



PEORIA PARK DISTRICT 2024 Spring SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL INFORMATION PACKET



League Play
begins week of
April 28th

SECTION I - LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

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SECTION II - LEAGUES OFFERED

Leagues will play a 14 game season. Offered leagues include Men's and Co-Rec.

SECTION III – REGISTRATION

A. DIVISIONS

1. **Co-Rec Softball will be offered on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday**
2. **Men's Softball will be offered on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday**

B. REGISTRATION

1. Beginning February 12th, registrations will be taken at the Bonnie W. Noble Center from 8am to 4:30pm or online at www.peoriaparks.org/program/softball
2. **All teams that register after April 19th will pay a late registration fee.**
3. **All entries must have the team entry form and entry fee at registration.**
4. All checks should be made payable to Peoria Park District. A \$20 charge will be assessed for a returned check. Any team with a returned check may forfeit their spot.

C. TEAM FEES

1. Fees are listed on the "Team Entry Form."
2. Team fees are often paid by a sponsor, but may be paid by team members.
3. If your team is waiting for a sponsor's check you may sign up with a personal check. We will refund your money when you turn in the sponsor's check.
4. Team fees are not refundable, unless a team is found to replace the withdrawing team prior to game schedules being printed.
5. **LATE REGISTRATION FEE:**
 - i. **A \$25 fee will be charged to teams who register after April 19th.**
 - i. This fee encourages early registration to facilitate the completion of scheduling.

D. PLAYER FEES/ROSTERS

1. **All players on each roster must sign the roster.**
2. **Rosters must contain complete addresses, phone numbers, and signatures from each player and manager.**

3. **All team rosters must be submitted before your team's first game. You will not be allowed to play without a roster.**
4. Any player falsifying signatures or not listed on the roster will be considered illegal and may be suspended from further league play. The games in which the illegal player is listed on a team line-up will be forfeited by that team. Players should carry an I.D. Rosters may be checked throughout the season.
5. Any team that has illegal players is subject to suspension from the Park District program; fees will not be refunded.

SECTION VI - SCHEDULING

A. Schedules will be emailed to teams by Thursday, April 25th. The season will begin the week of April 28th. If you have any scheduling requests make them before schedules have been made. Every attempt will be made to honor requests, but sometimes conflicts will occur.

B. CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

In case of inclement weather, it is the duty of the manager or team representative to find out if games have been cancelled and to notify all team members. They may check our website at <http://www.peoriaparks.org> or sign up for text alerts. Texts will only be sent if games have been cancelled. You will not receive one if we are playing. You may sign up for text alerts by texting the following key word to 844-394-4599.

Monday Night Softball:	MSOFTBALL
Wednesday Night Softball:	WSOFTBALL
Thursday Night Softball:	THSOFTBALL
Sunday Night Softball:	SSOFTBALL

Every attempt is made to make the fields safe and playable for each night's games. Messages will be sent by 3:30pm. Since diamonds are checked just prior, game decisions may not be available before this time. If rain occurs after the decision whether or not to play, every attempt to update the website and text alerts will be made. If rain occurs around game time, teams are required to report on the field as scheduled; Any team failing to show up at game time will forfeit that game if the field supervisor rules the game can be played.

C. POSTPONED/RESCHEDULED GAMES

Games will be postponed due to inclement weather only. Rescheduling will be at the discretion of the Park District. Teams may wish to provide the Recreation Office with other league schedules that may conflict with park district rain-out dates for consideration prior to the season. However, there are no guarantees that conflicts will not occur.

SECTION VII - RULES

A. EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS

1. **Game Balls:** Game balls will be provided for all PPD Leagues. All leagues will use AD Starr .44 COR/375 lbs. compression 12” softballs. Men’s leagues will use the NX3 molded ball, and co-rec leagues will use the composite ball.
2. **Bats:** The 2023 ASA, ISA, GSL, and USSSA approved bat lists will be used. If a bat is on any of those lists it may be used.
3. **Uniform Requirements:** Matching jerseys are preferred but not required.
4. **Shoes:** Athletic shoes must be worn - no hard soled or open toed shoes allowed.
5. **Cleats:** **Metal baseball spikes are not allowed in any league.** Soft or hard rubber cleats may be worn in all leagues.

