

2024 Adult Fall Softball: Men, Women and Co-Ed Bulletin & Options

We are governed under the rules of USA Softball.

ENTRY FEE, REGISTRATION & QUESTIONABLE WEATHER PROCEDURES:

- **Registration begins June 18th, 2024, at 12:01am for all teams.**
- Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Please follow the link to register & check standings:
<http://www.teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparks/current-programs>
- Questionable Weather: [MPRB Weather Cancellation Policy](#)
- **Sponsor Checks:** Sponsor checks will be accepted at the MPRB Headquarters in place of online registration. Please note; we are unable to hold a spot without payment. In order to hold a spot, teams will need to register for a league using a credit card. A sponsor check will be accepted at MPRB Headquarters and a refund will be applied.
- **Fall Sessions:**
 - **Session 1 Dates:**
 - August 11 – September 16 (No Games on Sunday 9/1 & Monday 9/2)
 - **9 Week Single Leagues Dates:** Aug 12-Oct 14 (No Games on Monday 9/2)
 - **Session 2 Dates:** September 22 – October 14
- **Division Classifications:**
 - **Division Competitive:** Teams that have played together or looking for higher competition.
 - **Division Recreation:** Less competitive but still enjoys a little competition with a focus on having fun.
 - **Open Division:** League with no gender requirements

All managers must read the bulletin carefully before registering. **All registrations are final, no refunds unless due to medical/illness or program cancellation.** All players on the roster must be at least 18 years of age and adhere to the sport rules and rules listed in the MPRB sport bulletin. Participants waive, release, & discharge any & all claims for damages for personal injury, death, or property damage which may have, or which may hereafter accrue to players, as a result of participation from his activity. Teams must remain in good standing with the MPRB athletic program.

Fall Session 1: Options & Details

- **10 Games:** 5 weeks of doubleheaders (8 guaranteed)
- **8 Games:** 8 weeks of single games (7 guaranteed)
- 4 to 8 teams per league
- Optional Single Elimination End of the Season Tournament
 - Date: Saturday, September 14th
- **Registration Fee:** \$460.00 Games Played On Lit Fields

- **Registration Fee:** \$400.00 *Non-lit Fields (second game may be shortened due to darkness)
- **Registration Fee:** \$350.00 8 weeks of single games (7 guaranteed)

8 Weeks Single Games

Division	Day	League	Site & Field#	Time
Open Rec	Monday	O133	Bryn Mawr 4	6, 7, 8 & 9pm
Co-Ed Comp	Monday	C123	Bryn Mawr 5	6, 7, 8 & 9pm
Men's Rec	Tuesday	203	Bryn Mawr 5	6, 7, 8 & 9pm
Co-Ed Rec	Tuesday	C223	Bryn Mawr 4	6, 7, 8 & 9pm

SESSION 1 ~ Men's Leagues 5 Weeks Doubleheaders

Division	Day	League	Site & Field#	Time
Men's Comp	Monday	105	Bossen 3,4	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Men's Rec	Tuesday	204	*Nokomis 5,8,9	6:00 & 7:00pm
Men's Comp	Tuesday	205	Bossen 3,4	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Men's Rec	Wednesday	302	NEAF 2,4	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Men's Rec	Wednesday	305	Bossen 2,4	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Men's Comp	Wednesday	315	Bossen 3,5	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Men's Comp	Thursday	402	NEAF 2,4	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Men's Rec	Thursday	405	Bossen 2,3,4,5	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm

SESSION 1 ~ Co-Ed Leagues 5 Weeks Doubleheaders

Division	Day	League	Site & Field#	Time
Co-Ed Rec	Monday	C122	NEAF 2,4	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Co-Ed Rec	Monday	C125	Bossen 2,5	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Co-Ed Rec	Tuesday	C222	NEAF 2,4	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Co-Ed Comp	Tuesday	C225	Bossen 2,5	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Co-Ed Rec	Wednesday	C323	Bryn Mawr 4,5	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm
Co-Ed Rec	Wednesday	C324	*Nokomis 5,8,9	6:00pm & 7:00pm
Co-Ed Rec	Thursday	C423	Bryn Mawr 4,5	6 & 7pm or 8 & 9pm

Co-Ed Rec	Thursday	C424	*Nokomis 5,8,9	6:00pm & 7:00pm
Co-Ed Rec	Sunday	C023	Bryn Mawr 4,5	5:00 & 6:00pm

Key: * Fields without lights

Fall Session 2: Options & Details

- 8 Games: 4 weeks of doubleheaders (6 guaranteed)
- 4 Teams per league
- No Tournament
- **Registration Fee:** \$300.00 (All games are played on lit fields)
- Leagues are not classified. All leagues are open to all levels of play.

