



2023 FALL SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

CO-ED, MEN'S and INDUSTRIAL LEAGUES



IMPORTANT DATES!

<i>Registration</i>	<i>Save \$20 if registered by</i>	<i>Schedules Available:</i>	<i>League Play Begins:</i>
Reg. by August 20 th	August 6 th	August 24 th	August 28 th

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Early Bird Registration will be held until August 6th, saving your team \$20.00. 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.
- Registration ends August 20th at 7:00pm. Team entry fee and roster must be received at the time of registration in order to be considered registered for the league.
- **In cooperation with Open Door Services, if you bring in 20 (or more) canned goods at the time of registration, we will discount your registration fee by \$20. Please make sure cans are not damaged, canned goods are not expired and they must have a label on them!**
- Required at the time of Registration:
 - Entry Fee
 - Roster
- Registration will be conducted at the Sedalia Parks and Recreation Department office located at Heckart Community Center. Office hours are 5:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 7:00pm Saturday and 10:00am – 7:00pm Sunday.

LEAGUES AND FEE INFORMATION:

- Listed below are the available leagues and fees for the 2023 Fall Softball Season.
- 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.
- Fall League play begins Monday, August 28th, and runs for approximately 6 weeks. A season-ending tournament for all leagues will be played following the regular season, taking the top 5 teams.

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>MAX # OF TEAMS</u>	<u>EARLY FEE</u>	<u>OPEN FEE</u>	<u>#GAMES</u>
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MONDAY:

Co-Ed Recreation	TBD	\$200.00	\$220.00	6
Co-Ed Intermediate	TBD	\$200.00	\$220.00	6

TUESDAY:

Men's Recreation	TBD	\$200.00	\$220.00	6
Men's Intermediate	TBD	\$200.00	\$220.00	6

SUNDAY:

Industrial League	TBD	\$340.00	\$380.00	10
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DOUBLE HEADERS:

Co-Ed and Men's	TBD	\$340.00	\$380.00	10
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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 by Thursday, August 24th. 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:

Sedalia Parks and Recreation no longer sanctions teams through ASA this year. If you want to register your team then that will be up to you. We will still be going by ASA rules and Sedalia Park and Rec rules. Please see the rules and regulations in this packet, the ASA Rulebook, or 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 Worth .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 will be allowed credit to captain's account valuing \$60 or a gift certificate valued at that amount as well!

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 a week 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 2023 ASA Rule Book.

1. **HOME TEAM:**

- A. Determined prior to the start of the game with a flip of the coin
 - 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. Co-Ed - When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded

- first and second base with the next female batter having the option to walk or bat.
- H. Defensive positioning in all leagues may change as long as the aforementioned criteria are not compromised
 - I. 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 5th game of the season (8th 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 Tanner 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

REPURCUSSIONS OF USING INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:

- A. 1st Offense/Forfeit: Forfeit game but the game is still played
- B. 2nd Offense/Forfeit: Forfeit game but the game is still played; lose playoff eligibility
- C. Any Offense after 2nd 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. 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 1st 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 3:00 PM the day of the scheduled game
- B. If your team does not give proper notification, the following repercussions will apply:
 - i. 1st Offense: Lose Playoff Eligibility
 - ii. 2nd 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. City Ordinance 10099.
- B. Sec. 4-3& 4-4. - Possession of alcoholic beverages in city parks. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, of any age, to have in his possession any alcoholic beverage, while on the property of any city park or recreational area, owned and operated by the city. (b) Any person who is found to be in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The penalty for violating this section is specified in section 1-14. (Code 1982, § 3-2.1; Ord. No. 9146, §§ 1, 2, 7-19-1999)

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

1st Offense: Player receives a Verbal/Written Warning

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

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

3rd 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. Run Differential Head to Head
3. Runs Scored (as an average of games played)
4. Runs Against (as an average of games played)
5. Coin Flip

11. **INTERMEDIATE PLAY AGAINST RECREATION**

- A. Recreation team will start the game with a 5-0 lead.
- B. If a Recreation team wins it will count towards their record. If the recreation team loses it will not count. Intermediate team will be given how the result ends.
- C. Home run limit is Recreation League rule of 2 Home Run Limit with a "One Up Rule"

12. **RECREATION WINNERS**

If the winning team of the Rec league is the same team that won the past league then they will be bumped up to Intermediate level for one Season pending if they win at the Intermediate level.

2023 SEDALIA PARKS & RECREATION FALL SOFTBALL ROSTER FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

Captain: _____

League Request: _____

Address: _____

_____ Street

City

Zip

Phone: (C) _____

(H) _____

Email: _____

Name	Street Address (Optional)	City, State, Zip (Optional)	Phone # (MANDATORY)
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Manager's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Early or Open Registration: _____

_____ League Fee \$: _____