B. PLAYER RULES

1. **Player Eligibility**

- a. Players may be signed or released throughout the season.
 - b. New players must sign the player roster prior to playing. They may do this at the Recreation Office between 8am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday, or with the site supervisor at the Peoria Stadium 15 minutes before their game.
 - c. Teams using players who are not listed on the roster are subject to forfeiture of all games in which that person(s) participated.
2. **Roster Limits:** All men’s & women’s team rosters will be limited to 19 players. You must have permission from the Sports Coordinator to exceed these limits.
 3. **One Team Per Division:** Players cannot be on the roster for two teams in the same division.
 4. **Age Limit:** All players must be sixteen (16) years of age before they play in a game.
 5. Women may not play in the men’s divisions.
 6. **Subs:** Players may sub for any team as long as they are on at least one Peoria Park District roster and that sub is approved by the other team.

C. PARK RULES

1. **No tobacco (including smoking and vaping) use is permitted in the playing area (field, dugout, or scorer’s table).**
2. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed on School District or Park District property.**
3. No parking is allowed on any grassy area; tickets may be issued for illegal parking.
4. All trash should be thrown away after each game.

D. PLAYING RULES

1. The Park District softball program will be governed by the 2023 ASA rules along with the additions and exceptions listed within this packet.
2. **Game Times:** Game Time is Forfeit Time! **There will be no grace period allowed. Note scheduled starting times.** If a team plays in multiple leagues on the same night they will be given time to change fields.
3. **Forfeit Rule:** Unless notified by the Peoria Park District that the opposing team has forfeited, each team is required to show up for their game. If neither team has enough

- players at the field to start the game at game time it will be ruled a double forfeit.
4. **Players to Start/Forfeit:** Teams may begin a game with two players. In the event that there are only 2 players to start a CO-REC game they must be 1 male and 1 female). There will be an automatic out(s) in the open spot(s) of the batting order. The missing player(s) may enter the game upon arrival and in any dead ball situation. Teams without the minimum number of players will forfeit the game. A team may be suspended from further league competition after three (3) forfeited games.
 5. **Bench Personnel:** Only coaches and rostered players are allowed in the player bench area. Bat boys/girls will not be allowed.
 6. **Home Run/One-up Rule:** All non-recreational leagues will use a four (4) home run limit, and all Monday recreational leagues will use a one (1) home run limit. All over the fence HRs in excess of the limit will be dead ball outs, except in the following situation. Once both teams have reached the limit, teams are allowed to continue hitting home runs until they are one ahead of the opposing team's total.
 7. **Hit and Sit.** You are not required to touch first base on an over the fence home run.
 8. **Run Rule:** If a team is leading by fifteen or more runs after three innings, twelve or more runs after four innings, or ten or more runs after five innings the game will be terminated and the team with the most runs will be declared the winner.
 9. **Strikes:** The plate will be a strike. If any part of the ball hits any part of the mat or plate it will be a strike. The catcher should let the ball hit the ground/mat. The minimum height of a pitch is 6' from the ground; the maximum is 10' from the ground in all divisions.
 10. **Re-entry Rule:** Any starting player or substitute may re-enter the game once in the same spot of the batting order.
 11. **Free Substitution in the Field:** Any eligible player may re-enter the field at any time. A player does not need to be in the batting order to play the field.
 12. **Batter's Count:** Each at bat will begin with a 1 ball and 1 strike count on the batter.
 13. **Field Dimensions:** Bases are 70 feet apart, and the pitching distance is 50 feet.
 14. **Batting:** Teams may bat 10 players or more throughout the game. Teams must continue to bat the same number throughout the game or take an automatic out in the open spot. The lone exception is if a player gets hurt he may be taken from the batting order with no penalty, provided that the team still has 10 players in the lineup.
 15. **Base Burglar:** Your intention to use the base burglar must be declared to the plate umpire before the start of the game. The burglar may be any player not in the lineup. You may not change burglars during the game. Once an inning, the burglar may run in place of a runner currently on base. You may use it again in the same inning if it is for the same player. Once the burglar is put into the lineup you lose it. In co-rec leagues a man may not run for a woman, but a woman may run for a man.
 16. **Courtesy Runner:** The courtesy runner may not be used if your team elects to use the base burglar. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out. He may run in place of a runner currently on base. You may only use a courtesy runner once per inning except you may use it again in the same inning if it is for the same player. If the courtesy runner's turn at bat comes while they are on base the player that they ran for must return to base. A different courtesy runner may not be used. In co-rec leagues a man may not run for a woman, but a woman may run for a man.

