

**Walleye Weekend 2025**  
**Walley-ball Softball**  
**TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

1. Co-Ed Tournament: each team must field the same number of men and women with equal male & female infielders/outfielders.
2. Must have at least 10 players to field a team, no limit of players for each team. Equal numbers at all times (e.g. 5 boys & 5 girls).
3. The tournament is FOR FUN: competition is secondary to having a great time!
4. Wear costumes if you wish, players must wear shoes - NO METAL SPIKES.
5. NO SWIMWEAR ALLOWED. SHIRTS MUST BE WORN.
6. Teams must provide a batting line-up to umpire before every game. Can bat 10 or bat everyone as long as hitters alternate male-female.
7. Length of games will be determined by the number of teams entering and weather conditions. Games will be called if a team is ahead by 20 runs after 4 innings, 15 after 5 innings or 10 runs after 6 innings. Game is over after seven innings or 50 minutes.
8. Players are to be members of the high school graduating classes of 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 or 2029. Students from the city of Fond du Lac and surrounding areas are welcome. Any player who plays on a team not in the specified age range will result in disqualification of the team.
9. Teams can include members of different classes as long as they meet the co-ed requirements. Teams can be members of the same club, organization, groups of friends or represent classes.
10. Ball will be a 12" softball for boys, 11" softball for girls. Softballs will be provided by the tournament.
11. Teams must provide their own bats and gloves – Fond du Lac Softball follows the ASA guidelines on banned bats. No bats appearing on the banned bat list will be allowed. Any team found using a banned bat will forfeit their place in the tournament. NO HARDBALL BATS.
12. Defensively, each team shall field an equal number of male & female infielders and outfielders. If there is a male pitcher, there must be a female catcher, and vice versa.
13. Batting order must alternate by sex.
14. When a male is walked, by three consecutive balls, he will go to second base. When a female is walked, she will go to first base.
15. Rosters can be changed prior to the start of the first game. All players will be required to check in as a team prior to their first game. ALL PLAYERS MUST SHOW THEIR SCHOOL ID or DRIVERS LICENSE AT CHECK IN. Players are required to have their picture ID with them at all times during the tournament. Roster cannot change after the start of the first game.
16. WALLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IS DOUBLE ELIMINATION IF TIME AND WEATHER PERMIT.
17. Special Walley-ball trophy will be presented to the first-place team. Champions will also receive Championship Shirts (up to 12).
18. There will be a five-minute grace period for teams to take the field - five minutes from the scheduled starting time.
19. Pitchers count will be three balls, 2 strikes with an out after two strikes even if a foul ball strike.
20. Strike is considered when ball is pitched between a 3 to 10 ft. arch and it lands on the plate or mat.
21. Runner on base can leave the base when the ball is hit.
22. PLAYING TIME WILL BEGIN on Friday, June 6th (Exact time TBD and teams will given first game info at Captains' Meeting)
23. Teams will be limited based on first complete returned team rosters, including registration fee.
24. No warming up near the diamonds prior to game play. Warm up is only allowed between games in the diamond area.
25. You must SLIDE to avoid a possible collision. No sliding into 1<sup>st</sup> base. UMPIRES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
26. Players can score by either stepping on home plate or the mat behind home.
27. NO CARRY-INS... PLEASE SUPPORT OUR NON-PROFITS!
28. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP STRICTLY ENFORCED.
29. **PROFANITY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. EJECTION CAN OCCUR - AUTOMATIC TEAM OUT. THIS INCLUDES TEAM NAMES & T-SHIRTS.**
30. ***Any teams' wearing apparel with reference to vulgar or violent acts will forfeit their place in the tournament.***
31. Players must stay in dugout for safety reasons. This will be enforced.
32. Bleeding must be taken care of before you can continue to play. First Aid will be available.
33. Per team entry fee: **\$50.00** Entry deadline: **SATURDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup>. ENTRY FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.**
34. **There will be a meeting Sunday, June 1 at 4:45 p.m.** It will be held at Softball Island (where the games will take place) ***Each team MUST have a rep at this meeting – THIS IS MANDATORY.*** Fond du Lac Softball will allow practice Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> (as weather allows).
35. Questions can be directed to Marie Schumacher, Fond du Lac Softball Inc., (920) 251-7644 or schumacher1002@gmail.com
36. Please keep a copy of your roster.
37. **TEAM CAPTAIN:** DROP OFF entry forms and signed release forms at Team Meeting or prior to meeting at: Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. office, located in Lakeside Park at 650 North Main Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
38. Brackets will be posted and updated daily at the start of the tournament. First game time will be decided at the Manager Meeting on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. (Bracket will be made available prior to play.)