



Adult Sports Office Fact Sheet

Spring 2011 End-of-Season Softball Tournament (Open only to teams currently registered for Spring 2011 Adult Softball Leagues)

Date & Time

- Saturday, **May 14, 2011**
- Games will start at approximately **8:30 a.m.**

Format

- Double elimination format will be used. All teams are guaranteed two games.
- Amateur Softball Association rules govern all leagues subject to modifications stated in the league's Rules and Bylaws.
- Men's and Co-Ed divisions are offered.
- Games are 55 minutes in length. Games **will** start on time. Teams and players must be ready to play at game time.
- Three (**3**) home runs are allowed in **Men's AA** division, and one (**1**) home run in **Men's A and CoEd**.

Game Fields

- Games will be played at **Heritage Yards at Plano Softball Complex, 4525 Hedgcoxe.**

Entry Fee

- \$140.00** per team payable at time of registration.
- The City of Plano will accept cash, personal or business check, money order, MasterCard, VISA, and Discover.

Registration

- Registration will open on Monday, March 28, 2011 and will close on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Registration is limited and will be taken 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:
 - Download** registration form from our website at www.planoparks.org. Go to the Athletics tab and the Adult Sports link to find the softball documentation. 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**.
 - Bring in** registration form with cash, check, money order, or credit card to the **Adult Sports Office, Municipal Center South, 1409 Avenue K in Plano, Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** You can also go to **Heritage Yards Softball Complex** from **6:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.** on nights when league games are being played.

Schedules

- Schedules will be available on Thursday, May 12, 2011.** Team managers will be contacted by a City of Plano Adult Sports Department staff to inform them of their first game time. Teams will receive a copy of the tournament schedule prior to the start of their first game.

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**.

Uniforms

- ❑ Teams must wear jerseys of similar color with permanent numbers on the back at least 6" high. **Similar color shirts with permanent numbers are required for the first and all games.**

Rosters

- ❑ Teams will be bound by their league roster. **Teams may not add players to the roster for championship play.** However, managers **can** add players to their league roster **prior** to the completion of their **sixth (6th) league** game.
- ❑ Teams will be able to play up in their division, but will **not** be allowed to play down.
- ❑ **Note: If the team roster is not on file and a player's eligibility is challenged, the game in question will be automatically forfeited.**

Eligibility

- ❑ Players must be a minimum of 15 years of age and **must be listed on the team's league roster.**
- ❑ Players may play on more than one team in the tournament as long as it is not in the same division of play. **Schedules will not be altered to accommodate players playing on multiple teams. Games will not be delayed for the purpose of waiting for a player playing in another division.**

Forfeits

- ❑ Games will begin at the scheduled time, and the clock will be started. **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. At that point the game will be forfeited.

Rainouts

- ❑ Call the rain-out phone number at **972-941-7278 after 7 a.m.** in the event of inclement weather
OR
Check the Message Board on our web site at **www.planoparks.org after 7 a.m.**
- ❑ If bad weather moves into the Heritage Yards area **after 7 a.m.**, 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.
- ❑ In the event that the entire tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for **May 28, 2011, IF** fields are available. Teams will be given the option of obtaining a refund or leaving the money on account if the tournament is rescheduled or cancelled.

Awards

- ❑ The winning team in each division will receive a **\$175.00** credit on their team account to be used for their next City of Plano Adult Softball League or Tournament registration fee. The \$175.00 credit will remain on the winning team's account until used and may not be transferred to any other account.
- ❑ Champions in each division will also receive twelve custom Championship t-shirts.

Questions

- ❑ Call the **Adult Sports Office** at **972-941-7278** between **8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** OR the **Heritage Yards** office at **972-712-3930** between **6:30 - 10:00 p.m. when games are being played.**