SESSION 2 ~ Men's Leagues

Day	League	Site & Field#	Time
Monday	F102	NEAF 2	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Monday	F105	Bossen 3,4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	F202	NEAF 2	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	F205	Bossen 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Wednesday	F302	NEAF 2	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Wednesday	F305	Bossen 4,5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F402	NEAF 2	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F405	Bossen 3,4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm

SESSION 2 ~ Co-Ed Leagues

Day	League	Site & Field#	Time
Sunday	F023	Bryn Mawr 4,5	5:00 & 6:00pm
Monday	F122	NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Monday	F125	Bossen 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	F222	NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	F225	Bossen 3	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Wednesday	F322	NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Wednesday	F325	Bossen 3	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F422	NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F425	Bossen 2,5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm

PLAYER REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL TEAMS:

- All schedules and receipts will be emailed to managers and will be available on the MPRB softball website. Schedules will be completed and available once leagues have filled. This is typically one week before the first game.
- Roster form **must be completed online** and are due before your third scheduled game. Your regular season roster will also be the roster used for the Metro tournament if you choose to enter your team.
- Teams not properly registered by respective deadline date **FORFEIT** all consideration for league **championships and playoffs**. Managers are responsible for registering all players by the deadline date.
*Does not apply to Fall Session 2.
- Teams may register up to 20 players.

LOCAL PLAYING RULES:

1. Minneapolis operates under closed competition (allows exception from USA Softball Guidebook to fulfill our recreational needs). USA Softball Rules will govern all play locally with the following exceptions.
2. All Slow Pitch games will be played with 3 ball (batter takes first base) 2 strike (batter must hit fair on second strike.)
3. Teams may begin, play and finish with 9 players. Co-Ed must have either combination of 5 and 4. Teams batting order shall start with whichever gender has 5.
4. A team cannot play with less than 9 players. If for any reason a team has been reduced to 8 players, a forfeit will be declared.
5. If a player is ejected a team must have a substitute or the game will be declared a forfeit. In the event of an injury to a player a substitute is not necessary.
6. If an injury occurs to a base runner a courtesy runner maybe used. The courtesy runner must be the last person to make an out.
7. Run Rule: A run ahead rule will be used as follows:
 - Twenty (20) runs after three innings
 - Fifteen (15) runs after four innings
 - Ten (10) runs after five innings
8. Shoes with metal cleats ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SLOW PITCH
9. Open Batting Order Co-Ed Leagues
Teams may bat entire lineup with a minimum of 9 players, minimum four of one gender. Teams will create two separate lineups, one for males and one for females. The batting order will begin with the gender that has a greater number of players. Teams will then alternate batting by gender adhering to the lineup created for each gender. An out will be taken in the 10th spot only if a team is batting 9 players. Teams with only four of one gender can only field 9 players on defense.
10. Courtesy Runners: Any eligible player that may participate on offense or defense and are on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. A courtesy runner may be used at any time once per inning. If a team goes through the entire line-up the same person may use another courtesy runner. In Co-Ed the courtesy runner must be of the same gender. The team is allowed one per inning, per gender.

CASUAL PROFANITY:

- The umpire has the authority to assess ONE OUT against the offending team for the use of casual profanity which shall be defined as expletives (vulgar or profane language) not directed at umpire or opposing players, uttered by a player, manager/coach, or individual within the dugout, involved with the play of the team, frustrated with themselves, a teammate or fan. All outs will be assessed against the offending team during their term at bat. The casual profanity penalty out will be assessed as a team out and will not affect any batter or base runner.
- Only ONE "Casual Profanity" out may be assessed per play with a maximum of two per term at bat.
- Incidents of vulgar or profane language exceeding these limits will be considered beyond casual and will subject the individuals responsible to ejection from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.

