# OVER 30 BASEBALL MANUAL

## ADULT
## ATHLETICS & LEAGUES

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**Welcome to the Lombard Park District Over 30 Baseball League!**

*This program is designed to meet the Baseball needs of the residents of Lombard and participating non-residents. Leagues are organized in an effort to meet a variety of skill levels.*

*Although we open our leagues to skill levels from recreational to competitive, remember this is for FUN. Have a safe and enjoyable softball season!*
Any questions concerning this booklet, please call (630) 620-7322.

## *Registration Information:*

*Registration will be done as follows:*

- Please be ready at the time of registration, to supply the Park District with the captain's and co-captain's names, addresses, home and work phone and email address. You may pay by Cash, Check, or Credit Card. Checks are to be made payable to the Lombard Park District. You will not be guaranteed a spot in the league until full payment is received.

- Teams may pay $100 deposit to hold spot in league plus credit card #. If full payment is not received by September 1, card will be charged balance of league fee. Please call 630-620-7322 to confirm payment. Teams whose credit card is declined will lose spot in league.

- **Completed rosters are due at the first game. Changes may be made to rosters up until the conclusion of the second week of play.**

    - Rosters may be submitted on QuickScores. Please see page 10 for further instructions.

- The Lombard Park District is not responsible for incorrect information on registration or roster forms. Please inform the Park District of any change in address phone numbers, or email so you will receive correct information about changes, meetings or make-ups.
  The season begins the week of August 31.

The program manager reserves the right to adjust leagues as necessary. Leagues may be combined based on enrollment.

Games cancelled due to unplayable field conditions may be scheduled on alternate days when needed or available. Game times will be posted the Monday prior.

Teams claiming resident status will need to provide proof of residency for all players at time of registration.

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## Important Contact Information

**Weather Reporting Application for Games:**
**Rainout Line**
For cancellation information you can:
**Download the free app, *Recommended!**
View online at rainoutline.com and search for 'Lombard Park District'
Call the rainout line automated phone message at 630-995-9491
*This app will be used for game cancellations only.

**Field condition information is updated after 4:00 pm daily and after 7:45 am on the weekend. Check for weather and game schedule updates.**

**QuickScores:** the website we use to view and schedule all of the games for the season.

**Lombard Park District Main Office** (630) 620-7322
**Program Manager: Martha Houston** (630) 519-5852 mhouston@lombardparks.com

Main Website: **www.lombardparks.com**
Sports Information: **www.lombardparks.org/programs-3/athletics**

Visit www.lombardparks.com and scroll along "Recreation" on the menu at the top of the page. Then click "Athletics." This will take you to the "Adult Athletics and Leagues" tab where schedules can be found.

## General Rules:

1. **An initial roster is due by your first game and finalized rosters and waivers are due by the end second week of games.** A player can be replaced for medical reasons if a doctor's note is given. No other addition can be made during the season.
2. Rosters are limited to 25 players. All players must bring proof of identification to every game. If a player does not have their ID or they are not on the roster they are considered illegal. If a roster check is called for by either team, all players on both teams will be checked and must provide an ID
3. Team members must wear the same-colored shirts.
4. All umpires' decisions will be considered final. No protests will be allowed, except for eligibility questions.
5. The Lombard Park District does not assume responsibility for any type of injury or loss of property.
6. The Lombard Park District and/or league supervisor reserves the right to change team names or refuse entry of any player, sponsor, spectator or team if in our opinion it is contrary to Park District ordinances, rules or philosophies.
7. A ten-minute grace period will be allowed for the first game played every day/night. Game shall be 110 minutes in length if the grace period is used.
8. Result sheets will be final. After each game the team captain should sign off on the results. If there is no signature the results cannot be contested.
9. A team may start or end with 8 players. The 9$^{th}$ batter will only be considered an out if the team started with 9 players unless the 9$^{th}$ batter is out due to injury. If both teams have fewer than 8 players then the umpire will declare a double forfeit. Both teams can start with 8 players.
10. Courtesy runners can be used for four individuals throughout the game with full stealing ability. Each additional individual chosen to have a courtesy runner will not have stealing privileges.

However, if discussed prior to the game, the captains can agree to allow more courtesy runners with stealing privileges. Please discuss the number of courtesy runners with the other captain before the game regardless of the number you are using. The incoming courtesy runner will be the individual who made the last batted out. If the last batted out is the pitcher or catch for the next inning then the team can choose to use previous last batted out.

