

GARDEN CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S 2025 SOFTBALL LEAGUE

***GC REC SOFTBALL League** *Is open to any team comprised of women residents, ages 18 and over. This league is also open to any Village business and its employees. In order for a business team to be accepted, a letter from the company must accompany the team's registration verifying that all members of the team work in that company. Graduates of Garden City High School are also eligible. All games for this league are played on weekday evenings. Teams not meeting these requirements must be approved by the Recreation department.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS: The official ASA Slow Pitch Rules will govern all league play, except that all players may bat and alternate positions with fielders. A player's spot in the line-up must stay the same throughout the game. Please follow Community Park rules: no sunflower seeds on turf fields and no alcohol.

1. **Eligibility of team and team members** is based on the following: ***(See Above)** All captains must submit a photocopy of each player's driver's license with their team roster. All copies of licenses must be submitted prior to the start of the league play. Spot checks of players may be randomly done during the season.
2. A maximum of 20 players will be allowed per roster. Players may appear on only one roster, and may only play for that team.
3. All games will be 7 innings and will start on time as indicated on the schedule, with a 15 minute forfeit time. After a game has become official, (4 ½ or 5 innings), and if one team is leading by 12 or more runs, they will be declared the winners at that time by the umpire.
4. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Whenever possible, determination of cancellations will be made by 2 p.m. Captains may call Community Park at 516 483-2525 after 2 p.m. for field conditions. In game cancellation is made by Umpire.
5. Captains must keep an **official scorebook** for each game. Winning captains must report the score of the game within 24 hours.
6. **PLAYOFFS:** All teams in the league are eligible for the playoffs.
7. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** All cases involving both individual and team unsportsmanlike conduct are completely up to the discretion of the umpire. Penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct can vary:
 - a. The player or players involved shall be ejected for the ball game.
 - b. The game may be forfeited.
 - c. The team or player may be suspended or expelled for the league. In these cases, the umpire's decision will be reviewed by the Recreation Department.
8. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Recreation Office within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game. The umpire and opposing team must be notified immediately of the intention to protest the game **BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH IS MADE. PROTESTS BASED UPON JUDGEMENT CALLS WILL BE DISALLOWED.** Protests may only be made on mis-interpretation of a rule. All written protest regarding an ineligible/illegal player must be accompanied by the official scorebook.
9. **Any team that forfeits two games will be eliminated from the league.** All scheduled games will be REGISTERED AS LOSSES.
10. **UNIFORMS: If possible:** All teams should be in uniform. Uniforms may consist merely of identical colored shirts.
11. **PETE ROSE RULE – SLIDING:** If any player has possession of the ball, the runner **MUST** either slide, avoid the fielder, or surrender the tag. If the player runs through the fielder, he is automatically out and may be ejected from the game at the discretion of the umpire.
12. **THE FAKE TAG RULE:** Any play unnecessarily forcing a runner to slide in to a base when he does not have possession of the ball shall be charged with an obstruction. The umpire shall award the runner an additional base. The player and manager will be issued a warning, and the next time it happens, the player deceiving the runner will be ejected from the game.
13. **SOFTBALLS:** The Clincher is the official ball of the league. Balls will be supplied by the Recreation Department and can be picked up in the Clubhouse building before each game.
14. **BATS:** For safety reasons, no batter may use a donut or a lead bat while warming up. Umpires will determine if a bat is illegal for use in the league.
15. **PITCHING:** At their highest point, all pitches must be a minimum of 6 feet to a maximum of 12 feet from the ground to the top of their arm.
16. **Double Plays –** any runner who does not slide or gets completely out of the way at second base, automatic double play. No more standing upright or bending over in the path of the shortstop or second basemen trying to complete the double play.
17. **GENERAL RULES:**
 - a. Do not drive your cars down to the field.
 - b. **NO ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED IN VILLAGE PARKS.** Teams found drinking will be subject to Village Summonses, and to possible expulsion for the league.
 - c. The Recreation Department will supply the field, bases, umpires, game balls, and trophies to the winning teams.
 - d. Catchers must wear masks at all times. Masks are available in the clubhouse.
 - e. **If the official umpire does not show up for the game, the game should still be played using an umpire agreeable to both teams.**
 - f. No metal spikes allowed, and their use will be considered UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT and subject to the rules pertaining to the same.
 - g. For all games the home team will be determined by a coin flip.
19. All league participants acknowledge that there are certain inherent risks of injury in playing softball. The risks include, but are not limited to batting, fielding, pitching, catching, running, sliding, and all other aspects of the game. All bases used in this league are anchored in the ground and are meant to be used as reference points only. The Garden City Recreation Department's Softball League does not cover individual players for insurance purposes due to injuries.
18. Rules and regulations may be amended and updated by the Recreation Department for the proper running of the league.

**GARDEN CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
2025 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE
APPLICATION**

I, _____, have read the rules and regulations governing the Garden City Department of Recreation and Parks' 2025 women's softball League, and I hereby certify that the enclosed application is complete, and that the information contained therein is true. Furthermore, as the **designated manager** of the enclosed team, I understand that full compliance with all rules and regulations is required of all teams. This includes compliance with eligibility regulations as well as all applicable Village Ordinances. I further understand that failure to comply with all League Regulations and Village Ordinances may result in suspension or expulsion for the league.

Team Name _____

Manager's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Manager's Email Address _____

(Please write legibly as most correspondence will be through email)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Alternate Contact: Name _____

Phone _____ **Email Address** _____

***** MY TEAM IS UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS/ OR DATES:**

*****We will do our best to accommodate teams, however this league plays Monday through Thursday nights. Please be prepared to play on the days and times you are scheduled. You may be required to play 2 games in one week at times. Let me know if you prefer double-headers or different play on different days. Aside from the above dates you are required to play when scheduled.**

If scheduled for 2 games in the same week our team prefers double headers: Yes No

**SUBMIT ALL COMPLETED FORMS AND FEES TO:
GARDEN CITY RECREATION 108 ROCKAWAY AVE, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530 ATTN: STEVE ESPEY**

**GARDEN CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
2025 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE
TEAM ROSTER FORM**

SUBMIT ALL COMPLETED FORMS AND FEES TO:

GARDEN CITY RECREATION 108 ROCKAWAY AVE, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530 ATTN: WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LG

League Fee – 2 checks needed

\$375. made payable to: *McKrave Sports* (for umpire fees) - (Must be in check form) check # _____

\$275. made payable to: *Inc. Village of Garden City* (cash or check) cash _____ check # _____

TEAM NAME _____ DATE _____

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