

CHILLICOTHE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2010 ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAM

To All Softball Team Managers:

Becky McKeever, Program Supervisor, is in charge of all Chillicothe Parks & Recreation Adult Softball Programs which includes leagues and tournaments. All questions regarding softball should be directed to Ms. McKeever at 701-4223.

1. Games will be played Monday through Thursday nights starting at 6:00 pm. **NO GRACE PERIOD.** A one hour fifteen minute time limit will apply to all games. League play will begin on Monday May 4, 2010 for Men and Wednesday May 20, 2010 for Coed. All teams could possibly play double headers. In case of rain outs Friday's may be used for makeup. ***In the event of rain, call the voice mailbox at 772-9623 after 3:30 pm. If rain occurs after 4:30 pm contact the program supervisor.***
2. The entry fee is \$255 for Men's league plus a \$20 ASA sanction fee (14 games plus tournament) The entry fee is \$170 for Coed league plus a \$20 ASA sanction fee (8 games plus tournament) The entry fee check shall be made payable to *Chillicothe Parks & Recreation*. The ASA sanction fee check shall be made payable to ASA. League entry fee is due at the Parks & Recreation office by 4:30 pm on Tuesday April 20, 2010, along with a completed Team Entry Form. Late entries will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Friday April 23, 2010 payment should be made as stated above. A late fee of \$20 should be made payable to Becky McKeever.
3. Schedules will be available at the Parks & Recreation Office on Thursday April 29, 2010. ***Rosters must be turned in at this time.*** Minimum age to play in all leagues is **16**. Players will not be permitted to transfer from one team to another during the season. Violators will be suspended for the rest of the season. New players may be added to the roster until Friday June 26, 2010. Players must play in two games to be eligible for tournament play.
4. It should be understood that violations of these rules may make it necessary to remove individual(s) and/or a team from the league. The Program Supervisor has full authority to make this decision based upon the violation. **Your entry fee will be forfeited if you are removed from the league.**
5. All teams will hit the balls furnished by City Recreation Department with 44 cor and 375 com. In coed games, women will hit the 12 inch softball. **All bats must be ASA stamped certified 2000 or 2004** and not on the non-approved bat list. Bats will be free of dents, cracks, or rattles. The use of an illegal bat, the player is out and the bat will be removed from the game. Bats stamped as *Fast Pitch* are considered illegal for the leagues.
6. The run rule will be 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, and 10 after 5 innings.
7. All batters will have a one ball, one strike count when they come to the plate. There is no courtesy foul. Any batter with both feet in front of the plate making contact with the ball will be called out.

League Rules 2010

8. Shoes with metal spikes are not permitted. A player wearing metal spikes will be **ejected** from the game.
9. **UMPIRES ARE IN CHARGE OF THE GAME!!!** Fighting, verbal abuse of umpires, use of alcohol, profanity or unsafe conduct (taunting of other players or teams) *will not be tolerated*. Balls and strikes will not be argued. Players will be removed by the supervisor or the umpire from a game and by the program supervisor for the season or the program indefinitely by the Parks and Recreation Director. A player ejected from a game cannot play in, or attend his/her team's next game. Complaints about the umpiring shall be directed to the Program Supervisor *after the game is finished*.
10. If scorekeepers cannot be hired, the home team will keep the official score book.
11. In men's league, a team forfeiting four games will be dropped from the league immediately, with no refund. In coed a team forfeiting three games will be dropped from the league immediately, with no refund.
12. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each league. In case of a tie, the head to head winner will be the trophy winner. If teams play each other twice and tie, after splitting their two games, then fewest runs allowed in the two games will determine the trophy winner. Second tie breaker is total runs scored in the two games, third tiebreaker is total runs allowed in all games. Individual trophies will not be awarded.
13. The league will follow the ASA rule book with the following exceptions:
14. A team may play with eight, nine, ten or eleven players at any time. In the men's leagues, only one female player may be in the lineup at any one time. Coed teams must play with 4 or more women and 4 men. An automatic out will not be charged if a team has nine players except for missing females in coed league. If any team has only eight players, one automatic out will be charged each time the missing player comes to bat. Anytime a player leaves a game including injuries and a substitute is not available, an out is recorded when this spot in the batting order comes up. The game will be forfeited when the lineup reaches seven players.
15. Male and female players are permitted to play on one men's team and one coed team. A men's team may have only one female player in the line up at any given point.
16. The ASA rules governing uniform requirements will not be enforced.