

Hollister Recreation

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2023 MEN & WOMEN SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHECKS PAYABLE to the CITY OF HOLLISTER

Registration Fee-\$525.00 per Women's team/ 8 games
\$595.00 per Men's team/12 games

Three items must be submitted when registering your team. 1) Registration fee 2) statistics sheet
3) City of Hollister Release & Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement signatures.

Last day for registration: **Wednesday, March 1 by 4:00 pm.**

Late fee of \$75.00 if paperwork & payment received after 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Season Begins

Week of Monday, March 27th

Team Placement

Each division will be set by the league director. If your team cannot play on a certain night managers **MUST** inform the league director in writing 72 business hours before the managers meeting. The league director will determine what division your team is eligible to play in if certain players on your roster are dropped. If your team chooses not to participate in the league after the managers meeting, the team will be refunded 50% of registration fees.

Mandatory Manager's Meeting & Team Placement

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:30p-8:00p. Hollister Community Center, 300 West St.. Teams are required to have a representative at this meeting. **A \$75.00 assessment fee will be charged to teams that do not have a team manager or send a team representative to the mandatory meeting. In addition, a penalized team will forfeit games until payment has been received. And will not be eligible for a refund.**

Field Reservations

All field reservations must be made at the Hollister Recreation office. Teams can reserve fields beginning Wednesday, February 1. Field available by RESERVATION ONLY. Fields include Veteran's Memorial Park-Large field. The Veterans' Memorial Park-Small field is available Monday's, Friday's, or Saturday's. Field reservations during the week are as follows: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Saturday's & Sunday's 8:00 am- 10:00 p.m.

*** ALL FIELD RESERVATIONS REQUIRING LIGHTS MUST BE MADE 48 BUSINESS HOURS IN ADVANCE. Renters requesting field lights on Saturday or Sunday must make the reservation by Wednesday's before 4:00 pm. Reservation can be made on line at webtrac.hollister.ca.gov**

1. **Divisions:** The number of divisions will be determined by the number of teams participating in the program.

2. **Rules:** 2023 USA Softball Rules, Hollister Recreation Division Home Rules, and SANCRA Code of Conduct.

3. **S.A.N.C.R.A. Code of Conduct:** Enclosed in the information packet is a copy of the *Code of Conduct*. Please read and review the information carefully with your teammates. These rules will be strictly adhered to. For example, if a player is ejected from a game he/she is automatically suspended from *two (2) league games*. If he/she continues to display inappropriate behavior, this player may cause the entire team to be removed from the league with **NO** refund.

4. **League Director:**

Armando Medina, Recreation Coordinator

Raul Gracia, Recreation Coordinator

The League Director has final decision on any matters regarding rules, eligibility, suspension, probations, play-offs, scheduling, division placements, etc.

Umpire-In-Chief (UIC): The umpire-in-chief will evaluate, train, recruit and supervise umpires. The UIC will assist with rules, eligibility, play-offs, scheduling, division placements and disciplinary matter such as suspensions and probations.

5. **Standings and Schedules:** Up to date division standings, game schedules and information may be viewed via the Hollister Recreation Division Adult sports website at www.teamsideline.com/HollisterRecreation.

6. **Rosters:** *When turning in your roster **you must include at least 10 players on the list.** Each team is limited to 20 players.*

7. **Release & Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement:**

Each participant must fill out the release & waiver of liability & indemnity agreement by Friday, March 24, 2023. Failure in filling out the waiver will deem the participant ineligible and will not be allowed to play. If the individual participates in a game and is found to be ineligible, all games in which that individual participated will be forfeited. Also, the player and manager will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game and placed on probation for a minimum of one (1) year.

8. **Player Eligibility:** Players must be 18 years old by Monday, March 27, 2023. **Note:** Players are required to show proper I.D. when requested to do so by an umpire or representative of the Hollister Recreation Division. Failure to do so will result in removal from the game. The game will not be delayed. If an individual participates in a game and is later found to be ineligible the player and manager will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game and placed on probation for a minimum of one (1) year. The game will be considered a forfeit on the team with the ineligible player. **Participation:** Players are permitted to play in one division only.

Mandatory Player Classification: A slow pitch classification player list has been compiled by Hollister Recreation staff. The players list will be available on line at www.teamsideline.com/HollisterRecreation or at the Recreation office and this list will be updated, modified and/or revised on a regular and continuous basis. With the player rating system in place this helps to create a fair and level playing field for all of our teams. Any appeals regarding this list can be made through the Recreation Office to the Recreation Services Manager. Please do this in writing and be sure to include statistics and a reason why you feel you should be removed from the

classified player's list in any appeal.

Below are the guidelines used to determine the classification of a team:

Men's Division 1 Team

Each team may have five (5) players from the Hollister Recreation restricted slow-pitch player list and unlimited players from the Hollister Recreation classified division 1 player list.

NOTE: Players that are not on the Hollister Recreation player classification list should be handled in the following manner. If a track record of a player can be verified in another City, softball league, or through a softball organization said player will be rated at that level or higher. Once a player is ranked and a team exceeds the allowable points said player may not be eligible unless the manager drops another ranked player.

Men's Division 2, 3, or 4 Team etc.

To make a team it is based on a 4 point system. If a player goes down one division that player is worth 1 point. If a player goes down 2 divisions that player is worth 2 points. A player can only drop two divisions.

If a players ranking has a * asterisk by their name said player can only move down one division. Teams may only have two players with an asterisk which equals 3 of the 4 points.

Please review Matrix

****NOTE: In the women's division if a team wins a championship two consecutive seasons the team will return the third year with no more than five (5) players from their previous season.**

9. **Address Verification:** All participants must submit a copy of verification of their current address to the Hollister Recreation office before Friday, March 24, 2023. If no address verification is on file, the players will not be allowed to participate in a softball game. Documents allowed for address verification are: current (driver=s license, identification card, utility bill, rent bill).
NOTE: If a player has his/her address verification on file at the Hollister Recreation office from a prior sports program, the player does not have to re-submit the verification.
10. **If a team is too exceptional for a division their wanting to be placed in the league director will request the manager drop players or said team will be moved up.**
11. **ONCE A TEAM IS PLACED IN A DIVISION MANAGERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ADD ANY points to their team, unless the manager is dropping a ranked player. If this is the case, the manager must add the same ranked player, all ranking rules apply.**
12. **Tie-Breaker:**
Two teams tied for the same standing will be determined with the following tie-breaker system:
 - a. If a team has forfeits, the opposing team is the higher seed.
 - b. Head-To-Head Record
 - c. Point differential (total offensive minus total defensive) in the games played between the two teams.
 - d. Coin Flip



Three teams tied for the same standing will be determined with the following tie-breaking system:

- a. If a team has forfeits, the opposing team(s) is the higher seed
- b. Head-To-Head Records
- c. Point differential (total offensive minus total defensive) in the games played between the three teams.
- d. Coin Flip

13. **Awards:** 1st and 2nd place awards and first place individual awards will be awarded in each division.
14. **Insurance:** All players are responsible for their own health and accident insurance. The City of Hollister does not provide such coverage. Team insurance is available through USA Softball. For more information concerning team insurance, visit Bollinger USA softball Insurance at <https://www.rpsbollinger.com/products-programs/usa-softball/team-individual-registration-insurance/> .
15. **Tournaments/USA Championship Play:** If your team is interested in participating in tournaments or USA Championship Play, you may visit the USA softball website www.usasoftball.com .