Adult Sports Office
Softball League Fact Sheet for Spring 2011

Season

- **Week-night league play** will begin on **Monday, February 28, 2011.**

Format

- Amateur Softball Association rules govern all leagues subject to modifications stated in the league's Bylaws.
- Leagues offered will be **Men's Recreational, Men's A, Men's AA, Men's AA+, and Men's Church A; Coed Recreational, Coed A, and Coed A+.**
- Games will be played on **Monday**, **Tuesday**, **Wednesday**, **Thursday**, or **Friday** evenings, as well as **Sunday** afternoons.
- All league games, **except** Recreational, will be **55 minutes** and will be played at **7:00 pm**, **8:00 pm**, or **9:00 pm** on **weekday evenings** or at **4:00 pm, 5:00 pm,** or **6:00 pm** on **Sundays.**
- **Recreational** league games will have a **60-minute** drop-dead time limit with no new inning beginning after 50 minutes. Games will be played at **7:00 pm**, **8:00 pm**, or **9:00 pm** on **weekday evenings** or **at 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm,** or **6:00 pm** on **Sundays.**
- 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 continue to be played until such time as there are no longer any eligible batters **or** the team does not have the minimum number of required players upon the completion of the third out. The game will then be forfeited.
- If neither team has enough players to start the game at game time, it will be a double forfeit.
- All teams, **except** Men's AA+ and Coed A+, will play eight (8) games. Recreational is our least competitive league.
- **Men's AA+** and **Coed A+** will play an eight (8) game season with the top four (4) teams advancing to a single-elimination playoff.
- The home run limit in the **Men's AA+** division will be three (**3**) home runs **plus** the **one-up** home run rule. The home run limit in the **Coed A+** division will be one (**1**) home run **plus** the **one-up** home run rule.
- Three (**3**) home runs will be allowed in **Men's AA.**
- One (**1**) home run will be allowed in **Men's A, Men's Church A, and Coed A.**
- No (**0**) home runs will be allowed in **Men's Recreational** and **Coed Recreational**.
- A disallowed home run will be recorded as an out.

Game Fields

- Games will be played at **Heritage Yards at Plano Softball Complex, 4525 Hedgcoxe Road** (North of Legacy between Coit and Ohio)

Entry Fee

- Cost is **$350** per team, **except** for Men's AA+ and Coed A+.
- Cost is **$375** per team for Men's AA+ and Coed A+ (includes single-elimination playoff for top four teams).
- **Fee is payable at time of registration**. **Payment must accompany registration form.**
- **No spots will be held without payment.**
- **Registration forms will be accepted only during the appropriate registration period.**
- The City of Plano will accept cash, personal or business check, money order, MasterCard, VISA, and Discover.

Registration

- The registration period for **returning** teams is **January 18 – February 11.** Teams **returning** from **Spring 2010, Summer 2010,** or **Fall 2010** will have **priority** registration from **January 18 - 28. New and returning** teams may register **January 31 - February 11. Since all teams are signed up on a first-come/first-served basis, we strongly recommend that returning teams take advantage of their priority registration period since slots fill up quickly.**

- 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.

- ☐ **Returning** teams may choose one of three ways to register:

  1. **Register** on-line during the **first two weeks** of registration only. Call **972-941-7278** to get your account ID number and PIN.

  2. **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.**

  3. **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.

- ☐ **New** teams may register using numbers 2 and 3 above.

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, February 21,** from our website at **www.planoparks.org (**Athletics tab / Adult Sports / Adult Sports Standings/Schedules and Message Board link).

Game Balls

- **The City of Plano will NOT furnish ANY game balls. However, balls may be purchased from the Heritage Yards office near field 1 for $5.00 each.**
- Each team must supply a playable game ball to the umpires at the home plate meeting. **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.**
- Co-ed teams will play with 12-inch (men's) **and** 11-inch (women's) balls. Men's leagues will play with 12-inch balls.
- **Each team will hit the ball it provides**.
- All balls must have an ASA approved certification mark and must not appear on the ASA non-approved list. Balls must be red-stitched and must be yellow in color.
- Balls must be cor .44 and 375 compression **OR** cor .52 max, 300 compression max, and dynamic stiffness 5500 lbs. max.

Please note: In 2012 the only ball that will be approved will be a yellow-colored, red-stitched ball with the specifications of cor .52 max, 300 compression max, and dynamic stiffness 5500 lbs max.

Uniforms

- At **all** games (including the first), teams are **required** to wear **similar-color** jerseys with **permanent** numbers at least **6"** high on the **back**.

Rosters

- **ORIGINAL** roster must be turned in to Heritage Yards main field office (in the middle of the complex near Field 1) by your **first** game**. Note:** If a player's eligibility is challenged and no roster is on file, your team will automatically forfeit the game. **Players may not be added to nor subtracted from the Roster after the completion of the sixth (6th) game played in the season.** A Player Addition Form is available at Heritage Yards main office or online under Softball League Documents.
- City staff will conduct random roster checks during any playoffs. If a team is found to be using an illegal player, that team will forfeit the game and be eliminated from the playoffs. All players must be prepared to produce picture identification issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety upon request.

Eligibility

- Players must be a minimum of 15 years of age.
- Church league teams must be comprised of members of the same church.

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. Forfeited games will **not** be rescheduled **unless** all games scheduled for that day are cancelled (due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances) **prior** to the scheduled start time of the forfeited game.

Rainouts

- In the event of inclement weather, call the rain-out phone number at **972-941-7278** at **4:00 pm during Mondays-Fridays** or at **1:00 pm on Sundays.** 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 link). If bad weather moves into the Heritage Yards area **after 4:00 pm on Mondays-Fridays**, or **1:00 pm on Sundays**, both the **rain-out phone number** and the website **Message Board** will be updated as soon as games are cancelled by the Heritage Yards staff. Please keep checking back if the weather is questionable.

- If umpires cancel the first games of the evening, or any games in progress, all successive games will be cancelled.

Make-ups

- Games cancelled 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 weekends or on nights other than the regularly-scheduled one 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. 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 out over the phone.

Tournament of Champions – New Format

- **League** champions from **Fall 2010**, **Spring 2011**, and **Summer 2011** City of Plano adult softball leagues and the **End-of-Season Tournament** champions of the **Spring 2011** season will be eligible to register for the **Tournament of Champions**. Teams must have a **league** roster on file in order to register for the Tournament of Champions.
- **Coed Date and Time – Saturday, August 20, 2011 (**registration deadline **Tuesday, August 16, 2011.**
- **Men's Date and Time – Saturday, August 27, 2011 (**registration deadline **Tuesday, August 23, 2011.**
- Please review the Tournament of Champions Fact Sheet for additional information and roster restrictions.

Refunds

- **No team registration fees will be refunded for any reason after schedules have been posted**.

Awards

- One first-place award and 18 custom t-shirts
- Invitation to the Tournament of Champions in August (with the exception of Recreational teams)

Questions

- Call the **Adult Sports** office at **972-941-7278** between **8:00 am - 5:00 pm** on **Monday – Friday OR Heritage Yards** at **972-712-3930 after 5:00 pm** on **Monday - Friday**.