17. A player not in the original batting order may be added to the batting order later in the game. If a team is batting 10 players and an 11th player arrives in the second inning, he may be added to the batting order. The team would then bat 11.
18. **Time Limit / Tie Breaker**: All games will have a one-hour time limit. If there is a tie after seven innings or the time limit has expired the International tie-breaker will be used. The player who was the last batted out from the batting team's last half inning will be placed on second base.
19. **Extra Innings**: During extra innings and after time has expired each batter will only see one pitch. A strike or a foul ball will result in an out and a ball will cause a walk.
20. **Umpire**: Men's games will use one or two umpires depending on league designation.
21. **Player Ejection**: If no substitute is available for an ejected player an out will be taken each time that player should have batted. If the number of players falls below 2, the game is forfeited.
22. **Rules of Conduct**: EACH MANAGER WILL BE HELD DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE for the conduct of his team and is responsible to see that all program objectives and rules are observed. The manager must maintain complete control of himself and his team members at all times. Officials and their decisions will be respected and not interfered with at any time.
Unsportsmanlike conduct, poor attitude, disrespect, vulgarity and profanity will not be tolerated. All players are subject to the Adult Sports Behavior Management Code, which is attached. A player may not serve his suspension during a game his team forfeits. Players may not be at the fields during games for which they are suspended. Further action could be taken depending on the seriousness of the offense. This includes improper conduct before, during, and after a game or behavior as a spectator.

A game will be forfeited in the event a team fails to respect the official's authority or decisions after one warning has been given that such action will be taken.

E. CO-REC RULES

1. **Batting Order**: The batting order must alternate M/W or W/M unless a team is using 6 men and 4 women in a 10 person line up. If this is the case men may bat back to back in the 5-6 and 10-1 spots. Teams may bat ten or more players. If teams have fewer than ten players they may include one more man than woman in their lineup. Outs will still be taken in the open spots.
2. **Defense**: No more than six men may play on defense. If a team is short on women players they must eliminate one man for every woman that is not there. (Ex: 5 men & 3 women, 4 men & 2 women, etc.)
3. **Walk Rule**: If a man walks with fewer than two outs, he automatically advances to second base and the woman must bat. With two outs, if a man walks, he advances only to first base. The woman then has the option of taking a walk or batting. A man batter must bat following this situation.
4. **Umpire**: One umpire will be used for regular season Co-Rec games.
5. **Force Line**: The force line is half-way between third and home. If the runner completely crosses the line they must advance home. If the runner does not completely cross the force line they may return to third. The runner cannot be tagged

between the line and home plate.

6. **Out Mat:** Every play at the plate is a force out. An out mat will be placed to the side of home plate and 70 feet from third base. The catcher will use home plate and the runner will use the out mat. If the catcher has control of the ball while touching home plate before the runner reaches the out mat the runner is out. If the catcher touches out mat while in control of the ball no out will be recorded. The catcher may not tag the runner. If the catcher tags the runner, the runner will be ruled safe.
7. **180 Ft. Line:** A line will be drawn across the outfield 180 feet from home plate. The defense may not have more than six players in front of the line before the ball is hit. All players in front of the line must be on the dirt until contact. This rule applies to male and female batters.
8. The batter/runner may not be thrown out at first base by an outfielder.
9. **Strikes:** The plate will be a strike. If any part of the ball hits any part of the mat or plate it will be a strike. The catcher should let the ball hit the ground/mat. The minimum height of a pitch is 6' from the ground; the maximum is 10' from the ground in all divisions.

F. PROTEST RULES

The notification of intent to protest must be made to the plate umpire before the next pitch, and the protest must be submitted in writing by the official representative of the team and presented to the Field Supervisor within fifteen (15) minutes upon completion of the protested game. A fee of \$20.00 must accompany each protest. This fee will be returned to the team protesting if the protest is allowed. No protest shall be considered unless it involves a question of eligibility or misinterpretation of the rules. Eligibility protests must be made prior to the completion of the game.

Ruling on Protests

Note: Only Non-Judgment Calls or rulings may be protested. The Manager of Athletics will notify both managers in writing within six (6) days of a decision.

All protests regarding rule interpretation will be governed by the Manager of Officials, Manager of Athletics, and the Supervisor of Athletics and Fitness Services.

