



Adult Sports Office Baseball League Fact Sheet for **Spring 2012**

Season

- Week-night league play will begin the **week of March 19, 2012.**

Format

- The official rules of major league baseball govern all leagues subject to modifications stated in the league's Bylaws.
- Open Division** games will be played on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings** and **Saturday mornings.**
- The **35 and Over Division** will play games on **Tuesday** evenings for the entire season with the possibility of **Thursday** evening games during the first five or six weeks of the season depending on the number of teams registered.
- Games will be seven (7) innings or a 2-hour time limit. **Weekday** games will be played at **6:15 pm** and **8:30 pm.** **Saturday** games will begin at **9 a.m.** Clock **will** begin on time.
- In the event a team does **not** have the required number of players to **begin** the game, that team will automatically become the visiting team and will bat first. The game will start as soon as both teams have at least eight (8) players. For **6:15 pm** games, if a team still does not have nine (9) players **after 30 minutes** into the game, that team will then forfeit the game.
- If neither team has enough players to start the game at game time, it will be a double forfeit.
- Teams in the Open Division will play a twenty-two (22) game regular season with all teams advancing to a double-elimination playoff tournament.
- Team in the 35 and Over Division will play a sixteen (16) game regular season with all teams advancing to a double-elimination playoff tournament. Depending on the number of teams registered, teams may be scheduled to play some games against teams in the Open Division

Game Fields

- Games will be played at Carpenter Park, 6701 Coit Road (North of Spring Creek between Coit and Preston Meadow Drive).

Entry Fee

- Open Division - \$2,300** per league team
- 35 and Over Division - \$1,700** per league team
- Teams will have the option of paying half of the league fee at the time of registration and paying the remaining balance by April 6, 2012. Any remaining balance not paid by April 6, 2012, will be automatically charged to the credit card on file.**
- No spots will be held without payment.**
- The City of Plano will accept cash, personal or business check, money order, MasterCard, VISA, and Discover.

Registration

- Open registration for both new and returning teams is **Monday, February 6 – Friday, March 2. Teams are signed up on a first-come/first-served basis.**
- A check should be made out to the **City of Plano** and should include your **driver's license number.** A receipt will be sent or given to you upon receipt of your payment. Choose one of two ways to register:
 1. **Download** registration form from our website at **www.planoparks.org** (Athletics tab, Adult Sports). Print form out and **fax** it with credit card information to **972-941-7469.** **It is strongly recommended that you call 972-941-7278 to verify our receipt of your fax.**
 2. **Bring in** registration form with cash, check, money order, or credit card to: **Adult Sports Office, Municipal Center South, 1409 Avenue K in Plano, Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.**
 3. Returning teams may choose to register on-line during the first two weeks of registration. Please call the Adult Sports Office at (972) 941-7278 to obtain your account ID and PIN.

League Information

- ❑ League information including the Bylaws, Roster, Player Addition form, Line-up Cards, etc. may be downloaded from our website at www.planoparks.org (Athletics tab, Adult Sports).

Schedules, Scores, and Standings

- ❑ **Schedules, Scores, and Standings** can all be printed beginning **Monday, March 12**, from our website at www.planoparks.org (under Sports, Adult Sports, Adult Sports Standings/Schedules and Message Board).

Game Balls

- ❑ Each team will supply **two** playable game balls to the umpires at the home plate meeting. The City of Plano will provide balls to the teams at the beginning of the season. **Umpires must be able to read the specs on the ball. Final determination regarding playability of the ball is up to the discretion of the umpire.**

Bats

- ❑ Bats must be wood or wood composite.

Uniforms

- ❑ At all games (including the first) all players on a team are required to wear shirts of a **similar** color, and the shirts **must** be numbered. A legal number of contrasting color must be worn on the back of all uniform shirts. Numbers may not be fractions or triple digit numbers. These numbers must be **permanent** in nature. No tape will be allowed.

Apparel

- ❑ All apparel, including uniforms/clothing worn by players, managers, coaches, and spectators, must be appropriate and may not be obscene, lewd, vulgar, profane, or disruptive in either written or graphic format. Anyone wearing apparel as described will be considered a public nuisance and will be subject to penalties as detailed in Ordinance 18-3 of the City of Plano.

Rosters

- ❑ **ORIGINAL** roster must be turned in to the Adult Sports Office, Municipal Center South, 1409 Avenue K in Plano by your **first** game. **Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Note:** If a player's eligibility is challenged and no roster is on file, your team will automatically forfeit the game. **Players in the Open Division may not be added to nor deleted from the Roster after the completion of the sixteenth (16th) game played in the season. Players in the 35 and Over Division may not be added to nor deleted from the Roster after the completion of the twelfth (12th) game played in the season.** There may be a total of **20** on your roster.

Eligibility

- ❑ Players must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- ❑ No professional players are allowed to play in this league.

Forfeits

- ❑ If you know ahead of time that your team is going to forfeit a game, please call the **Adult Sports** staff who will then notify the other team manager. Call the **Adult Sports** office, **Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm** at **972-941-7278**. If the forfeit must be called in during out-of-office hours, call **972-712-3930** to leave a message.
- ❑ There will be a **forfeit fee of \$100** for a non-reported forfeit.

Rainouts

- ❑ In the event of inclement weather, call the rain-out phone number at **972-941-7278** at **4:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Saturdays, games will be played unless posted otherwise.** You may also check the Message Board on our website at www.planoparks.org (Athletics Tab, Adult Sports, Adult Sports Standings/Schedules and Message Board). If bad weather moves into the Carpenter Park area **after 4:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the rain-out phone number and the website Message Board** will be updated as soon as games are cancelled.
- ❑ If umpires cancel the first games of the evening, or any games in progress, all successive games will be cancelled.
- ❑ **Please keep checking back if the weather is questionable.**

Make-ups

- ❑ Cancelled games will be made up at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- ❑ It is the intent of the Adult Sports Office to schedule make-up games on respective league nights with a minimum of six days' notice. **However, it may become necessary to schedule make-ups on Sundays or other week nights if the number of games to be made up becomes excessive.**
- ❑ All make-up games will be posted on your original website game schedule at www.planoparks.org (under Athletics tab / Adult Sports). **PLEASE CHECK SCHEDULES CAREFULLY FOR RAIN-OUT MAKE-UP POSTINGS.** The **make-up date** will be **added** to your schedule. The **original rained-out date will no longer appear.** Make-up dates will also be posted at the Heritage Yards kiosk and at the Adult Sports Office at 1409 Avenue K in Plano.
- ❑ **Make-up schedules will not be mailed or given over the phone.**

League Award

- ❑ One first-place team award (trophy or plaque)

Playoff Awards (Championship Bracket)

- ❑ One first-place team award (trophy or plaque)
- ❑ 18 custom shirts

Questions

- ❑ Call the **Adult Sports** office at **972-941-7278** between **8:00 am - 5:00 pm** on **Monday – Friday.**