DUTIES OF TEAM MANAGERS:

- Managers are liaisons between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and their teams.
- Managers are required to be available via phone / email on all game days or provide the MPRB league director contact information of someone who will be available.
- The office MUST be informed of any change of manager during the season.
- Managers are responsible for the following:
 - Online registration & payment
 - Notify and contact league director(s) of any game **forfeits** by **3:00pm** on game day.
 - Team coaching
 - Equipment
 - Conduct of players
 - Distribution of schedules
 - Eligibility of their players
 - Initiating and writing protest
 - Reading rules and regulations governing our athletic leagues.

INTOXICATING BEVERAGES, BEER OR TOBACCO USE IS PROHIBITED:

- The **park police will monitor fields** during games and will **issue tickets** for anyone drinking intoxicating beverages or beer at ball games / fields.
- Umpires are instructed not to umpire where these conditions exist.
- Drinking of intoxicating beverages or beer during a game by a participating player shall result in the immediate removal of that player from the game and/or team manager.
- It is requested that teams playing the LATE games at the lighted facilities leave the area in a reasonable time upon completion of their game.
- Consumption of beverages and other post game activities must be moved to other facilities more adequately equipped to handle such large gatherings. The Park Police will monitor the parking areas and will take corrective action of violations to assist in relieving the congestion. Your cooperation is essential.

PARKING:

- All Minneapolis Park and Recreation or City of Minneapolis pay lots, meters and/or any other parking fees are the sole responsibility of the user. Being a participant in an MPRB athletic league does not guarantee free parking. The MPRB athletic department is providing the service of athletic league play only.

TOILET FACILITIES: Toilet facilities are provided for teams and spectators use. Using public or private property is inappropriate and poor public relations for the softball program and your sponsors.

EQUIPMENT:

League Director: Scott Gagnon
sgagnon@minneapolisparks.org

- **OFFICIAL SOFTBALLS** will be used in all league competition. Official softballs are those which come under the specifications of the USA Guide and rulebook.
 - Managers must provide a good game ball for each game. All teams will hit their own game balls.
 - Men’s Ball 12-inch: An Optic yellow 52COR 300 compression
 - Women’s Ball 11-inch: An Optic yellow 52COR 300 compression.
- **OFFICIAL BATS** will be used in all league and tournament competition. Official softball bats are those which come under the specifications of the USA see Rule 3 - Equipment, Section 1. The official bat, A through J. Please check www.USASoftball.org click on certified equipment for a current list of approved and banned bats.
 - The on-deck batter may loosen up only with official softball bats or an approved warm-up bat. (See rule 3, Equipment section 2, warm up bat)
 - Nothing may be attached to a bat such as a donut, bat ring, fan, etc., when loosening up.

PLAYERS UNIFORMS:

- All players MUST wear some type of footgear, no bare feet. All players MUST wear some type of upper and lower garment. (Long or short pants).
- Number on uniform will not be enforced during league play or Metro Tournament. Teams advancing to State, Regional or National Tournament play must adhere to uniform code. (USA rulebook).
- Managers are requested to exchange line-ups, first and last names of players and their position, two minutes before game time.

BASE AND PITCHING DISTANCES:

BASE LINE - Pitching Distances - A.S.A. Rules will apply.

	<u>Base Distance</u>	-	<u>Pitching Distance</u>
MEN & WOMEN	70 Feet	-	50 Feet
CO ED	70 Feet	-	50 Feet (Playing with 11" & 12" Softball)

FORFEIT AND CONFLICT:

- If for any reason you cannot make your scheduled game, be considerate enough to notify our office. Two forfeits and you can be removed from the league.

PLAYER CONDUCT:

- *Assaults and indignities to players or officials is automatic suspension from participating in MPRB athletic competition until reinstated by the Minneapolis Municipal Athletic Association.*

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

- Standings will be updated weekly and available at - www.minneapolisparks.org/adultsoftball

RULEBOOKS AND SCOREBOOKS:

- Free rulebooks & scorebooks are available at our MPRB HQ, 2117 West River Road

Make a difference!

Volunteer as a youth sports coach. www.minneapolisparks.org search "volunteer coach"

If anyone believes he or she has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, affectional preference, disability, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance he or she may file a complaint alleging to discrimination with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board 612-230-6400, or 2117 West River Rd. Minneapolis, MN 55411.