

2020 ADULT SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Competitive League – Tuesday Nights (8 Teams Max. Double Header)

<i>1st Session</i>
DEADLINE: APRIL 10th
REGULAR SEASON April. 21st- June 2nd
TOURNAMENT June 8th and 9th
\$375.00 per Team

<i>2nd Session</i>
DEADLINE: June 5th
REGULAR SEASON June 16th - July 28th
TOURNAMENT August 3rd and 4th
\$375.00 per Team

<i>3rd Session</i>
DEADLINE: August 7th
REGULAR SEASON August 18th - September 29th
TOURNAMENT October 5th and 6th
\$375.00 per Team

Co-Ed – Wednesday & Thursday Nights (16 Teams Max. Double Header)

<i>Summer Session</i>
DEADLINE: APRIL 24th
REGULAR SEASON May 6th - August 6th
TOURNAMENT August 10th - 12th
\$500.00 per Team

<i>Fall Session</i>
DEADLINE: August 7th
REGULAR SEASON August 19th - October 1st
TOURNAMENT October 9th and 10th
\$375.00 per Team

Team Name _____

Team Captain

Phone:

Email Address: (Required)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Co-Captain

Phone:

Email Address: (Required)

I have reviewed the general information for the Auburn Parks and Recreation Softball League.

Representative's Signature

Make check payable to **Auburn Parks & Recreation Department**. Payment and registration forms can be mailed to or dropped off at the Parks and Recreation Department office, located at **1500 S. Cedar St., P.O. Box 506, Auburn, IN 4670.**

PAID: ____/____/____

DATE RECEIVED: ____/____/____



AUBURN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES



RULES: Rules shall be NSA Official Rules except where preceded by the league rules. The umpires control all games.

1. Once a game reaches one hour, the inning in progress will be the last inning of play. Unless there is a tie. Ties will be played out with tiebreaker rule with a maximum of two (2) innings after time limit. International tie breaker rule will be used (man on second base to begin inning).
2. A five-minute grace period will be scheduled for the start of the game, umpire determines time. The 2nd game of double header leagues to start immediately after 1st game.
3. A batter will begin with a 1 – 1 count. A strike is called on each foul ball, including the 3rd strike. No grace foul ball permitted.
4. A team is allowed a maximum of 10 runs per inning. Once a team is ahead by 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings, the game will be considered complete. One courtesy runner per inning. Must be same gender for co-ed league. There will be a maximum of 5 home runs per team, per game. Any home runs after 5 will be ruled an out.
5. A team must have a minimum of 8 players on the field at all times.
Co-Ed League - Teams are allowed a minimum of 3 females and a maximum of 5 male players. A team must take an out for each consecutive male batter. Teams may use any defensive alignment
6. No metal spikes are permitted in the league.
7. No smoking, vaping, or use of tobacco products on the field of play or in the dugout area. Smoking at Rieke Park is only allowed in the parking lot.
8. No alcohol of any kind is permitted on Park property (including the parking lot) by city ordinance.
9. Profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct will be determined by the umpire. (SEE SOFTBALL CONDUCT POLICY) Continued abuse of the rules can result in game / park ejection, and game forfeiting.
10. Special League Rules:
 - A ALL Competitive Leagues – Age Limit is minimum 18 years of age
 - B. Co-Ed – Outfielders will be limited to a 185 ft. arc for female batters, and cannot advance in front of line until ball is hit. No rover allowed.
 - C. Co-Ed – If male batter walks he advances to 2nd base, female batter has the option of hitting or walking.
 - D. Co-ed league will use 12” ball for both genders.
 - E. Co-ed – Outfielder cannot attempt to throw out runner at 1st base.
11. Rosters: Teams allowed maximum of 15-person roster with no additions, unless injury or illness has taken person off the roster. No additional players can be added for tournaments, league session players only. Non-roster players will disqualify team from tournaments. A player may only play on one team per league. During the regular session (not during the tournament) if a team does not have enough players forcing the team to forfeit, the opposing team may offer to fill the empty spots with players from their team. This must be a mutual agreement between both team captains. Game score is final and no appeals will be granted. Team captains must sign form notifying program director of using players from other teams to avoid forfeit of game.

