



# 2017 FALL SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

## CO-ED AND MEN'S LEAGUES



### IMPORTANT DATES!

*Early Bird Registration:*

**August 1 - 11**

*Open Registration:*

**August 14 - 18**

*Schedules Available:*

**August 29**

*League Play Begins:*

**September 5**

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Early Bird Registration will be held August 1<sup>st</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. Team entry fee and roster must be received at the time of registration in order to receive the discounted rate and be considered registered for the league.
- Open Registration will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Team entry fee and roster must be received at the time of registration in order to be considered registered for the league.
- Required at the time of Registration:
  - Entry Fee
  - Roster
- Registration will be conducted on a first come, first served basis.
- Registration will be conducted at the Sedalia Parks and Recreation Department office located at Convention Hall in Liberty Park. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

### LEAGUES AND FEE INFORMATION:

- Listed below are the available leagues and fees for the 2016 Fall Softball Season. Leagues with fewer than four teams will be cancelled.
- Game times will be: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 p.m. Games will be played on John Mais and Palmer Nichols Fields at Centennial Park. Hubbard Field at Hubbard Park will be used if necessary.
- Team classification, field location, and game times may be changed to accommodate demand.
- Double Headers are available for Co-Ed and Men's Leagues.
- Fall League play begins Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, and runs for approximately 6 weeks. A season-ending tournament for all leagues will be played following the regular season.

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>MAX # OF TEAMS</u>	<u>EARLY FEE</u>	<u>OPEN FEE</u>	<u>#GAMES</u>
<b>MONDAY:</b>				
Co-Ed Recreation	TBD	\$180.00	\$200.00	6
Co-Ed Intermediate	TBD	\$180.00	\$200.00	6
<b>TUESDAY:</b>				
Men's Recreation	TBD	\$180.00	\$200.00	6
Men's Intermediate	TBD	\$180.00	\$200.00	6
<b>DOUBLE HEADERS:</b>				
Co-Ed and Men's (Rec & Intermediate)	TBD	\$300.00	\$340.00	10

## **PAYMENT:**

League fees must be made with one payment. If team members are paying their share of league fees to team captain by cash/check, the checks should be made out to the team captain. The team captain would make one payment to the City of Sedalia Parks & Recreation Department. Payment methods accepted are: check, cash, and credit/debit cards (Visa and MasterCard). The only exception is if the team captain and the team sponsor are splitting the cost of the league fee.

## **MANAGER'S MEETING/SCHEDULES:**

**There will be no Manager's Meeting.** Schedules will be available on our website: [www.sedaliaparks.com](http://www.sedaliaparks.com) by Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Schedules will also be emailed to each team captain and can be picked up at the Parks and Recreation Office.

## **UMPIRES AND SCOREKEEPERS:**

Games for all leagues will have 2 umpires and 1 scorekeeper if available. At minimum, there will be 1 umpire to facilitate each game.

## **AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION:**

All teams will be registered with ASA by Sedalia Parks and Recreation as we will use ASA rules. ASA Registration entitles your team to receive a rulebook, scorebook, and a subscription to "USA Softball and Missouri Basepaths". As an ASA registered team, you will be eligible to participate in ASA sanctioned tournaments. Additionally, teams and team members are eligible to purchase low cost team/individual insurance through the ASA's nationally recognized plan ([Bollinger Insurance](#)). Please see the rules and regulations in this packet, the ASA Rulebook, or [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) for more information on the ASA.

## **BALLS:**

Sedalia Parks and Recreation will provide balls for all leagues/games. Both Co-Ed and Men's leagues will use the same ball (and size): **12" ASA Dudley Thunder ZN Hycon .52/300 (Composite).**

## **BATS:**

All bats must have one or more of the following stamps in order to be used in Sedalia Parks and Recreation Leagues:



Bats that have one or more of the above stamps but are listed in the attached "ASA Non-Approved Bat List" are illegal and may not be used in Sedalia Parks and Recreation Leagues. This list is subject to change throughout the season. Questions regarding bat legality that arise during a game will be made by the umpire(s). For more information on bats and other certified equipment, visit the [ASA Certified Equipment](#) page.

## **LEAGUE AWARDS:**

Each league winner (winner of the league tournament) will be allowed to choose their own award/prize valuing **\$75 or less**, including the following: shirts, equipment, gift certificates, event tickets, etc. The award/prize must be approved by the Sedalia Parks and Recreation Department.

## **PRACTICE FIELD RESERVATION AND POLICY:**

All fields are open to be played on a first come basis without a reservation. However, all teams may reserve fields for practice (**if available**). Reservations are taken on a first come first served basis and supersede those who do not have a reservation. Based on demand, teams may only have one reserved practice per week. Please see the Field Rental Information sheet (available on our website) for more detailed information.

