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ADMINISTRATION

A two-member Executive Board shall be comprised of the Recreation Superintendent and Adult Softball League Director / Sports Coordinator for the purpose of working with the aforementioned groups in the area of improvement of the Adult Softball League Program. The final decisions concerning policies and the conduct of the City of Norman Adult Softball League Program shall rest with the Executive Board and shall be subject to approval by the Board of Parks Commissioners.

CITY OF NORMAN ADULT SPORTS LEAGUE VISION

The goal of the City of Norman Adult Sports Leagues is to provide an opportunity for each adult to compete through a quality sports experience.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- Step 1: Go to www.teamsideline.com/sites/norman/current-programs (if you do not already have a free account, you will need to set one up).
- Step 2: Hit "Enroll" Button.
- Step 3: Enter Name --> Pick: "General" --> Pick: 2018 Fall Adult Softball --> Select your league.
- Step 4: Click "Checkout" Button.
- Step 5: Enter Team Name --> Agree to terms of Team League.
- Step 6: "Place Order" and pay.
- Step 7: Top Blue Bar Select "Manage Rosters" and select your team name in the drop down menu.
- Step 8: Click "Add Roster" and fill in information (Name and Player Email) one by one until you complete your roster.
- **The final balance is due by Friday, September 28th to avoid your team having to forfeit games until the final balance is paid.**

PARTICIPANT/SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

Per city ordinance, smoking and alcohol use are strictly prohibited in all City of Norman parks.

Competing at any level brings out various levels of emotions. As a participant/spectator in the City of Norman Adult Softball League you are expected to be mindful and accountable to your actions while at Reaves Park. Any participant/spectator who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation or an occurrence of unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to disciplinary action. The following behavior will result in immediate disciplinary action:

1. Minor Offense

- a. Leaving your position on the field or stands to argue with an umpire or other game official after being instructed to return to your position on the field or stands.
- b. Taunting.

PENALTY: Warning. If the behavior continues at any time during the course of the game, the offending participant will be ejected from the game. The offending spectator will be ejected from Reaves Park.

2. Major Offense

- a. Words or actions meant to incite or attempt to incite spectator demonstrations
- b. Language meant to intimidate
- c. Abusive, harmful, or unwarranted disruptions to the game;
- d. Throwing equipment in anger;
- e. Verbal disrespect directed towards an umpire, league official, participant, or spectator.
- f. Words or actions meant to provoke a participant, umpire, league official, or spectator to harm another.
- g. Participant only: Ball hit up the middle at the pitcher intentionally.

PENALTY Participant: The participant will be ejected from the game and field of play. If the behavior continues, the participant will be required to leave Reaves Park and receive a two-game suspension. If a participant is dismissed from Reaves Park two times in a season, that participant will be suspended for the remainder of the regular season and post season. Further discipline may be added.

PENALTY Spectator: The offending spectator will be ejected from Reaves Park. If the behavior continues, the spectator will be suspended from Reaves Park for the team's next two scheduled games. Further discipline may be added.

Any concerted activity that is in poor taste as determined by the Adult Softball League Director / Sports Coordinator or Sports Supervisor will result in forfeiture and possible suspension from further participation. Participants, spectators, umpires, or league officials who threaten, physically harm, or abuse any participant, umpire, league official, or spectator at any time for any reason will be subject to immediate dismissal from Reaves Park and effective immediately, suspended from all City of Norman Adult Softball League Program sanctioned events and banned from attending Reaves Park property for the remainder of the season.

LEAGUE PLAYING GUIDELINES

1. Governing Rules

- a. The City of Norman Adult Softball League shall be governed by the “Official Rules of USA Softball” unless otherwise designated in the guidelines below.

2. Registration / Eligibility

- a. There are no residency restrictions for players and/or teams competing in the City of Norman Adult Softball League, however each player must meet the age eligibility requirements and be properly registered.
- b. Players must be 16 years of age prior to the start of the season.
 - i. Players not turning 18 years of age prior the season beginning must have parental consent to participate.
- c. A player is eligible to participate as long as he/she is properly registered.
 - i. The City of Norman defines a player as properly registered when that player has been added to their team by the team captain by **the final regular season game**.
- d. **There is no maximum number of players each team may have on a roster, however teams have until the final regular season game to finalize their roster. No players will be added thereafter.**
- e. **Players may not play for more than one team in each division.**
 - i. **If a player wants to play for another team after the season has begun, a player release form must be filled out by the player, current team’s coach, new team’s coach, and approved by the League Director.**
- f. Any team caught using an ineligible player will be forced to forfeit all games in which said player participated.
- g. Refunds minus a **\$25** administration fee are available prior to the first regular season game.