12. In Double Header Leagues, if a team forfeits the first game due to a lack of players, the second game will be an automatic forfeit.
13. Jewelry on hands, ears and face must be covered, no necklace of any kind (exception medical necklace).
14. A player cannot knowingly block any base from a runner. It is the umpire's judgment if player is playing the ball.
15. In the interest of safety and field maintenance, there will be a "NO DIG" rule. A batter cannot aggressively "DIG IN" the batter's box. A team will receive a warning and then a strike will be assessed.
16. Bats –All bat's must bear the NSA approved 2012 logo. No altered bats are allowed. A repainted bat is considered an altered bat.
17. Co-Ed Leagues: The league is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday games. Depending on the number of teams in the league, Wednesday will be the first game day and Thursday will be the second game day, if enough teams allow this.

POSTPONEMENT/CANCELATION:

- A. **Announcement of Postponement/Cancellation:** Prior to game time, the Parks Department shall have the sole authority to postpone games. This decision will be made no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of a game.
 - i. Captains will receive either an email or text message no later than 2:00 p.m. on game day if games are postponed/canceled.
 - ii. Team captains are responsible for letting their team players know the status of games. Team captains and umpires will only be given this information and the players should refrain from calling the Parks and Recreation Office to prevent miscommunication. If players have questions regarding weather and or a status of game they must contact their team captain.
 - iii. After the start of the game, the decision to postpone will rest solely with the umpires. Games shall be considered complete if 4 innings have been completed. If games are postponed after 6:00 p.m. the umpire will be responsible for calling all team captains scheduled for that evening. The team captain is then required to inform team members of cancellation.
- B. **Make-up Games:** Make-up games will be held the following Monday. If another league tournament falls on the make-up Monday, the parks department will adjust day of make-up game as soon as the schedule allows. If a make-up game fails to be scheduled (due to team attendance or weather) for a period of 2 weeks, the recreation coordinator reserves the right to cancel the make-up game all together.

REGISTRATION AND ROSTERS:

- A. Completed registration forms are due by the deadline specified on front page of registration packet. No registrations will be accepted after deadline. Team rosters are due on the first night of games and must be submitted to umpire or park staff.
 - i. Rosters must have all players' information and signatures in order to be submitted. If a player does not sign the roster and their name is not listed on the roster prior to the start of the tournament from a previous game, the player will not be eligible to play.

PAYMENT POLICY:

- A. Payments must be submitted with completed registration form. Payments will not be accepted unless they are in full and submitted with completed forms. Payments will not be accepted past registration deadline resulting in the team ineligible to play in league. Payments accepted at Parks and Recreation Office located at 1500 South Cedar Street in the form of cash or check. In the event the Parks and Recreation staff is not in the building due to programs, park needs or after business hours, please use the front door drop slot to submit paperwork/payment in sealed envelope with date, team name, and contact information.

TEAM FORFEIT POLICY

- A. In the event a team is unable to play, team captains must call the Parks and Recreation Office by 2:00 p.m. the day of game. If the team forfeiting does not inform the Parks and Recreation Office by this time, it will be counted as a “no call, no show”. Three “no call, no show” will result in elimination from tournament.

I have read the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department's Softball League rules. I agree to inform my team players of the rules above and ensure they are followed by all players throughout the league.

Representative's Signature: _____ Team Name: _____

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ADULT SOFTBALL CONDUCT POLICY

I. CAPTAIN/CO-CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. It is the *Team Captain's/Co-Captain's* responsibility to review the rule book in its entirety and relay rules to team members.
- b. Each manager will be held directly responsible for the conduct of his/her team and the team followers. All captains will be held accountable for all matters discussed at the organizational meeting conducted by the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department. If the captain is unable to make the organizational meeting it is his/her responsibility to contact Auburn Parks and Recreation to receive discussed information. The umpires, Program Director and Recreation Coordinator are in charge of the ball diamonds. Their decisions and judgement are not to be interfered with by any team or their followers.
- c. Any team captain who does not (in the umpire's opinion) control his/her team before, during or after a game may be suspended and the game shall be forfeited.

II. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR/EJECTIONS:

- a. ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AND/OR PHYSICAL THREATS: Abusive language and/or physical threats to umpires, players, spectators or field staff will not be tolerated and may be grounds for ejection from the game and or league for the remainder of the season. Ejected players may also be ineligible to play in the End of Session Tournament. Ejected players must leave the game facility including the parking areas immediately.
 - a. If the ejected player refuses to leave, his/her team will be forced to forfeit the game (and the following game if the ejection happens in game 1 of a double header).
- b. PROFANITY: Any manager or player using profane, vulgar or uncalled for language may be ejected from the game, asked to leave the ball park, and may be suspended.
- c. ALCOHOL: City of Auburn Ordinance IX, Chapter 93 Section 4 States that any person, group association, organization firm, or corporation may not carry, possess, or drink any alcoholic beverage in any park or park facility.
 - a. Alcohol is prohibited in dugouts and in surrounding areas. Players appearing to be under the influence of alcohol or seen consuming beverages before, or during the game will be ejected.
- d. EJECTED PLAYERS: If a player is ejected from a game for an unsportsmanlike act or conduct, the team cannot play shorthanded. If no legal substitute is available, the game is a forfeit.

III. RULES FOR CONDUCT TO UMPIRES/OFFICIALS/LEAGUE PLAYERS:

- a. There shall be no appeal of any decision of any umpire on the grounds that he/she was not correct in his/her decision that a batted ball was fair or foul, a baserunner was out or safe, a pitched ball was a ball or a strike, or any other play involving accuracy of judgment. Any argument is grounds for a player or coach to be ejected from the game.
- b. The team captain is the only member of a team who may question, in a courteous manner, an umpire's decision. Any other player disputing an umpire's call may be ejected from the game, may be directed to leave the ball park, and may be suspended.
- c. Any manager or player ejected from a game and suspended by the Program Director for the second time during a season may be suspended for one (1) year after a review with the Auburn Parks and Recreation Superintendent.
 - a. Upon notice of suspension, offending player or team captain forfeits their league fees and may not receive a refund.

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- d. Any team captain or player directing derogatory, profane or uncalled-for remarks toward any umpire, player or Park official before, during or after a game, will be suspended if recommendation by the umpire or Program Director warrants.
- e. Threatening action toward an umpire, player or Park official by a team captain, player or fan of the team will result in the team captain, player or fan being banned from the facility for one (1) year, and the game may be forfeited at the discretion of the umpire or Park Official.
- f. Any team captain or player bumping, pushing, swinging or otherwise laying a hand on an umpire, player, or Park official shall be suspended indefinitely. The game shall be forfeited and all team members placed on probation, if team action or inaction warrants.
- g. Any team captain or player physically attacking an umpire or player shall be suspended for life, the game forfeited and the team will be ineligible for the end of season tournament.
 - a. If the umpire or park official present during an verbal or physical altercation feels that the situation warrants police intervention, the authorities will be notified, and the offenders name and information will be supplied.

IV. SUSPENSION APPEALS

- a. INDIVIDUAL SUSPENSIONS: captain, co-captain and offending player will be notified by letter from the Program Director, that the individual player has hereby been suspended and consequently forfeits all league fees previously paid to the Auburn Parks Department, and may not receive a refund.
- b. TEAM SUSPENSIONS: Captain and co-captains will be notified by letter from the Program Director, that their team has hereby been suspended and consequently forfeits all league fees previously paid to the Auburn Parks Department, and may not receive a refund.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE AUBURN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ADULT SOFTBALL CONDUCT POLICY. YOU ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS CAPTAIN, OR COCAPTAIN, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EDUCATING YOUR TEAM ON THIS POLICY AND ENSURING THAT THEY TOO ADHERE TO THIS POLICY.

Team Name: _____ League: _____

Captain Name: _____ Captain Signature: _____

Co-Captain Name: _____ Co-Captain Signature: _____

Erin Ray

Program Director Signature: _____

Date Signed ____/____/____

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LAST REVISION: 01/13/2020

SOFTBALL LEAGUE TEAM ROSTER

TEAM ROSTER MUST BE TURNED IN WITH SIGNATURES PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FIRST GAME.

League:

Regular Season:

Tournament:

Team Name:

Captain:

Phone:

Co-Captain (*MANDATORY*):

Phone:

Waiver

The City of Auburn shall not be held liable for any claims, injuries or damages, of whatever nature, incurred by the participant which are directly or indirectly attributable to the negligence, whether passive or active, of the City of Auburn, their agents and employees, arising out of, or in connection with the activity or programs.

I expressly release and discharge the City of Auburn, their agents or employees from any such claims, injuries or damages. I also understand this waiver includes any injuries that may result from the condition of facility used in the activity or program

Release Agreement

City of Auburn takes pictures, slides and videos of participants enjoying the activities for use in marketing and promotion of the programs. If any player does not wish to grant permission, they will send a letter to the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department expressing their wishes.

<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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If any players join throughout the session, they **MUST** sign this roster in order to play.