



Newton

2016 Softball Registration—Co-ed Leagues

The co-ed league has been split into an early summer league and a late summer league for 2016. Each league will consist of seven games and will cost \$140 per team. The early summer league will begin the week of April 25th and the late summer league will begin the week of July 11th. The registration deadlines are April 15th for the early summer league and June 17th for the late summer league.

Team Name: _____

Team Captain

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Alternative Contact

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

League(s)

Early Summer League

Late Summer League

Team Captain Responsibilities:

1. Have all players sign waiver form within first two weeks of each season.
2. Ensure team members are knowledgeable of league rules and abide by them. Failing to do so could result in being denied entry into league tournament.
3. Promote a fun, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere for all players.
4. Report problems, league violations, schedule issues, and other concerns to Park Office as soon as possible.
5. Fulfill umpiring duties when scheduled

Team Captain

Signature _____ Date _____

Return From and Payment to: Newton Parks and Recreation 3000 N. 4th Ave E Newton, IA 50208

For Office Use Only

Date Paid _____ CC/ Cash? Check # _____ Receipt # _____

General Rules

1. Teams must have eight players present to play. If eight people are not present to play, the team must forfeit the game. The game may still be played with substitutions from other teams, but it will be counted as a lost for league standings. Team rosters will be left at the concession stands.
2. Teams must have a minimum of four women on a team. Whenever possible, teams must alternate men and woman batters. When that is not possible back to back men or woman batters must happen at the end of the batting order. (new 2015)
3. The first team listed on the schedule is the home team.
4. Players must be 18 years old to participate.
5. No alcohol is allowed on the field at any times (includes coaches box).
6. Tobacco usage is prohibited at all park areas and facilities.
7. No steal cleats are allowed.
8. Must use bats from the approved bat list found at the concession stand. Teams found to be using non-approved bats will cause team to forfeit game in progress. Umpire and opposing player will check bats before first pitch.
9. Each team will provide and hit their' own ball. The ball must meet current A.S.A. requirements, which is a yellow optic .52 core for men and 11" for women (new 2015).
10. A ten run rule will be in place after five innings.
11. Rainouts will played the following Tuesday. If a storm comes up during a game, the game will be postponed until the storm is over or until the following Tuesday. If possible the following games will be played as scheduled (if storms come to an end).
12. City staff will email all players by 3:30pm regarding any game cancellations. It will also be posted to the department's Facebook page.
13. Each will team will take turns umpiring throughout the season. The umpires that are schedule for the game have the final say. The Park Staff will honor any rulings on the field from the umpires. If umpires feel it is necessary, they may ask individuals to leave the game and premises due to inappropriate behavior. This is a recreational league and city staff wants to ensure it is fun for all players.

Rules During Play

1. The carpet and the plate both count as a strike.
2. There is a limited arc rule in place. All pitches must be between 6' and 12' high.
3. There is a five home run rule per team per game. All others are considered out.
4. No Walk Rule-When bases are loaded, batter must hit or strike out.
5. When there is a play at home, runners must slide and catcher may not block the plate. This rule is to avoid injury and the umpire should use discretion when calling a runner out.
6. All batters will start with one ball and one strike count with one courtesy foul.
7. A fly rule is in effect when there is less than two outs and runners are on first and second, or first, second, and third.
8. If any other questions arise, Amateur Softball Association rules will be applied.