

Por La Gente Latino Invitational Softball Tournament Guidelines

- The tournament will be based on a maximum of 24 men's, 12 women's and/or 12 co-ed teams with a confirmed entry approved by the PLG Softball Tournament Committee. The tournament format will be double elimination. Each team will consist of a 15 players roster. If the manager is also playing in games, he/she will count towards a 15-players roster. Games will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations set by the City of Racine Park and Recreation Department. Teams are only allowed 3 non-Latino players to be listed on rosters. These 3 are the only ones allowed; no switches are to be made once the team has registered before their first game. This roster will be the final roster for the duration of the tournament. Absolutely no exceptions.
- Teams not on the field at their scheduled game time will forfeit the game.
- Bats are provided by the Por La Gente Association for all men, women, coed and youth games.
- If for any reason there is any issue with the rules, guidelines and scoring, the team manager is the only representative from the team that can express any concerns or ask any questions. There will be no interaction between the umpire and the players.
- All players **PLAY AT THEIR OWN RISK**. Por La Gente Association will not assume liability for any bodily injury sustained during tournament competition.
- **All men and women players' must be registered and identified prior to the first game.** Players that have a Latino Last Name only need to provide a driver's license. All Latino players without a Latino Last Name need both a driver's license and birth certificate. Non-Latino's must provide their driver license. The PLG Tournament Committee must be able to trace a player's Latino heritage from the birth certificate. If PLG cannot trace Latino descent from a player's Birth Certificate, the player must provide a Birth Certificate of one the parents listed for proof. Por La Gente will only accept official government documents. We will not accept any ancestry.com documents as verification of Latino descent. There will not be any exceptions made. ***This rule does not apply to co-ed; co-ed is an open tournament.***
- **New for 2022:** non-latino softball players married to a latino/latina are eligible to be a non-token with proof of marriage and all Latino partners without a Latino last name will need both a driver's license and birth certificate. The PLG Tournament Committee must be able to trace a player's partner's Latino heritage from the birth certificate. If PLG cannot trace Latino descent from a player's partner's Birth Certificate, the player's partner must provide a Birth Certificate of one the parents listed for proof. Por La Gente will only accept official government documents. We will not accept any ancestry.com documents as verification of Latino descent. There will not be any exceptions made. This new rule is open to all hetero and same sex married couples.
- Team managers will be allowed to notify the Tournament Chair at the registration table of a protest before the start of the game. The PLG Tournament Committee will review the player's identification. Both team managers and the umpires will be notified of the result.
 - ❖ ***Once a protest is won, the team being protested will have to forfeit the game.***
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated from players or their fans. All players will be expected to extend common courtesy to everyone at this event. If tournament officials eject any player from a game, that player will also be ejected from the tournament. If any issues arise with that ejected player, the PLG tournament committee will get involved.
- **All players must agree to follow the guidelines set forth by the PLG Tournament Committee. The manager is responsible for informing all team members of these guidelines.**