

Wrecking Crew

3rd & 4th Grade

2019 SOFTBALL

Schedule



Date	Day	Time	Location	Opponent
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6-May	M	6:00	Birdsall 3	Hudson
8-May	W	6:00	Dunkerton	Dunkerton
13-May	M	6:00	Janesville	Janesville
15-May	W	6:00	Birdsall 3	Jesup White
20-May	M	6:00	Wapsie	Wapsie
22-May	W	6:00	Birdsall 3	Jesup Blue
27-May	M		No Softball	
29-May	W	6:00	Birdsall 3	LaPorte City
3-Jun	M	6:00	Denver	Denver
5-Jun	W	6:00	Jesup	Jesup Orange
10-Jun	M	6:00	Hudson	Hudson
12-Jun	W	6:00	Birdsall 3	Jesup Orange
17-Jun	M	6:00	Birdsall 3	Janesville
19-Jun	W	6:00	Birdsall 3	Jesup White
24-Jun	M	6:00	Birdsall 3	Jesup Blue
26-Jun	W	6:00	Birdsall 3	Jesup Blue

THE REC

Team Coaches will be in contact with each other as we approach away games.

Coaches will then pass along the directions to other town's facilities to Wrecking Crew players and families.

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3rd-4th Softball Rules

- Visitors will take the field for warm-ups at 5:45, or fifteen minutes prior to game start time, to be followed by the home team infield for 7 ½ minutes. Games will start at 6:00 PM.
- All games are considered double headers, 2 games lasting one hour each with 5 minutes only between games.
- If 60 minute time limit is reached before 4 innings are completed, the score will be that at the end of the last completed inning (**no new inning to be started after 50 minutes**)
- Minimum of 8 players on the field or a team will forfeit, or game must be rescheduled unless otherwise discussed and agreed upon by both coaches.
- Cancellations – Home team decides and must call at least at least 90 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
- Opposing coaches need to agree on start time at the beginning of the game and final score at end of the game
- 4 runs or three outs per inning (6 runs max in final inning, coaches must decide on time)
- 10 Defensive positions maximum (4 outfielders- left, left center, right center, and right)
- Home team provides one new ball and two other good condition balls
- 11" ball is required for this age level
- Defensive player cannot block base path without possession of the ball
- All games need to be made up before July 1st
- Rain outs to be made up based upon availability as determined by both team's head coaches

Batting

- Batting the entire lineup will be at the coach's discretion. Open substitutions, but players cannot bat more than once during a 10 player rotation.
- Base stealing and leading off- girls may lead off with the pitch and may only steal 2nd and 3rd on a passed ball from pitcher to catcher.
- Home base is closed on passed balls as well as overthrows. **Overthrow Rule:** Runner advances at own risk but cannot advance to home on overthrow. Can only advance one base on an overthrow. If ball is hit into play, rule does not apply.
- Players must slide into home on a play with a "catchable ball" or will be called out. (this is at umpires discretion) Absolutely no arguing with the umpires on their call of this rule. This is a judgment call for player's safety.
- No infield fly rule is in place
- No drop third strike rule
- No bunting is allowed.
- Throwing the bat – first time team issued a warning – second time batter is out and runners can't advance
- Foul Tips legally caught by the catcher will be an out- foul tip on strike three caught by catcher is a strike out
- Hit by pitch – **Batter must make an attempt to avoid the ball and not have been swinging at the ball**
- Big barrel bats **ARE** allowed

Pitching

- Pitching rubber – 35 ft
- Strike zone- width of the plate plus one fist inside/outside (from the edge of the white) between the knees and chest of the batter in a standing position
- 8 pitches at start of game or when new pitcher enters
- 5 pitches max between innings for regular pitchers
- If the pitcher hits 3 players in any game, player needs to be moves to a different position (refer to batting rule for **ONLY** exception to this rule)
- With a 4 ball count, the coach **will go to the mound to pitch**. The player pitcher must be even or behind the coach when they pitch.
- When the coach pitches the batter can strike out but cannot walk

Sportsmanship

- Sportsmanship – players, coaches, and fans are expected to display good sportsmanship
- Coaches have the responsibility of controlling abusive fans
- Coaches should not argue judgment calls with the umpires
- Umpires have the right to eject players and coaches and may declare a forfeit when appropriate
- **Home teams are encouraged to provide 2 umpires to make sure the game is called as accurately as possible**