

## League Definitions for Lincoln Parks and Rec

**Men's Power League** – *Double-header league. These teams play at the highest competitive level and all players are very skilled at their position. Teams compete in weekend and/or state tournaments.*

**Caution-** *Teams will **NOT** be re-classified to a different level for tournament.*

- PLAYER SKILL/EXPERIENCE: Players who have a very high level of baseball/softball experience in high school and/or college or are naturally gifted athletes.
- HITTING SKILL: Players who are able to consistently place hit the ball. Power teams have many players who can hit homeruns or drive the ball deep in the gaps.
- PITCHING SKILL: Players who are able to pitch and field the position. Walks are very rare.
- FIELDING SKILL: Players who are able to field the ball well. Minimal defensive errors. Speed in the outfield, able to run down fly balls. Infielders have range at each position and can turn a double play if given the opportunity.
- TOURNAMENT PLAY: Highly skilled players who sign up for weekend tournaments and upper class at State. Most teams and players have been together for a few years in state and local tourneys.

**Competitive Teams** – *These teams play at a highly competitive level and all players are skilled at their position. Teams usually compete in weekend and/or state tournaments.*

- PLAYER SKILL/EXPERIENCE: Players who have a high level of baseball/softball experience in high school and/or college or are naturally gifted athletes.
- HITTING SKILL: Players who are able to place hit the ball. Most competitive teams have at least 2 players who can hit homeruns or drive the ball deep in the gaps.
- PITCHING SKILL: Players who are able to pitch and field the position. Walks are very rare.
- FIELDING SKILL: Players who are able to field the ball well. Limited defensive errors. Speed in the outfield, able to run down fly balls. Infielders have range at each position and can turn a double play if given the opportunity.
- TOURNAMENT PLAY: Highly skilled players who sign up for weekend tournaments. Most teams and players have been together for a few years in state and local tourneys.

**Skilled Recreational Teams** – *These teams could play competitive on a particular night but most likely will be considered a better rec team. They would also fare well in open leagues. These teams may have a competitive spirit and play to win but be a step or two behind a true competitive team.*

- PLAYER SKILL/EXPERIENCE: Players that have played baseball/softball in high school. Other players could be less experienced with slow pitch or/are on the back end of their prime but can still contribute.
- HITTING SKILL: Players are consistent base hitters with limited homerun threat.
- PITCHING SKILL: Players know how to get the ball across the plate and field the position. There could be some walks during a game.
- FIELDING SKILL: Players are able to field the ball well with some holes in the defense. Outfielders have some speed or a good arm. Infielders have some range but double plays are rare.
- TOURNAMENT PLAY: Players may participate on a separate weekend tournament team. If the team as a whole plays in weekend tournaments, it would be as an E rec team.

**Truly Recreational Teams** – *These teams come to play with friends, spouses or a work team. Though they may want to win, it's not the main focus for being at the ballpark.*

- PLAYER SKILL/EXPERIENCE: Players who have played baseball/softball at some point in their life but wasn't their main sport or they're new to slow pitch. Some teams may have athletic player.
- HITTING SKILL: Players are swinging to make contact. Homeruns are rare.
- PITCHING SKILL: Players try to get the ball over the plate.
- FIELDING SKILL: Players can field a routinely hit ball. Outfielders and infielders have limited range.
- TOURNAMENT PLAY: Usually no one on the team plays in weekend tournaments or leagues outside of city rec. Players usually play on one team.

**Please note...**

Choose your league wisely. If you're in a league that is not at your skill level, there may not be an opportunity to switch leagues during the regular season.

When setting up leagues and divisions, the Athletics Office reserves the right to combine or adjust leagues due to registration numbers and previous team history. Not all leagues are offered every night.