of the team on the field or is on the roster for a different team. If an illegal player is identified *before* the first pitch, the umpire will warn the team manager/representative that the team may not use the illegal player. In that case, there is no penalty to the “illegal” player or the team. However, if an illegal player is identified after the first pitch, then the team that is using the illegal player will forfeit the game. Validated player protests will result in the illegal player and the offending designated manager/representative being suspended for the next two games and the applicable \$50 fines for each. A second occurrence by the same player will result in expulsion from the league for the remainder of the season. **Players can only be rostered and/or play on one men’s or women’s team and one co-ed team.**
6. 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 even if they are using an extra batter(s).

7. Courtesy Runner – One courtesy runner for all divisions, including co-ed, will be allowed one time per team per inning in all leagues regardless of gender differences. The courtesy runner shall be (in this order) (1.) The player who made the last out, OR (2.) The player who last crossed home plate. In the Co-Ed Division courtesy runners must be of the same gender: male for male and female for female.
8. Rainy Day Policy - In the event of threatening weather or questionable field conditions, sign up for Rainedout.com or check the league homepage, www.crlasports.com. ***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.
9. 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 telephone number change.
10. 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.
11. Protests related to a *misapplication of the rules* must be announced to the umpire according to ASA 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.

12. 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 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 if the appeal is valid and the suspension is overturned.
13. All teams are required to have uniform shirts of matching style and color. **All uniforms must have a visible 5” number on the back of the uniform. Numbers may not be written or taped on the uniform.** Players must wear team uniforms under outer wear during inclement weather. If headgear is worn, it must be a baseball style hat worn brim forward and not contain inappropriate symbols or language (no bandanas, do-rags, etc.). The uniform rule will be enforced beginning June 4, 2018, at which time, players who do not conform to the uniform rule will not be allowed to play. Proper shoes must be worn by all participants. ASA Rule 3 – Equipment- G. – Shoes. **Metal or steel cleats are not permitted.**
14. Run Rules and Time Limits – 20 runs after 3 innings
15 runs after 5 innings
All slow pitch games are limited to one hour. All leagues will incorporate the 1 & 1 count, no courtesy foul.
15. 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. Co-Ed leagues - Each team will be allowed one (1) more over the fence homerun than their opposition; all others are outs. See ASA Rules Supplement #25.
16. Stealing bases in league and league tournament play is not permitted.
17. Any player who is ejected must **immediately** leave the field and the vicinity (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.

18. If an umpire hears any person using extreme profanity (the "F" word 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.
19. 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. Applicable ejection and forfeit fees apply.
20. 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.
21. 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.

22. **Glass bottles are prohibited in City Parks. Those bringing glass bottles are subject to a game forfeit plus a fine.**
23. Protect our fences...Please don't throw or hit balls against fences or backstops.
24. **A “no digging in” rule will be in effect for all batters & pitchers.** 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.**
25. **RULES SPECIFIC TO CO-ED 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 A.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) A.S.A. Rule 3 – 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.
 - c) 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).

- d) A team must have at least 9 players (5 female and 4 male or 5 male and 4 female) to begin and continue 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.**
- e) 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.**
- f) 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. Co-ed 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.
- g) 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 A.S.A. 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 11, 2018
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 ball field 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 #2, #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. A copy also goes to the Police Department and the Parks Division. * Lights for rentals are only available on North Casper Fields #2, #3, and #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.





Recreation Division Contact Information

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

www.crlasports.com

Casper Recreation Center.....235-8383

City of Casper website: www.casperwy.gov

Recreation Division Administrative Offices.....235-8403





Be a good sport.
Everyone will have more fun.

Enjoy your softball season!

32nd Annual City of Casper
SLOW PITCH SHOWDOWN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
June 9-10, 2018 **MEN'S & WOMEN'S DIVISIONS**

3 Game Guarantee

Entry Fee - \$150 payable to CRLA

Entry Deadline: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Awards: 1st-Attire & Team plaque; 2nd, 3rd, Cons. Champ-Team plaque

WINDS OF SUMMER COED CLASSIC SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT

July 7, 2018

3 Game Guarantee

Entry Fee - \$150.00 payable to CRLA

Entry Deadline: Thursday, June 28, 2018

Awards: 1st-Attire & Team plaque; 2nd, 3rd, & Cons. Champ-Team plaque

19th Annual City of Casper
One Pitch Softball Tournament

August 18-19, 2018 **MEN'S & COED DIVISIONS**

3 Game Guarantee

Entry fee - \$150 payable to CRLA

Entry Deadline: Thursday, August 9, 2018

Awards: 1st-Attire & Team plaque; 2nd, 3rd, Cons. Champ-Team plaque

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.