



Athletic Programs Office Softball Fact Sheet for Fall 2004

Season

- Begins **Monday, August 23, 2004.**
- Please note:** Monday leagues will **not** play games on **Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)**
- Games **are** scheduled to play during Fall breaks for all school districts.

Format

- Amateur Softball Association rules govern all leagues subject to modifications stated in the league's Bylaws.
- Men's and Co-ed leagues are offered.
- Games are played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday evenings.
- Games are 55 minutes and are played at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., or 9:00 p.m.
- Eight (**8**) games per team (**Majors, AAA, AA, and A**). A is the least competitive league.
- Ten (**10**) games per team (**Majors**)
- Six (**6**) home runs are allowed in **Majors**, three (**3**) in **AAA**, one (**1**) in **AA**, and none (**0**) in **A**.
- Leagues that do not have sufficient registration to form five-team leagues or six-team leagues will be combined to maintain an eight-game schedule.

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

- \$350** per league team (**AAA, AA, or A**) payable at time of registration.
- \$400** per Major league team payable at time of registration.
- 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 **July 12-August 6**. **New** teams may register **July 26-August 6**. Teams **returning** from **Summer 2004, Spring 2004, and Fall 2003** will have priority from **July 12-July 23** on a first come/first served basis. **We strongly recommend that returning teams register as soon as possible 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 to you upon receipt of your payment. Choose one of three ways to register:
 1. **Download** registration form from our web site at www.planoparks.org. Choose Download Center and click on Forms, print form, 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. **Send** in registration form with check or money order to **Athletics Programs office, City of Plano, P.O. Box 860358, Plano, TX 75086-0358.**
 3. **Bring** in registration form with cash, check, money order, or credit card to the **Athletics Programs office, Municipal Center South, 1409 Avenue K in Plano, Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** You may also register at **Heritage Yards at Plano Softball Complex on Monday - Friday** (whenever games are being played), from **6:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

League Information

- After registration, league information including By-laws, Roster, Player Addition form, etc. may be downloaded beginning Monday, **August 16** from our web site at www.planoparks.org (choose Download Center and click on Forms).

Schedules, Scores, and Standings

- Schedules** can be printed beginning Monday, **August 16**. Go to www.planoparks.org, choose Athletics, click on Sched/Messages, choose sport and season, click on appropriate league, and print. **Scores and Standings** can be accessed in the same manner.

Game Balls

- The City of Plano will NOT furnish ANY game balls.**
- Each team will supply a playable game ball to the umpires at the home plate meeting. **Umpires must be able to read the specs on the ball.**
- 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 provided.**
- Balls must be **COR .44** and **375 compression** and **ASA approved**. **Stitching can be any color.**

Uniforms

- Teams must wear jerseys of the same color with permanent numbers.

Rosters

- ORIGINAL** roster must be turned in to Heritage Yards main field office (near field 1) by your **first** game.

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 Athletics staff who will then notify the other team manager. Call the Athletics Programs office, Monday - Friday, **8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** at **972-941-7278** or call the **Heritage Yards at Plano** softball complex office at **972-712-3930**, Monday - Friday, **6:00 – 10:00 p.m.** (or on weekends if make-ups are scheduled).

Rainouts

- Call the rain-out phone number at **972-941-7278 after 4 p.m.** in the event of inclement weather **OR** check the Message Board on our web site at www.planoparks.org **after 4 p.m.**
- If bad weather moves into the Heritage Yards area after 4 p.m., both the rain-out phone number and the web site **Message Board** will be updated as needed by the Heritage Yards staff. Please check back if the weather is questionable.
- If umpires cancel 7:00 p.m. games or any games in progress, all successive games are cancelled.

Make-ups

- Games cancelled will be made up at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Department.
- It is the intent of the Athletic Programs 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 other nights if the number of games to be made up becomes excessive.**
- All make-up games will be posted on our web site at www.planoparks.org. Choose Athletics, click on Sched/Messages. Find your league's schedule and place cursor on **note** of your **rained-out** date. Make-up dates will also be posted at the Heritage Yards kiosk.
- Additional viewing of make-up schedules is available at the Parks and Recreation Department administrative offices (1409 Avenue K).
- Make-up schedules will not be mailed or given over the phone.**

Awards

- 18 custom t-shirts and first-place award

Questions

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