H. Bat Safety Rule

If a person is injured by a batted ball, the bat will be immediately confiscated. Also, if the official suspects a bat to be altered it will be confiscated. The bat will be returned as soon as a determination is made as to whether or not it has been altered.

Peoria Park District Adult Sports Behavior Management Code

Welcome to the Peoria Park District Adult Sports Program. This program is offered for your enjoyment and therefore your cooperation and good sportsmanship is essential to the overall success of the program. All players, coaches, managers and spectators are anticipated to act responsibly during the entire program. In instances where responsible behavior does not occur, Peoria Park District appreciates/acknowledges a responsibility to take any disciplinary action it deems appropriate against players, coaches, managers and spectators not acting in an acceptable manner, including, but not limited to suspension from games, expulsion from the park and participation in any future programs. The benefit a participant derives from this program depends very much on the participant's adherence to accepted standards of behavior.

These definitions provide information and directions to participants regarding standards of behavior, as well as consequences of participant/team misconduct.

Each participant is expected to do the following:

- Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
- Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline.
- Respect the rights and privileges of other participants and staff.
- Respect the property of others, including Peoria Park District's property and facilities.
- Cooperate with and assist the staff in maintaining safety, order, and responsible behavior.

Unacceptable behaviors include the following:

- Being involved in any form of insubordination.
- Failure to conform to the Peoria Park District rules.
- Use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures.
- Defacing and/or damaging Peoria Park District property or the property of others.
- Engaging in inappropriate physical or verbal conduct.
- Running, pushing, shoving, littering, or throwing objects (which are not part of supervised activity).
- Producing loud, rude, or activity disruptive noises.
- Possession of illegal drugs, alcohol or weapons on or off the playing field.

CATEGORY I

Minimum Penalty: Warning

Maximum Penalty: Ejection from current game plus suspension for next complete game &

Probation for current season.

No Individual Shall:

1. Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent by throwing equipment or any other forceful action intended to intimidate.
2. Discuss with an official, in any manner, the decision reached by an official, except the manager, coach or captain.
3. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any individual on or off the playing field (excessive could fall into Category II or III).

4. Use profane, obscene or vulgar language/behavior, in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field.
 5. Employ unnecessary rough tactics in the play of game (Intentional/flagrant could fall into Category II or III).
 6. Be involved in any trash talking on or off the playing field.
 7. Leave behind excessive trash on or off the playing field.
 8. Attempt to damage, destroy or steal Peoria Park District property.
 9. Drink alcoholic beverages during their specific league or tournament game.
 10. Play on more than one team in the same league.
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CATEGORY II

Minimum Penalty: Ejection from current game and individual suspension (minimum 2 games)

plus probation for current season.

Maximum Penalty: Suspension from league(s) for current season & probation for the next season of play.

No Individual Shall:

1. Appear on the field of play, at any time, in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of any type of drug which will infringe upon the individual's safety or the safety of others.
 2. Lay a hand upon, shove, or threaten to strike an official or individual. (Assault charges may be filed)
 3. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any official or Peoria Park District staff on or off the playing field.
 4. Use excessive profane, obscene or vulgar language/behavior, in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field.
 5. Directly or indirectly threaten another individual including officials and/or Peoria Park District staff. (Assault charges may be filed).
 6. Play under another individual's name, falsify name, or falsify address on an official roster form.
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CATEGORY III

Minimum Penalty: Forfeit of game and/or suspension from league(s) (team and/or individual) and probation for one year

Maximum Penalty: Banned from future Peoria Park District Sports Programs

No Individual Shall:

1. Be guilty of a physical attack upon any official or individual. (Assault charges may be filed)
 2. Be guilty of throwing equipment at any official or individual with intent to harm or intimidate. (Assault charges may be filed)
 3. Be guilty of damaging, destroying or stealing Peoria Park District property.
 4. Be guilty of possessing a weapon on or off the playing field.
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Special Notes:

1. Definitions:
 - a. **Probation** – Probation is considered to be a period of time in which said player or coach will be closely watched by league officials for the purpose of verifying an understanding of and compliance with the behavior management code.
 - b. **Season** – A season will be considered the time between the first game and through the end of the playoffs.
2. Any unsportsmanlike conduct, even if not mentioned above, will be addressed on a case by case basis.
3. The Peoria Park District reserves the right to extend probation/suspensions into the next season he/she participates in if the incident occurs late in any given season.