11. Batting order does not have a limit to the number of batters for a team. If a batter is subbed out then he must reenter at the same position in the batting order. This is referred to as using an A B batting order.
12. All bats must be wood or wood composite.
13. The home team will keep the remaining balls after each game. It is useful to keep these separate from your practice balls and use them as back-up games balls as game balls can be lost pretty quickly due to the residential and construction areas.
14. Ejections/leavers count as an out in batting order if no sub. Injured players will not be ruled an out similar to rule 9.
15. Games are limited to 120 minutes or seven innings, whichever occurs first. An inning is not allowed to begin once the 120 minutes is reached. If 120 minutes is not reached, but 7 innings have been played and the game is tied then additional innings can be played until 120 minutes is reached or the game is not tied after an inning, whichever occurs first.
16. A complete game occurs if five innings or more are completed or if the home team is winning and at least four and a half innings are completed.
17. Runners must slide to avoid contact. A player may also stop running and declare that they are out if they wish not to slide. If contact is made with no effort to slide the runner can be called out and can be removed from the game.
18. If you are playing on the last game of the day on your field, the home team is responsible for raking the field and filling holes around the batter's boxes and pitcher's mound.
19. A slaughter will occur if a team is ahead by 12 after 5 innings or 10 after 6 innings.
20. The semis and championship games will be played to a full seven innings regardless of time limit.

## *After league rules, NFHS rules apply to all other aspects of the game.

## Conduct

**Team Captain Responsibilities**

**Team captains are the only players that may address the umpire.** If an umpire does not act appropriately, or if there is consistently poor officiating and/or knowledge of the rules, please contact the Program Manager. Responsible for the conduct of their spectators and participants.

**If at any point during the season the captain is changed to someone new, an email must be sent to the Program Manager containing the name, email address and phone number of the new captain.

**Ejection from a game:**

Any player who is ejected from a game for any reason will receive an automatic one game suspension. This suspension will be served during the team's next league game. Any player ejected from a game must leave the bench and the gym area in a prompt manner. If they do not, they will face further disciplinary action up to and including removal from the league.

**Illegal Players:**
The use of an illegal player is prohibited. It is grounds for an immediate forfeit. If a team should request identification of a player, that player must provide a picture I.D. to the League Supervisor or the Official. If a player does not have a photo I.D. then they will be treated as an illegal player. Any team who uses an illegal player puts themselves in jeopardy of being expelled from the league. It is the captain's responsibility to make their team aware of this rule.

**Forfeits:**
Team captain MUST notify Program Manager of a forfeit at least 24 hours before scheduled game. This can be by phone call or email. Notification of forfeit less than 24 hours may result in a penalty.

Teams who do forfeit:
1st Forfeit: Team must pay $50 before next game.
2nd Forfeit: Team will be dropped from league without a refund.

**Alcoholic Beverages:**
No alcoholic beverages are allowed. If any members of a team or the team's fans are seen consuming alcohol on school or Park property before, during or after their game risk forfeiture and disciplinary action up to and including removal from the league. Teams are responsible for their fans. It is up to the team to inform their fans of this policy.
-*Smoking is not permitted on Lombard Park District Property.*

**Player Conduct**
Players must respect the umpire, Lombard Park District staff and other players.
Player's behavior is the responsibility of the player and captain of the team.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct:**
Any team or individual exhibiting unsportsmanlike acts towards members of another team, a umpire, spectators or any Park District representative before, during, or after the game, risks disciplinary action. The Park District reserves the right to administer disciplinary action including suspension, forfeit or expulsion if in our opinion any team or individual displays inappropriate behavior.

**Behavior Management:**
All participants and spectators are expected to adhere to the Lombard Park District rules and philosophies as well as local, state and federal statutes at all times. Any individual who violates these rules will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including removal from the program.

**Eligibility:**
1. Players must be 30 years of age as of the start of the Over 30 baseball league to be eligible. (September 3rd)
2. 2 players ages 28-30 may be rostered, but can not pitch
3. If a player is ruled ineligible, all games in which they participated will be forfeited.
4. No player will be allowed to be rostered on 2 or more teams in the same league.

## Equipment

**Official Scorebook:**

To avoid confusion throughout the game, the home team will have the official scorebook. Any questions regarding scores, outs, or innings will be the responsibility of the home team. The home team will be listed second on the schedule.

**Bats**

All bats must be wood or wood composite.

**Altered Bats**

Altered bats are extremely prohibited. If a bat is found to be altered the individual will be ejected from the game and risk removal without refund from the league.

## Schedules

Captain's information will be entered by the park district. This is the information provided at the time of registration. If information is entered incorrectly, it is the responsibility of the captain to have the information updated.

Games schedules will not change unless both captains agree on the changes being made.

Link: https://www.quickscores.com/lombardparks

Teams are **NOT** guaranteed an equal number of games at each time slot.

If a team needs to reschedule a game, the league commissioner MUST be notified at least 24 hours in advance. If the game is to take place on Sunday, the league commissioner must be notified by Friday at 5:00pm.

