

2024 MEN'S CP SOFTBALL PRESEASON

The 2024(for 2025 Season) Preseason will begin on Monday Nov 11 at 0830 first game, Games will continue on Monday and Wednesday until Dec 18(tentatively).

As the Preseason is now affiliated with the CP Softball League, all participants must be registered members of the League. (Players do not need to be rated to play). Registrar Mike Nichols will be available to register players throughout the preseason. Ratings Chrnm, Randy Pickersgill has posted Rating Dates.

Signup sheets for both players and umpires will be posted. Please fill out all the information on the sheets.

Teams, rosters and schedules will be posted and put online. Teams will be updated and adjustments made as more players arrive.

As noted, umpires will be needed. You do not have to be a regular season umpire. It is a good time to try to see if umpiring is something you may want to do later. Also if you would like to be a manager, indicate on the signup sheet. If necessary, managers will be assigned.

Several new rules will be used during the preseason.

Games will be seven innings-no tie breaker.

Full three-strike/four-ball count. No courtesy foul.

There will be a limit of five (5) runs per inning in ALL INNINGS

The pitching screen will be mandatory. The screen will be placed 25 feet from the front of home plate in a direct line between the middle of home plate and the middle of the pitching rubber. The pitcher will pitch from directly behind the screen and remain behind the screen until the ball is hit. Any violation will be called an illegal pitch. If a pitcher violates the screen position rule and is first player to contact a batted ball, the ball is dead and first base is awarded. All other base runners will advance one base. A batted ball striking the screen will be a dead ball, no pitch, As per the men's softball rules, there will be no non runners except those pre 2008 members. Pinch runner rules will be the same as the League rules.

If a team needs a substitute player, the preseason committee will assign the substitute from the signup sheets of players not currently on a team when possible.

Managers should contact a committee member with a substitution request.

Any questions should be directed to the preseason committee—Bob Woods, Jerry Hopkins, Rick Robertson or Rick Ikerd.