4. Any player removed (ejected) from a game must leave the facility immediately and serve a one game suspension. Failure to do so may result in suspension for the remainder of the season and possible forfeiture of the game. A player cannot serve their suspension for any game that their team forfeits.
5. If an ejected player refuses to leave the park in a timely manner the game will be forfeited by his team. If players on both teams are ejected and both refuse to leave the park in a timely manner the game will be ruled a double forfeit.
6. Team penalties may be imposed if multiple individuals, from the same team, violate this code of conduct. Managers/coaches may also have penalties imposed on them for their team's/player's actions.
7. Penalty notification shall be in writing.
8. Any discipline appeals must be made in writing, by the player or manager within one (1) business day of receiving notice of penalty by Peoria Park District staff. The appeal should be given to either the Sports Coordinator or Supervisor of Athletics at Glen Oak Pavilion. Appeals must include a written description of the incident according to the player in question and the reasons why they feel the penalty is not justified. The Appeals Committee, which includes the two Sports Coordinators and Supervisor of Athletics, will have a response to the appeal within 2 business days.

****By signing the team roster, all players, coaches, and managers attest that they have read and understand this Adult Sports Code of Conduct. They further agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. ****

**PEORIA PARK DISTRICT
2024 OFFICIAL FALL SOFTBALL TEAM ENTRY FORM**

TEAM NAME: _____ DIVISION#: _____

MANAGER: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Any schedule updates will be distributed via email)

HOME ADDRESS: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ SPONSOR/SPONSOR ADDRESS: _____

ENTRY FEES:

Men's	\$495
Co-Rec	\$495

Late Registration Fee (after April 19)	\$25
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Registration:

- Entry Fee and Entry Form due at time of registration.
- No spot is secured until fees are paid
- Registration begins Feb 12.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

ENTRY FEE RECEIVED: _____ Acct. No. B4-B15-3210-1100

CASH: _____ CHECK AMT: _____ CHECK#: _____

Master Card VISA Discover Credit Card Number

3 Digit Security Code: _____ Expiration Date ____/____ Authorized Signature

RECEIVED BY: _____ DATE: _____ AMOUNT DUE: _____

Peoria Park District 2024 Adult Softball Divisions

- The first game of the night is at 6pm except on Sundays in which it will be 4pm.

		<u>Men's</u>		<u>Co-Rec</u>	
SATHSFTM1	M-1	Sun (Diamond #4)	SATHSFTCR1 (Diamond #3)	CR-1	Sun
SATHSFTM2	M-2	Mon (Diamond #4)	SATHSFTCR2 (Diamond #3)	CR-2	Mon
SATHSFTM4	M-4	Wed (Diamond #4)	SATHSFTCR4 (Diamond #3)	CR-4	Wednesday
SATHSFTM5	M-5	Thurs (Diamond #4)	SATHSFTCR5 (Diamond #3)	CR-5	Thursday



Peoria Park District – 2024 Adult Softball Roster

Team Name: _____ Manager's Name: _____ League: _____ Sponsor: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone (H): _____ (Wk) _____

By signing the team roster, all players, coaches, and managers attest that they have read and understand the Adult Sports Code of conduct, and agree to abide by it. All players must read waiver and sign the roster

Team Members: (Please Print)

Name	Address/City/Zip	Phone #	Signature	\$ Pd.	Date
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
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10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
Total					

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this program/activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, illnesses, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program/activity (including transportation services and vehicle operations, when provided).

As a participant in the program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of injury or illness to participants in this program/activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, illnesses, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program/activity against the District, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees. In addition, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Park District and its officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death, damages and losses sustained by me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the program.

I understand and agree that, as a program participant, if I or my minor child/ward has had direct contact with individual(s) infected with COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, as set out by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, either within 14 days of the program/activity or during the program/activity, I will immediately provide notice of the same to the District. Further, in case of accident or sickness, I consent to emergency medical care provided by ambulance or hospital personnel.

I hereby consent to the use of my photograph, or that of my minor/child, in Park District brochures, social media, advertisements, etc.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering on-line or via fax, my on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

I agree that all information provided on this roster is authentic and correct. Any false information will result in penalty as indicated in league rules.

Manager's Signature

Date

Received By

Amt. Received

Amt. Due

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