## Game Play

**Game Length**

Games are limited to 120 minutes or seven innings, whichever occurs first. An inning is not allowed to begin once the 120 minutes is reached. If 120 minutes is not reached, but 7 innings have been played and the game is tied then additional innings can be played until 120 minutes is reached or the game is not tied after an inning, whichever occurs first.

A game called by the umpire due to rain will be considered regulation if five or more complete innings have been played (4 ½ if home team is winning). If fewer innings have been completed the game will be rescheduled and start over from the top of the first inning. The score as of the last fully completed inning will be included in the new game.

Games will be rescheduled on regular game days when possible. Every effort will be made to give one week notice for rescheduled games.

Teams should be prepared to make up games on alternate week days/weekend days when deemed necessary by the Athletic Program Manager.

**Courtesy Runner**

Courtesy runners can be used for four individuals throughout the game with full stealing ability. Each additional individual chosen to have a courtesy runner will not have stealing privileges. However, if discussed prior to the game, the captains can agree to allow more courtesy runners with stealing privileges. Please

discuss the number of courtesy runners with the other captain before the game regardless of the number you are using. The incoming courtesy runner will be the individual who made the last batted out. If the last batted out is the pitcher or catch for the next inning then the team can choose to use previous last batted out.

## Scoring

### Tie Breaker Rules

Tie breakers will be determined in the following order:

1. Forfeits
2. Head-to-Head*
3. Head-to-Head Run Differential
4. Schedule Strength
5. Average Run Differential
6. Coin Flip

*In the case of more than two teams tied, the Major League Baseball tie breaker rules will be used. They can be found here:
http://m.mlb.com/news/article/59527184/playoff-tiebreaker-rules

### Protests

No protests
All umpire decisions are final

## Playoffs:

A post-season tournament is conducted at the end of the league play.
Prize earnings over $600/year will be taxed

## Award Money:

| **Regular Season** | **Minimums** |
|---|---|
| 1st Place | $200 |
| 2nd Place | $100 |
| **Tournament** | |
| 1st Place | $100 |

## Rosters

### Changes

No changes to the roster allowed after the second week of games. Except in the case of an injury. A doctor's excuse is required and the replacement player must be of similar ability to the injured player.

### Checks

Random roster checks can be completed at any time throughout the season.

Teams may request a roster check prior to the game time. Roster protests must be made prior to the first pitch of the game.

### Deadlines

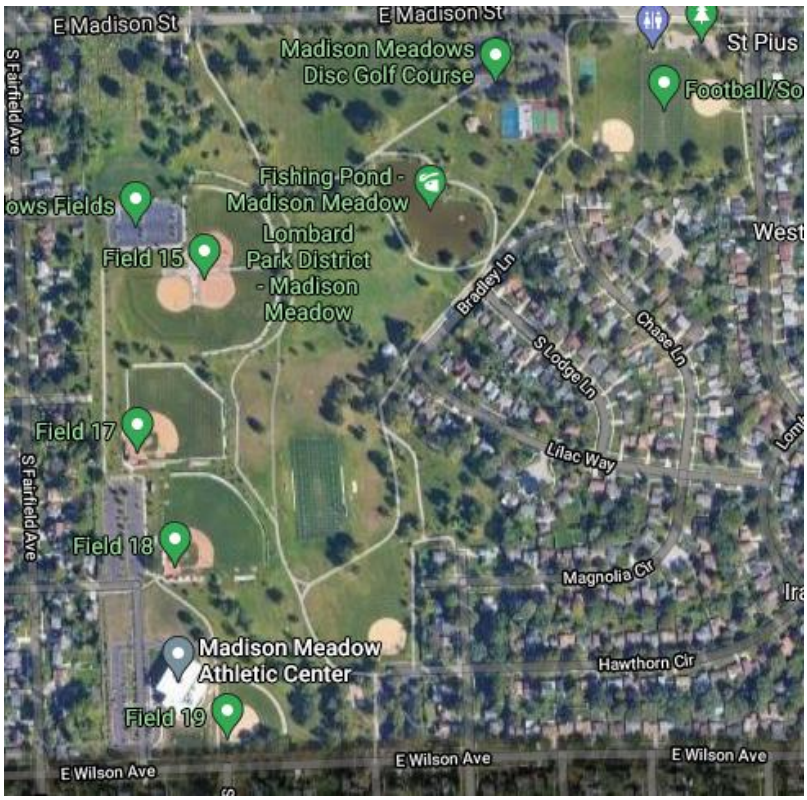
Rosters are due 2 weeks after the second week of games. Late rosters will not be accepted.

**Player Maximum**
Roster maximum of 25 players.

## Liability Statement:

The Lombard Park District does not assume responsibility for any personal injury or loss that any team member or spectator may incur as a result of this program.

## Baseball Field Locations:

**1 – Madison Meadow Park - #17 & #18 – Corner of Fairfield and Taylor**

For Directions see the map or call 630-620-7322.