2017 Softball Registration—Co-ed League

The co-ed league has been split into an early summer league and a late summer league for 2017. Each league will consist of seven games and will cost $140 per team. The early summer league will begin the week of May 1st and the late summer league will begin the week of June 26th. The registration deadlines are April 25th for the early summer league and June 14th for the late summer league.

Team Name: _____

<u>Team Captain</u>
Name_____
Email_____
Phone_____

<u>Alternative Contact</u>
Name_____
Email_____
Phone_____

League(s)
___Early Summer League
___Late Summer League

Team Captain Responsibilities:

1. Ensure that team members complete the online waiver form that will be emailed to captains once registration form is submitted.
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 1700 N 4th Ave W Newton, IA 50208

<u>For Office Use Onlly</u>
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. Teams may use subs during the regular season, but should keep substitutions to a minimum.
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.
14. Only players listed on this roster can be play in league tournaments.

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.