

Adult Softball

Information and Rule Book

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Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide parks, recreational, and cultural services to the Oklahoma City residents and visitors so they can have improved health, wellness, and quality of life.

Goals and Objectives

The Adult Softball program is designed to allow all participants to respect the game, play on equal terms, and improve socialization, and allow opportunities amongst players. This league is a recreational adult league and is designed to have fun.

General Information

- ✓ All players must be at least 18 or older to participate in the league.
- ✓ There will be one umpire per game umpire cost is \$12.00 per team per game and must pay at the plate.
- ✓ The league will mimic USSSA Rules as far as the basic standard rules for the game of softball, including pitch arch, balls and strikes, bats and balls and with few exceptions.

Game Time

- ✓ To find game schedules please visit <http://www.teamsideline.com/okc>
- ✓ It shall be the responsibility of each coach to see that the team appears for each of its scheduled league games. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game.
- ✓ There is a 10-minute grace period for teams. If a team does not have enough players by the end of the time, then the result is a forfeit.

Make-Up Games

All games cancelled during the regular season due to weather conditions or other unforeseen conditions; will be made up at the end of the season. However, if needed, and if weather permits, we can change park sites to accommodate games.

Weather Policy

The Site Coordinator or Recreation Program Coordinator has the final say on whether a game will be temporarily suspended or postponed due to weather conditions or poor field conditions. For the full weather policy please visit <http://www.teamsideline.com/okc> under downloads tab.

Roster Requirements

- ✓ Each team will consist of 10 to 12 member teams (only 10 players are allowed on the field) with the other 2 players as extra hitters (one male , one female) (5 females 5 male) must be on the field.
- ✓ Batting line up must be male/female or female/male; you cannot bat male/male or female/female.

- ✓ If for any reason you have a player fail to show up you can use one fill in from another team as long as that team is not playing at the time, and only if your team drops to under 10 players.
- ✓ If you have 12 members on your team per your roster, you cannot use a fill in from another team.
- ✓ The coach is responsible for the substitution(s). The coach must allow everyone to play.
- ✓ Team must have 8 players to start the game. If a team has fewer than 10 players by the start of the game, then the result will be an automatic out.
- ✓ Rosters will freeze after the 4th week of league games in order to have a fair and honest end of season tournament.
- ✓ Your team will be allowed to pick up 2 players only if your team has dropped below 10 players for the tournament. All other players must have been on/ changed on the roster before the fourth week.
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Equipment and Uniform

- ✓ All teams in the league must have like-colored jerseys or shirts. Any problems concerning jerseys will be handled on an individual basis by the onsite supervisor or the Adult Sports Programmer and their decision shall be final.
- ✓ No jewelry is allowed during the game.
- ✓ Plaster or other hard substances in their final form may not be worn during the game. Any exposed metal may be considered legal if covered by some sort of material or padding and taped.

General Rules

- ✓ All games will be 7 innings or 55 minute time limit and inning must be completed.
- ✓ A new inning will not start within 5 minutes of official game time and home team will be allowed last at bat , if behind in the score.
- ✓ After 3 ½ innings, if weather has forced cancellation the game will be official, as long as home team is ahead.
 - If the game is not official, then it will be rescheduled at the end of the season and game will start over.
- ✓ Run rule is 15 after 6 innings or 20 runs after 4 innings.
- ✓ Each team is only allowed 12 runs an inning. After the 12 runs team must switch to defense/ Only 12 runs per inning will be awarded
- ✓ Every team is allowed 3 homeruns, after the 3rd homerun then the next homerun will considered an out.

- ✓ If a homerun is hit you do not have to touch the corresponding base just go directly to the dugout.
- ✓ Gentleman's Rule: We ask that you do not throw the ball to first base from right center, left center, or left field in order to try and get someone out at first base. This is for the safety of the base runner, the first baseman, the on deck hitter, and for the base coach.
- ✓ If you are ejected you will be asked to leave for the day. The team must finish with an automatic out for the remainder of the game

Tiebreakers and Seeding

The following will be used in the event of a tie between two or more teams during league play:

- ✓ Best win/loss record between tied teams
- ✓ Point differential between tied teams
- ✓ Point differential for entire season
- ✓ Total points scored during season
- ✓ Least amount of points allowed during season
- ✓ All tiebreakers will revert back to the first tiebreaker to determine second place once the first place team has been determined.
- ✓ If a team forfeits for any reason during the season, that team will be eliminated from the tiebreaker process.

Awards

All games shall count toward league standings.

- ✓ League standings will be used to seed teams in the end-of-season tournament.

Code of Conduct

The City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department's Zero Tolerance Conduct Policy:

- ✓ No player shall at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, or threaten to strike another person.
 - Player will be suspended from all sports indefinitely until a final decision is made on the length of suspension.
- ✓ All players will abide by the officials' decision. A player ejected from the game will at the least get a one game suspension and run the risk of being suspended for multiple games or the remainder of the season.
- ✓ If a player or manager is ejected from the game, that player or manager must leave the court immediately. The league supervisor may allow the player to remain in the area only if the ejected player exhibits sportsmanlike conduct.

- ✓ No player, coach, spectator, or manager shall physically attack or act as an aggressor towards any person, player, spectator, referee, or City employee.
 - Officials are required to immediately eject player(s) from further play and report such player(s) to the League Officials
- ✓ All players, coaches, and managers will abstain from the use of vulgarity, racial slurs, verbal abuse, threats, or unsportsmanlike conduct while participating in a City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation activity.
- ✓ No player, coach, or manager will be allowed to participate if acting in an intoxicated manner.
 - Suspension from the game and possibly the next game played, as to be ruled upon by the referees and/or league officials.
- ✓ Captains, managers, and/or coaches are held responsible for their team's conduct.
- ✓ Teams are responsible for their spectators' conduct.
- ✓ Anytime a game gets out of hand, the referees or league officials have the authority to call the game.
- ✓ Any and all situations not specifically covered in the rulebook shall be acted upon by the Adult Sports Programmer, and all decisions shall be final.

Protect Your Valuables

As most of us know, parking lots can be a popular target for thefts. Avoid being a victim by taking care of your valuables by following the tips for preventing break-ins or theft listed below:

- ✓ If there is a suspicious person or activity near a vehicle, notify the facility supervisor or contact the police immediately.
- ✓ Remove all bags and items from view in your car. If possible, take your valuables with you.
- ✓ Do not leave wallet, keys, or valuables unattended.
- ✓ Keep spare keys in your wallet, not in your car.
- ✓ Close all vehicle windows and lock all doors.
- ✓ Park in well-lit areas when available.
- ✓ Engrave your stereo and other valuables with your driver's license number, not your social security number.

Thank you again for playing with the City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department and have a great season!