

Player Eligibility Rules
New Milford Parks and Recreation
Adult C0-Ed Softball League
2023

A.) Eligibility Criteria

A person shall be eligible to participate in a Parks and Recreation sponsored adult league if she/he meets the following eligibility requirements:

- 1.) She/he is a current resident* with a permanent legal address in New Milford.
- 2.) She/he is a current resident* with a permanent legal address in Sherman, Kent, Washington, Roxbury, Bridgewater, or Warren. (This residency requirement does not absolve the resident of the above mentioned towns from the 60/40 regulation as set forth in Section E of this document as it pertains to the composition of the rosters).
- 3.) She/he must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of registration onto a current roster.
- 4.) Current high school students are **not** eligible to participate in New Milford C0-Ed Softball League play.

* A resident shall be defined as anyone with a legal address who has resided full time at such address within the confines of the Towns of New Milford, Sherman, Kent, Washington, Roxbury, Bridgewater, or Warren. Residency must be established as current upon signing a roster (Please see Section E of this document). Verification of residency must be submitted upon request. Verification criteria are to be determined solely by the Parks and Recreation Department. Failure to produce proper verification within 5 working days from the date of question shall automatically result in ineligibility of registrant.

Exceptions:

- a.) Individuals may participate in the league regardless of address if they are full-time employees of a concern in the Town of New Milford*. Said employer must conduct business at an address within the boundaries of the Town of New Milford, Connecticut.

*Full-time employment shall be defined as the job or occupation of which the participant derives the greatest percentage of personal income and which consists of employment for at least 30 hours a week for the full 52 weeks of the year. The participant must be employed by January 1 (for spring and summer leagues) and July 1 (for fall and winter leagues) of each year of participation.

B.) Use of ineligible players and challenge of player eligibility

The use of an ineligible player will result in a forfeit by the team involved of all games in which that player has participated. In order to effectuate the ejection of an ineligible player and the resulting forfeiture of games in which that

player was involved, it is necessary to conform to the following procedure:
A request **in writing** to investigate a player's eligibility must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department within 48 hours subsequent to the game in question. A fee of \$20 is required for each investigation. If the investigation results in a finding of ineligibility, all games which s/he participated in will be forfeited and the \$20 fee will be returned. If, upon investigation, the player is found to be eligible, the Department will retain the fee. Any team, which allows a player to continue as an active member of its roster after a decision of ineligibility has been arrived at, will forfeit all future games in which the ineligible player participates.

The Department shall set a date for the addition of names to a team roster. After that date, a team may not add players to its roster. Any addition of players after the cut-off date for player admissions will result in forfeiture. If a player is added to a roster after the freeze date for submission of player names established by the Department, said player will be suspended from the league and all games in which s/he participated will be forfeited. In addition, the manager and the team found guilty of this infraction will be subject to suspension proceedings.

C.) Change of Status

If at any time during the course of league play (including playoffs), there is an alteration in a player's tax, residence, or educational status, thereby altering his/her eligibility status, they will forthwith become ineligible.

D.) Grandfather Clause

The use of grandfathered players from this league or other leagues is prohibited now and in the future! Please follow above rules when completing your roster using only current eligible players.

E.) Roster

All team rosters and roster additions must be legible at the time of submission. All requested information must be complete. The address must reflect a legal residence, not a post office box. Any individual whose information on the submitted roster is illegible, inaccurate, or incomplete shall not be eligible to participate. A team roster must be comprised of a minimum 60% of New Milford residents. The Parks and Recreation Department will determine roster limits for each league.

F.) Materials for admission on roster

The following must be submitted with the team roster for each participant who is eligible under the working full-time rule:

- A W-2 form

- A recent pay stub
- A written statement from his/her employer signed by employer or designates (e.g. manager, personnel director) on company letterhead testifying to participant employment.

Softball League Play: The following number of participants will be allowed admission to the roster, regardless of place of residence:

Female Participants: To a maximum of 3 unrestricted players (\$20 per player)

Male Participants: The use of unrestricted players is prohibited

Coed Softball: Maximum of 3 unrestricted females (\$20.00 per player), unrestricted male players is prohibited.

A \$20 fee must be submitted with the team roster for each unrestricted player.

Please remember that all rosters must fall under the 60/40 rule. Sixty percent of any team's players must be New Milford residents. The remaining forty- percent must meet the eligibility requirements required for participation in New Milford Adult League play.

Additional fees:

A fee of \$20 is required for non-residents of eligible towns (Sherman, Kent, Washington, Roxbury, Bridgewater, and Warren) and for non-residents who qualify for participation under the full-time New Milford employee eligibility rule.

NOTATION: In the event of poor league participation, the Parks and Recreation Department, with the approval of the Parks and Recreation commission, reserves the right to waive any and all of the above regulations in the interest of the continued survival of the leagues in question.