



THE CITY OF
TALLMADGE
PARKS & RECREATION

Softball Coaches Information
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Thank you for choosing our leagues this year!

The following rules will be in effect for the TRC Adult Co-ed softball Leagues . The league Director reserves the right to amend or add rules during the season as needed.

Here are some general reminders

1. We will follow the USSSA rule book, with the following exceptions:

- a. There will be two (2) over-the-fence home runs allowed per team per game. Any subsequent balls over the fence will be played as singles. All Runners advance one base.
- b. There is a one hour time limit on all games. No new innings may start after 60 minutes. Any innings in progress after one hour will be completed.

2. USSSA rule updates and reminders

- a. There is NO 3rd strike foul to waste.
- b. There will be NO batboys or batgirls permitted to grab bats during the game

3. Umpire fees

- a. Umpires will be paid \$10/team/game (\$20 for a doubleheader) in cash on the field prior to the start of the game.

4. Forfeit Guidelines and Fees

- a. If a team is unable to get enough players for its game, the team representative must provide 4 hours' notice.
- b. The forfeiting team must call the Recreation Center at 330-634-2349 and MUST ask to speak to the supervisor on duty. DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE. Inform the supervisor why you are forfeiting your game, your name, your team name, your game time and game location. The supervisor on duty will then contact Randy and the other team.
- c. Your game will not officially be canceled until you speak to the supervisor on duty or until you have been contacted by a representative from the Recreation Center.
- d. Failure to provide a 4 hours notice will result in a \$30.00 per game fee charged to the team who forfeited. [\$60.00 total for doubleheaders] This fee MUST be paid at the Recreation Center prior to the team's next game or the team will forfeit all games until fee is paid.

5. Rainouts

- a. Decisions on weather-related cancellations will be made by 4 pm. Coaches will be contacted if games are cancelled.
- b. If weather is questionable and you have not been contacted, COACHES may call the Recreation Center to ask about game status.
- c. Please DISCOURAGE your PLAYERS from calling the Recreation Center about game status. Coaches should call and then inform their players.

6. Rosters

- a. Rosters must be completed and turned in before start of week 2.
- b. Players can only be on ONE roster per League.
- c. It is the Coaches responsibility to carry a copy of his current roster at all times. All players must be on the current roster to be eligible to play.

7. Suspension and Discipline Procedure

- a. The Recreation Department offers this league for the benefit and enjoyment of those who participate. Individuals who display poor sportsmanship are not welcome. Any player or coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language, fighting, touching officials, or any other reason detrimental to league play, must leave the playing field or facility immediately. Failure to do so may result in the teams' forfeiture of the game. Ejected player or coach is automatically suspended from participating in the next two (2) scheduled weeks or longer depending on each individual league rules and may not attend the game. Any player or coach ejected for fighting or any other reason determined by the League Director to be detrimental to the league may be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season or longer.
- b. 50% discount on field rental. You may rent the field at a 50% discount if needed during the season for practice once your registration is paid in full. Rental fee must be paid in full at time of reserving the field. All players must be on your roster also during practice.

8. Playoff Seeding

- a. Top 4 teams will advance to playoffs in Spring League.
- b. There are no playoffs for the Fall League.
- c. Playoff seeding is determined by the overall win-loss record of the teams. If a tie occurs with the win-loss record the following tie breaker steps will take place:
 1. Head-to-head
 2. Lowest points allowed (reward defense)
 3. Point differential all games for entire season max 10 runs per game.
 4. Points scored

- d. If a scenario occurs where a forfeited game determines a playoff team or a potential playoff team the following steps will take place:
- i. An average of all total points allowed will be used for the forfeited game score.
 - ii. An average of all total points scored will be used for the forfeited game score.
 - iii. Example: An eight-game season with only seven games played. Team A gave up 280 points, therefore the average total points allowed of the seven games is 40 points. We add 40 points for the 8th game that was forfeited. Team A's new total points allowed is 320 points.
 - iv. The same will rule will apply when calculating total points scored.