

# 2009 ADULT ASA SOFTBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration begins on Monday, March 2nd thru Friday, April 17th, or when the league limit is reached. You must register at the Park & Recreation Office, 1700 River Drive North, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Registration fee must accompany completed registration form to confirm team entry.

*No Sponsors will be billed, however, the Park & Recreation Department has vouchers available at some sponsor locations, team managers must pick up vouchers from sponsor and turned in with your team registration form.*

## ASA LEAGUE MAKE-UP

**MEN'S SLOW PITCH:** Ages 14 years and up, ten games scheduled with play once weekly. District Tournament to follow league play. Winners in District advance to State Tournament competition.

**WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH:** Ages 14 years and up, ten games scheduled with play once weekly. District Tournament to follow league play. Winners in District advance to State Tournament competition.

**CO-ED SLOW PITCH:** Ages 14 years and up, ten games scheduled with play once weekly. District Tournament to follow league play. Winners in District advance to State Tournament competition.

**MEN'S +36 SLOW PITCH:** Ages 36 years and up, ten games scheduled with play once weekly. District Tournament to follow league play. Winners in District advance to "C" State Tournament competition. Must be 36 before December 31, 2009.

**MEN'S +46 SLOW PITCH:** 46 years (as of December 31, 2009) and up, ten games scheduled with play once weekly. District tournament to follow. Winner(s) advance to +46 "C" State Tournament competition. Must be 46 before December 31, 2009.

## REGISTRATION FEES

Umpire Fee	90.00 (excluding tournaments)
Complex Maintenance	291.00
ASA Registration	27.00
Printing, advertising & administration	<u>7.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE</b>	<b>\$415.00</b>

**PLAYERS FEES** **\$180.00**  
(Due when picking up schedule)

**When persistent poor weather exists, games will be called on or around 4:30 by City Park & Recreation Department; and radio stations will be notified. If no decision is reached by 4:30 p.m., then games will be called on site.**

### UMPIRE FEES

Based on Umpire Association Fees

### COMPLEX MAINTENANCE/OPERATION

This fee assists in general upkeep and maintenance of fields, including mowing, irrigation, dragging, lining, clean up, utilities and supervision of umpires Monday through Friday throughout the season.

### *ASA REGISTRATION*

This fee is set by the National and State Softball Associations. This fee is assessed all teams eligible for District and State play. This fee is paid at the time of registration to the National Softball Association.

### *TROPHIES*

No trophies will be given by the Park and Recreation Department for 2009 league play.

### *PLAYER FEE*

Fee supports additional maintenance costs and realized balance for capital improvements.

***In 2009 Players fees in \$180.00 per team.***

***Teams who have not paid the above fees by dates requested will not be allowed to play until payment has been received.***

### *BUDGET*

Multi Sports Softball is a separate budget that operates on its own revenue. Revenue is obtained by team registration, player fees, concession revenue and complex rentals. Expenditures will include all phases of operation from umpire fees to operating supplies, utilities, daily maintenance, etc. A budget sheet will be available upon request.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

A player may play on one slow pitch team (men's or women's), and a player may play on one coed team in addition to slow pitch team.

Player must meet the minimum age of 14 years for men/women in all play as listed, or 36 years for +36 or 46 years for +46 Age by December 31, 2009.

Player must be ruled eligible by District Commissioner.

Player must be a resident of this area by March 1, 2009 or be declared eligible by the Commissioner before player can play in District or State play.

Each player must sign the roster the team manager submits before the player's first game.

No player can be signed on a team after Monday, June 8, 2009.

Each team must have **TWO** completed team rosters (one original/one copy) turned in to the Park and Recreation Department when season starts on Monday, April 27th, 2009. Each player must have signed the roster before he/she plays his/her first game.

Hardship cases (team not able to roster required number of players due to unavoidable circumstances) may be allowed to add players after the June 8 deadline upon application to the Park and Recreation Department. The District Commissioner will rule upon hardship cases for the District and State Tournaments.

**Violations of these rules will result in game forfeiture or team removal.**

## **PROTESTS**

Protest are allowed on matters involving rules - **not umpire judgement.**

All protests must be noted on score card, and both managers and umpire(s) alerted that the game is under protest from that point.

A \$20.00 cash fee must accompany all protests immediately at the time of protest, except for player protests.

Protests must be in written form and turned in to the Park and Recreation office by 12:00 noon the following day. If the following day is a weekend or holiday, then it must be in the office by 12:00 noon the next business day.

Board of Appeals will rule on all protests. Board is made up of Giles Salyer, Park/Multi Supervisor , Umpire-in-Chief, and one member of the Softball Association.

## **PLAYING THE GAME**

### *GAME LENGTH*

Game time will be one hour and fifteen minutes if there is a game following. **There will be no time limit if there is not a game following.** Game will be called if one team is ahead by at least twelve (12) runs after five complete innings; one team is ahead by twenty (20) runs after three complete innings. Once an inning is started, it will be completed unless conditions (weather/darkness) cause game suspension. If game is suspended, score reverts to last full inning completed. Teams must be notified before start of the inning if game is to be called due to time.

### *GAME TIME*

6:00 p.m.; 7:15 p.m., and 8:30p.m. (may be subject to change after June 1.)

### *GAME DAYS*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

### *FORFEIT TIMES*

6:10 p.m.; 7:25 p.m.; (or 10 minutes after availability of fields). Games forfeited will not be rescheduled. Teams that forfeit two games may be removed for the remainder of the season.