3. Apparel Guidelines

- a. Team jerseys
 - i. Matching jerseys are preferred, but not required.
 - ii. Jerseys should be of similar color.
 - iii. Non-duplicating numbers measuring six inches or more must be permanently affixed to the back of the jersey.
- b. Shoes must be worn at all times. Players may wear plastic or rubber molded cleats. Metal cleats are not allowed.

4. Participation and Rosters

- a. **A minimum of eight eligible players must be present to begin/continue a game.**
- b. **Teams will be penalized one out for the 9th and one out for the 10th spot in the lineup until those spots in the lineup are filled by eligible players.**
 - i. If either team does not have the minimum number of **eight** players required to begin or continue a game, the team with the most players will be declared the winner.
- c. **Coed teams must field a team of 4 eligible females and 4 eligible males to begin/continue a game on a team with eight players.**
 - i. If either team does not have the minimum number of **4 eligible females and 4 eligible males** required to begin or continue a game, the team with the most female players will be declared the winner.
- d. If both teams have no players or the same number of players, then a double forfeit will be declared.
 - i. **Exception: Post season—coin toss will determine who advances.**

5. Game Balls and Bats

- a. Game Balls
 - i. Men’s: ASA stamped, red stich, Optic yellow 12 Inch, 52 Core/300 Compression
 - ii. Women’s: ASA stamped, Optic yellow 11 Inch 44 Core/375 Compression
- b. Bats
 - i. **Only ASA/USA approved bats are permitted. A list of approved bats may be found on the ASA/USA website (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-usa-softball/certified-usa-softball-equipment>)**
 - ii. **Teams must keep their bats inside the dugout.**

6. Game Logistics

- a. Team Scorekeepers
 - i. Each team is responsible for providing a scorekeeper to record events that occur during the game.
 - ii. Any discrepancies shall be resolved by the home plate umpire.
- b. Each team is required to have one designated captain or coach.
 - i. Only the captain/coach is allowed to address the umpires about situations that occur during the game.
- c. A regulation game will be 55 minutes or seven innings, whichever comes first.
- d. Each batter will begin their at-bat with a one ball and one strike count.
- e. Run Rule
 - i. Comp/Open: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings
 - ii. Rec: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings
- f. Home Run Limits
 - i. Open and Competitive: 6
 - ii. Rec: 4

7. Inclement Weather / Game Suspensions

- a. In the event of rainfall prior to game time, the decision to play or not to play will be made by the Norman Parks and Recreation Department by 4:30 PM.
- b. Participants and spectators are encouraged to call the Rainout Hotline at 405-366-5323 or by visiting <http://www.youthsportsofnorman.com> by 4:30 PM on the day in question.
- c. Participants will also be notified by email.
- d. After a game has begun, the responsibility for the continuance of the game due to weather shall rest with the Norman Parks and Recreation Department.
- e. All games will be considered a regulation game after three innings have been completed.
- f. If a game is suspended due to rain, weather, light failure or other acts of Nature that are beyond the control of the Norman Parks and Recreation Department and cannot be resumed prior to the end of the third inning, the game will be rescheduled to a later date and resume from the point of suspension.

8. Post Season Format

- a. The post season playoffs will be single elimination
 - i. Higher seed is home team.
- b. Standings will be determined as follows:
 - i. Winning Percentage
 - ii. Head-to-Head
 - iii. Head-to-Head Differential
 - iv. Total Runs For
 - v. Total Runs Allowed
 - vi. Total Run Differential
 - vii. Lowest Number of Forfeits
 - viii. Coin Toss

9. Protests

- a. The protest fee is \$100 cash.
- b. Umpires must be notified of a protest prior to the next pitch, play, or attempted play.
- c. Protests will be allowed for player eligibility or rule interpretations only.
- d. Protests will not be allowed on judgment calls.
- e. On a game-ending play or final out of the game, the protest must be filed prior to the umpires leaving the field of play.