

Oxford Park Commission 2009 Adult Slowpitch Softball Information & Rules

REGISTRATION: AUGUST 3 - 28, 2009
MANDATORY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009
COACH'S MEETING: 6:00 PM, OPC MAIN OFFICE
SEASON START DATE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2009
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
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LEAGUE OPTIONS:

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| 1) Co-Ed League: | Fee: \$300
Games: 10
HR Limit: 4/gm | 2) Men's C League: | Fee: \$300
Games: 10
HR Limit: 4/gm |
| 3) Co-Ed Church: | Fee: \$300
Games: 10
HR Limit: 2/gm | 4) Men's 40 & over | Fee: \$300
Games: 10
HR Limit: 2/gm |
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TEAM REGISTRATION:

1. Teams must pay the registration fee by August 28, 2009. Any team registering late will be charged a late registration fee of \$25.
 2. A coach/team representative must attend the Coach's Meeting September 1, 2009.
 3. Roster and player registrations must be completed online by September 6, 2009. The last day to add a player to your roster is September 25, 2009.
 4. Only players who have completed registration online can be listed on your roster. Only players listed on your roster will be allowed to play.
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PRACTICES:

1. All practices must be reserved in advance.
2. Teams may begin practicing August 17.
3. To schedule a practice, you must use the online field reservation form through FNC Park. The form can be found at www.fncpark.com/fielduse-softball.html
4. All practices are for 1 hour.
5. Team must be registered with OPC in order to practice. Teams who are not registered will have all practices cancelled.

GENERAL LEAGUE RULES AND INFORMATION

1. The Oxford Park Commission shall determine the number, variety, and type of leagues. O.P.C. reserves the right to place teams in the appropriate league in order to provide a balanced softball program.
2. ASA Rules will govern all play unless otherwise noted.
3. Game duration: 1 HR
4. Line-ups due five (5) minutes before scheduled start time. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. The manager/coach is the official team representative unless another team member is designated as team captain at the beginning of the game.
6. The manager/coach will be held responsible for all rules as stated. It is his/her responsibility to inform his/her players of the rules.
7. All players, coaches, and bench personnel must adhere to the OPC Rules of Conduct.
8. The League Champion will receive a team trophy. The Tournament Champion and Runner-up will receive team trophies.
9. If a league is divided into divisions, each division champion will receive a team trophy.
10. Teams must supply their own game balls. Softballs must be ASA Black Stamped and approved balls.
 - a. Men's 12" .440 COR/375 lbs. Max Compression White/yellow optic cover-Red stitch
 - b. Women's 11" .440 COR/375 lbs. Max Compression White/yellow optic cover-Red Stitch

PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

1. Tournament games will be as follows: 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 Winners play for championship.
2. If a league is divided into two (2) or more divisions, the top three (3) teams in each division will play for the division championship. Each division champion will then play in a single elimination tournament for the league championship. Brackets for the league championship will be determined by random seeding.
3. In case of tie for league champion or for tournament play, the following will apply:
 - a. The won/loss record of the head-to-head competition between the tied teams.
 - b. The won/loss record of the tied teams vs. the highest ranking team and proceeding down
 - c. If after (a) & (b) above, the tied teams will participate in a one game playoff.

SHORTHANDED GAMES & FORFEITS

1. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.
2. Game clock will be started:
 - a. First game for field - 6:30 on F1, 7:30 F2
 - b. Subsequent games - as soon as the previous teams have cleared the field and the umpires are ready.
3. A team must have a minimum of 8 players, IN MATCHING JERSEYS, to start play.
 - a. Co-Ed teams must have a minimum 4 guys:4 girls ratio.
 - b. If an eligible roster member arrives, he/she must be added to the line-up and enter the game or he/she will not be eligible to play. Teams may continue to add players until they reach 10.
4. Teams may not "pick-up" players from other teams to play.
5. If a player is playing in several leagues, and his/her team's games overlap, games WILL NOT be held up for that player.

OPC RULES OF CONDUCT FOR ALL SPORTS

- 1) Foul language and/or verbal harassment of any official, player, observer, or OPC employee will not be tolerated. Foul language is defined as any obscene, vulgar, or insulting language and/or language deemed inappropriate by community standards. This definition also includes any foul, obscene, or vulgar gestures. Harassment is any conduct including, but not limited to, abusive language, tormenting of participants, racial slurs or remarks, and the baiting of individuals.
 - A) **First Offense** – Ejection from game plus a one game suspension of the next game (make-up or regularly scheduled).
 - B) **Second Offense** – Expulsion from the league in which the incident occurred.
 - C) **Third Offense** – Banishment from all O.P.C. activities for one (1) year from date of incident.
 - D) **Fourth Offense** – Banishment from all O.P.C. activities indefinitely.If an offense occurs within one (1) year of a first or second offense, it will be considered the next offense. Any offense after the third offense will be considered a fourth offense.
- 2) Fighting will not be tolerated in any situation. A fight is a hostile encounter between individuals that results in physical contact of any kind. Punches do not have to be thrown for a fight to occur. Also, if punches are thrown, but contact is not made, the incident will be ruled a fight.
 - A) **First Offense** – Expulsion from the league in which the incident occurred and banishment from all O.P.C. activities for one (1) year from the date of the incident.
 - B) **Second Offense** – Banishment from all O.P.C. activities indefinitely. Also, a trespassing order will be filed against you. If you are caught on any OPC property, you will be arrested.
 - C) Police will be called for any fight.Any subsequent offense will be considered the next offense.
- 3) The use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs on park property is prohibited. Any one caught using alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to participate in any OPC sponsored event. Violators can/will be prosecuted according to city/state laws.
- 4) If a player or team is determined to be a continuous disciplinary problem, action may be taken which could result in expulsion from the league with no reimbursement of registration fees or expulsion from all OPC activities.

The Oxford Park Commission reserves the right to change and/or modify these rules at anytime in order to ensure the safety and quality of it's leagues. O.P.C. also reserves the right to review each offense and take such disciplinary action as it deems fit based on the circumstances of the offense.