



Adult Sports Office

Softball League Fact Sheet for Spring 2009

Season

- Week-night league play** will begin on **Monday, March 2, 2009**.
- Sunday league play** will begin on **Sunday, March 8, 2009**.
- An optional **End-of-Season** tournament will be available to **Spring league teams only** on **Saturday, May 16** (for an additional fee of \$125).
- Recreational teams will not be eligible to participate in the End-of-Season tournament.**

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, AA, AA+; Men's Wood Bat; Men's Church A; Coed Recreational; Coed A and AA; and Women's.**
- 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**, and at **4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 6:00 pm** on **Sundays**. Clock will begin on time.
- Recreational** league games will have a **60-minute** drop-dead time limit with no new inning beginning after 50 minutes.
- 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 AA, will play eight (8) games. Recreational is our least competitive league.
- Men's AA+** and **Coed AA** 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.
- Three (3) home runs will be allowed in **Men's AA and Coed AA**
- One (1) home run will be allowed in **Men's A, Coed A, Women's, and Men's Wood Bat**
- 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 AA.
- Cost is **\$375** per team for Men's AA+ and Coed AA (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.**
- 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 20 – February 13**. Teams **returning** from **Fall 2008, Summer 2008, and Spring 2008** will have **priority** registration from **January 20 – January 30**. **New and returning** teams may register **February 2 - 13**. **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. Choose one of two ways to register:

1. **Download** registration form from our website at www.planoparks.org (under Sports/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.**

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 (under Sports/Adult Sports).

Schedules, Scores, and Standings

- ❑ **Schedules, Scores, and Standings** can all be printed beginning **Monday, February 23**, from our website at www.planoparks.org (under Sports, Adult Sports, Adult Sports Standings/Schedules and Message Board).

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. Women's leagues will play with 11-inch balls.
- ❑ **Each team will hit the ball it provides.**
- ❑ Balls, except for the wood bat leagues, must be **COR .44** and **375 compression** and **ASA approved**. **Stitching can be any color.**
- ❑ **Wood Bat** leagues may use **any ASA-approved ball** regardless of core or compression.

Uniforms

- ❑ At **all** games (including the first), teams are **required** to wear the **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.**
- ❑ City staff will conduct random roster checks during the playoffs. If a team is found to be using an illegal player, the 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.

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 (under Sports, Adult Sports, Adult Sports Standings/Schedules and Message Board). 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 other 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 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.**

Awards

- ❑ One first-place award and 18 custom t-shirts
- ❑ Invitation to the Tournament of Champions at the end of the year (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**.