### **General Rental Policies:**

1. Reservations must be made in person at the Parks & Recreation Office or over the phone (660-826-4930). Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. **Fees are due at the time the reservation is made.**
2. The person making the reservation will be given a receipt/email with confirmation of the reservation.
3. Reservations Monday - Thursday must be made for a minimum of one hour and a maximum of two hours. Two-hour reservations must be made from either 6 - 8 PM or 8 - 10 PM.
4. If the fields are unplayable due to rain-related conditions, reservations will either be rescheduled or a letter of credit will be issued. Arrangements for rescheduling or letter of credit must be made within one working day of rain-out date.

## **RULES**

All leagues will follow standard ASA rules for the season with points of emphasis, modifications, and exceptions listed below. For a complete listing of rules and regulations, please consult your 2017 ASA Rule Book.

### 1. **HOME TEAM:**

- A. Determined prior to the start of the game with a flip of the coin (exception: see rule #2)
  - i. Managers are to turn in line-ups to the Home Plate Umpire or Scorekeeper at this time

### 2. **ROSTERS/PLAYERS:**

- A. Slow pitch softball is played with ten or eleven players; however, in Sedalia Parks and Recreation Leagues, a team will be allowed to start with a minimum of eight players and must continue with at least eight players or the game will be forfeited
- B. If a team starts the game with ten players, the team must continue with ten players or an out will be counted for the number of players less than ten (1-2 outs)
- C. If a team starts the game with nine players, the team must continue with nine players or an out will be counted for the number of players less than nine (1 out)
- D. If a team starts the game with nine or fewer players, they must be considered the visiting team and take the first bat
  - i. A team starting a game with 8 players will be assessed 1 out at the end of the end of the lineup
  - ii. A player who enters in the middle of a game must be placed at the end of the batting order
- E. Co-Ed lineups must consist of an equal or greater number of females than males
  - i. Co-Ed lineups must alternate male-female
  - ii. If there are more females than males, batting consecutive females is acceptable
- F. Co-Ed defensive positioning must feature 2 females in the infield and outfield and 1 female pitching or catching

- G. Defensive positioning in all leagues may change as long as the aforementioned criteria are not compromised
- H. Batting lineups must stay the same unless making a substitution

### **IMPORTANT ROSTER/PLAYER GUIDELINES:**

- A. Rosters can have a maximum of 25 players
  - i. A maximum of 3 players on the roster can be on a roster of a different team in the same league
    - 1. These are Emergency Players only
      - a. These players can only play Catcher, Right Field, and/or First Base
      - b. These players must bat last in the lineup
  - ii. Recreation rosters can have up to 5 Intermediate players
    - 1. Only 3 Intermediate players may play on a Recreation team for any given game
- B. Players can only be on 1 team per league per night (unless they are on a roster as an Emergency Player)
- C. Players can play on 1 Recreation team and 1 Intermediate team per night (unless they are on a roster as an Emergency Player)
- D. Rosters must be finalized by the 5<sup>th</sup> game of the season (8<sup>th</sup> game for double header teams) with an exact date to be announced during the season
  - i. A player does not necessarily have to have played in a game by this point, but they must be on the roster
- E. Roster additions must be reported to Zach or the Parks Office
  - i. When making an addition to your roster, you must provide the Name of the Player (First and Last Name) and the Phone Number of the Player
    - 1. If both of these items are not provided, the player is considered ineligible
- F. Players must be at least 16 years old to participate

### **PLAYER PROTEST PROCESS:**

- A. Player protests must be made to the home plate umpire before the player in question bats for the first time
- B. The player in question must provide their First and Last Name and Phone Number
  - i. The Name and Phone Number must match what is listed on the Roster
- C. The Umpire will write the player's information on the score sheet to indicate a protest
- D. The game will resume
- E. The following day SPR will crosscheck the player's information
  - i. If the information matches, the result of the game will uphold
  - ii. If the information does not match, a forfeit will be administered to the offending team
- F. Player protests during tournaments will be handled immediately following the game
- G. Teams may also protest if they believe their opponent is not abiding by the roster or lineup guidelines
  - a. This protest must be made prior to the start of the game

### **REPERCUSSIONS OF USING INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:**

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense/Forfeit: Forfeit game but the game is still played
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense/Forfeit: Forfeit game but the game is still played; lose playoff eligibility
- C. Any Offense after 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense/Forfeit: Forfeit game but the game is still played; further punishment will be handled by the Sedalia Parks and Recreation Department