### *NUMBER OF PLAYERS*

Rosters:	Maximum 20 players allowed in all leagues
Men's	Must have nine players at all times
Women's	Must have nine players at all times
Co-ed	Must have ten players at all times (5 men/5 women)
Men's +36	Must have nine players at all times
Men's +46	Must have nine players at all times

### *PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS*

Women/Men Slowpitch are governed by ASA rules  
+36 and +46 open substitution  
Co-ed league are governed by ASA rules.

### *WARM UPS*

Each team will be entitled to infield warm up before the game, approximately five minutes. If they wish to take outfield warm up, it must be included in the five minute warm up. Please stay on the grass or dirt; do not warm up on the asphalt. Warm ups not allowed in congested area. Teams consistently violating warm up rules may be subject to game forfeiture. Warm ups within the complex must be held in designated areas.

### *HUSTLING*

Managers are asked to help move the game along as fast as possible.

## **EQUIPMENT**

### *BALLS*

Men's/Women's Slow pitch and Coed, male and or female: White cover, red-stitch or yellow optic cover, red stitch 12" ball with a ball COR of **.440** compression of 375.0 lbs.

### *BATS*

Must meet ASA specifications and bear the "ASA Approved certification mark which is engraved or stamped on bats.

### *GLOVES*

ASA approved.

### *CHEST PROTECTOR*

Optional men and women slow pitch.

### *MASK*

Optional men and women slow pitch.

### *UNIFORM*

Must wear sweatshirts/shirts colored alike. Hats are optional, must be uniformed by June 6.

### *EQUIPMENT*

Subject to approval by Commissioner. Violations will result in equipment removal.

### *JEWELRY*

No exposed jewelry will be allowed during play. This includes pierced earrings and neck chains. Wedding bands are exempt unless ruled hazardous by umpire.

## **RAIN OUTS**

In case of inclement weather 4 innings, or 3, if home team is ahead, shall be considered a complete game during regular season play. These games will not be made up. During District and State play, seven (7) innings must be adhered to.

**When persistent poor weather exists, games will be called on or around 4:30 by City Park & Recreation Department; and radio stations will be notified. If no decision is reached by 4:30 p.m., then games will be called on site. Players are asked to go to assigned site.**

## **MAKE UPS**

The week of May 26 – May 29 and June 29 – July 2 are days set aside for make up games in case of rainouts. If it is not possible to make up all the games that week, they will be made up at the conclusion of the season or at the discretion of the Park and Recreation Department.

## **CONDITION OF FIELD FOR PLAY**

The Umpire in Chief or Field Supervisor shall be the sole judge as to the fitness of the field for starting or continuing games at Multi Sports. If games are called due to conditions of fields, you are asked to abide by the decision.

## **FIELD RESERVATIONS**

Reservations for practice fields will be taken April 13 – 17 and April 20 - 24 in person at the Park and Recreation Department office.

## **WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS**

Local invitational tournaments have been scheduled. Schedules may be picked up at the Park and Recreation office. Schedules for State and Regional competition will be available after May 1.

## **ASSIGNMENT OF UMPIRES**

Umpires are assigned by the Umpire Association at the rate of \$18.00 per game, unless otherwise notified. Any complaints of umpires behavior, prejudice, or detriment to a game must be reported to the Park/Multi Sports Supervisor Director and Umpire in Chief. This must be done in writing.

## **DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS**

Teams interested in participating in their classification's District Tournament will pay a \$75 fee to register. This fee covers umpires and trophies.

Each team must provide a new ball for each game. Classifications will be final in June. Tournament fee is due July 12, 2009, for those teams that choose to participate in their classifications post season play. Payment can be made at the Park and Recreation Office, 1700 River Drive North. Do not make check payable to Park & Recreation, checks are payable to "District Commissioner".

District tournament expenses are completely separate from adult softball program. This is an amateur softball association sanctioned event for State Tournament qualifications. Checks must be made out to Larry Lewis, District Commissioner.

### *DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SEEDING*

To be done within each league by the District Commissioner. Seedings will be drawn with consideration to win/loss record. The District Commissioner reserves the right to change the way seedings are determined if he so desires.

## **CONDITIONS FOR PLAYER REMOVAL**

Profanity

Abusing, striking or baiting an umpire

Baiting opponent

Alcohol on breath, drinking in restricted area

Anything else umpire feels is detrimental to the game

If ejected from (2) games, player is ineligible to play for 1 calendar year from date of last ejection.

Infraction of any of the above may require a player to sit out one league game (minimum) to and entire season (maximum). Penalties are subject to appeals committee which include Giles Salyer Park /Multi Supervisor, Umpire-In-Chief and District Commissioner.

## **ALCOHOL**

Players and spectators are not allowed to bring alcohol into the Multi Sports Complex. Beer and wine is sold at the concessions on week nights and during weekend tournaments. Alcohol is not permitted on the playing field or in the dugouts.

## **PARKING**

You are asked to park facing east or west. Be considerate in parking--do not block in other cars. Do not park in emergency driveway located at the entrance of the field. We ask that game teams scheduled for fields 5, 6, 7 and 8 use the east parking lot.

**The above rules and regulations are guidelines and may be changed at any time by the Park and Recreation Department upon notification to all participating teams.**