



Adult Sports Office

Fact Sheet for Spring 2012 Softball Open “Tune-Up” Tournament

Date & Time

- Open to **any** and **all** teams in the area
- Saturday, February 25, 2012**
- Games will start at approximately **8:30 a.m.**

Format

- Double elimination** format will be used. All teams are guaranteed two games.
- Men's** and **Co-Ed** divisions will be offered.

Playing Rules (Amateur Softball Association rules will govern all games with the following exceptions):

- Games will be **55 minutes** in length. Games **will** start on time. Teams and players must be ready to play at game time.
- All** teams in the **Men's** division will be allowed **three (3) home runs plus the one-up rule**. **All** teams in the **Coed** divisions will be allowed **one (1) home run plus the one-up rule**. All over-the-fence home runs in excess of the home run limit will result in an out. On all home runs hit over the fence, the batter and all base runners **must** advance at least one base.
- A batter will be awarded first base **after three (3) balls** have been called by the umpire.
- A batter will be called out on a **second called strike** by the umpire **OR** after hitting a **second foul ball** with a **one-strike** count.
- All games will be played with a **20 run rule** after 2-1/2 or 3 innings, a **15 run rule** after 3-1/2 or 4 innings, and a **10 run rule** after 4-1/2 or 5 innings.
- Coed divisions will use a second home plate.
- A pitching box fifty (50) feet from home plate extending back five (5) feet perpendicular to the pitcher's plate towards second base will be used in all divisions.
- If at the end of seven (7) innings and/or the end of the time limit the score is tied, each batter will get one (1) pitch.
- Protests of umpire judgment calls will not be considered. Any rule interpretation protest must be made immediately and will be ruled on by the U.I.C. and/or Tournament Director at that time.
- A coin flip will determine home team.
- Games may begin if a team has nine (9) players. An automatic out will be charged in the vacant spot of the batting order.
- An optional continuous batting order up to a maximum of sixteen (16) batters will be allowed in all divisions. If a void is created in the continuous batting order for any reason, an out will be charged. In Coed divisions if a void is created in the continuous batting order, the player immediately preceding or following the void will also be removed from the batting order. **One (1) out will be charged for the two (2) voids created.**

Game Fields

- Games will be played at **Heritage Yards at Plano Softball Complex, 4525 Hedgcoxe**. **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on park property, which includes the parking lot.**

Entry Fee

- \$150.00** 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 Tuesday, January 17, 2012, and will close on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. 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:
 1. **Download** registration form from our web site at www.planoparks.org. Go to Athletics tab, Adult Sports link to find 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.**

2. **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 am-5:00 pm.**

Schedules

- ❑ **Schedules will be available on Thursday, February 24, 2011.** Team managers will be contacted by a City of Plano Adult Sports Department staff member 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 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. Final determination regarding playability of the ball is up to the discretion of the umpire.**
- ❑ 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. All balls must be red-stitched and must be yellow in color.**
- ❑ **Coed teams will play with 12-inch (men's) and 11-inch (women's) balls. Men's leagues will play with 12-inch balls.**
- ❑ Balls used by **men** in **all** leagues **must be cor .52 max, 300 compression max, and dynamic stiffness 5500 lbs. max.**
- ❑ Balls used by **women** in Coed leagues must be **cor. 44 and 375 compression.**

Uniforms

- ❑ Teams must wear jerseys of a **similar** color with permanent numbers on the back at least 6" high. **Similar color shirts with permanent numbers are required with no exceptions!**

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 am.**
- ❑ 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 **March 5, 2010, 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 **Champion** in each division will receive a **team award** and **one new Worth Toxic 454 softball bat.**
- ❑ The second place team in each division will receive one dozen new softballs.

Questions

- ❑ Call the **Adult Sports Office** at **972-941-7278** between **8:00 am - 5:00 pm** or email **gregg@plano.gov.**