### 3. **UNIFORMS:**

- A. Shoes must be worn per ASA guidelines; open toe shoes are not allowed
- B. Metal spikes will not be allowed in any league; rubber cleats are allowed
- C. Catcher's mask and chest protector are optional

- D. While not an ASA rule, pitchers are strongly suggested to wear protective gear, specifically for the head and mouth
- E. Team shirts must be same color with numbers on the back according to ASA Rules
  - i. Please make an effort to wear the same color shirt
- F. Exposed jewelry may not be worn during the game

4. **GAME LENGTH:**

- A. Each game consists of 7 innings
  - i. There will be a one hour time limit for each game
  - ii. No full inning will begin with less than 10 minutes remaining in the time limit
  - iii. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit or 7 innings have been played, the game will go to extra innings (2 innings at maximum)
    - a. Extra innings will start with a runner on 2nd base (the last out of the previous inning) and 1 out
  - iv. Time begins with the flip of the coin
- B. Only 3 and 1 half (or four, depending on home/away situation) innings need to be played to constitute a game due to weather-related circumstances
- C. If, after 3 innings, one team is leading by 15 runs, the game shall be called a legal contest and the game shall end
- D. If, after 5 innings, one team is leading by 10 runs, the game shall be called a legal contest and the game shall end
- E. A regulation tie game shall be declared if the score is tied when a game is called due to weather-related conditions at the end of four or more complete innings or the home team has equaled the score of the away team in the incomplete inning; both teams will be awarded a win

5. **WARM-UP PITCHES/PRE-GAME WARM-UP/PITCH HEIGHT:**

- A. Pitchers are allowed 5 warm-up pitches the first inning and only 1 warm-up pitch between innings
  - i. Any additional pitch will be counted as balls on the 1<sup>st</sup> batter
- B. No infield warm-up will be allowed between innings except during the five warm-up pitches at the start of the game
- C. Pitchers who enter a game in progress will be allowed 5 warm-up pitches before facing their first inning (batter) and 1 warm-up pitch the subsequent innings
- D. A legal pitch will be defined as one that is at least 6 feet but no more than 12 feet off the ground

6. **FORFEITING PRIOR TO THE START OF A GAME:**

- A. If, for any reason, your team cannot play your scheduled game, the team manager must notify the Parks Office by 2:00 PM the day of the scheduled game
- B. If your team does not give proper notification, the following repercussions will apply:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Lose Playoff Eligibility
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Team is removed from the league with no refund
    - a. A \$200 fine must be paid to get back into the league
    - b. Being removed from a league results in an indefinite suspension for the team and manager from all Sedalia Parks and Recreation adult sports leagues
- C. All Forfeits are recorded as a 10-0 score.

7. **ALCOHOL/SMOKING:**

- A. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not allowed in City Parks

8. **DISCIPLINE POLICY:**

- A. All teams and players must abide by ASA guidelines
- B. An umpire, Parks and Recreation Director, Recreation Superintendent, and Recreation Supervisor will be in charge of discipline matters
- C. Any discipline outcomes can be discussed and reviewed with the Recreation Supervisor
- D. For severe incidents, the Parks and Recreation Director, Recreation Superintendent, and Recreation Supervisor will review the incident and decide if further discipline is necessary

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Player receives a Verbal/Written Warning

- i. Based on the severity of the offense, the player can be subject to face 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> offense discipline

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Player is out for the remainder of that game and up to 2 additional scheduled games

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Player is out for the season; further discipline may be necessary

9. **HOME RUN LIMITS:**

- A. Recreation Leagues will have a 2 Home Run limit with a “One Up” rule
- B. Intermediate Leagues will have a 5 Home Run limit a “One Up” rule
- C. In both Recreation and Intermediate leagues if a home run is hit beyond the limit, an automatic out will be assessed

**ONE UP RULE:**

- A. If/When both teams reach the home run limit, this rule will take effect
- B. This rule allows both teams to hit home runs so as long as the number of home runs hit is no more than 1 more than the opposing team
- C. Teams can win on a One Up home run

**YOU HIT IT, YOU GET IT:**

- A. A limited number of balls will be used each game
- B. Each team is responsible for retrieving their home runs
- C. If one or both of the teams do not retrieve the home run balls, the game will be stopped until all balls are retrieved
- D. If the teams refuse to retrieve home run balls, each team will forfeit the game and be given a loss

10. **TIE-BREAKERS:**

- A. League standings (based on winning percentage) ending with two or more teams tied will be subject to the following tie-breakers:
  - 1. Head-to-Head record
  - 2. Record versus similar opponents
  - 3. Run Differential (as an average of games played)
  - 4. Runs Scored (as an average of games played)
  - 5. Runs Against (as an average of games played)
  - 6. Coin Flip