



Mecklenburg County
Park and Recreation

Softball Team Need to Know List

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1. Signed rosters and the Alcohol Policy Acknowledgement Form are due at your first game.
2. **The consumption of alcohol is prohibited on park property (this includes the parking lot). Violators will be subject to a \$50 fine and will be suspended from league play for one game for the first offense and subject to removal from the league for the second offense.**
3. Once the schedule has been completed it will not be changed or altered except for weather or an error by the scheduler.
4. Rosters are frozen at the fifth game of the season, exception being a verifiable medical reason.
5. You have until the third game of the season to obtain uniforms for your team. Uniforms should have numbers and be uniform in color.
6. Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to play on two different teams within the same league.
7. **The rainout line # is 704-336-5800.** It will be updated only if there is NEW information to be given out.
8. Please provide me with an email address that is checked regularly.
9. When contacting me please identify what team you are representing.
10. Protests must be made at the time the incident occurs and only for player eligibility or rules infractions. *Roster issues will be resolved after the game.*
11. **DO NOT ALLOW THE UMPIRES TO INTIMIDATE YOU INTO NOT PROTESTING A RULES INFRACTION.** Be respectful but stop the game and ask

for staff if you want to protest a rule interpretation. If you are ejected from a game, you are suspended for your next game as well.

12. Game forfeitures must be communicated to me in writing.

13. Teams are responsible for their own balls, bats and scorebooks. Yellow ASA stamped core 52, 300 comp for ASA leagues.

14. If you start a game with 10 players and a player is ejected or leaves due to a non-injury or illness the game will NOT be declared a forfeit. NOTE: If you start out batting 11 and someone gets injured and you do not have an eligible sub the game will be declared a forfeit. (Men's division only)

15. In the Men's C division only teams will be allowed to bat 12 players.

16. Players are allowed to play on different teams on different nights, but they must be within the same classification. ***Exception- One rostered C league player will be allowed to play on a division I D league team.**

17. Courtesy runners are allowed (One per inning).

18. In Co-Rec you are allowed to bat 6/4 (male or female) or 7/5. If a team bats 6/4 but has 5 males and 5 females eligible to play, the other team has the OPTION to bat 6/4 to match them if they also have 5 males and 5 females eligible to play. Same applies with 7/5. What you bat is what you have to play in the field.

19. If the pitcher is struck by a line drive (in the air) batted ball, the batter will be declared automatically out, and the bat used will be removed from the game.

20. Pitching screens will be available for use at select parks this season. Should you decide to use one the rules below will apply.

PITCHING SCREEN:

• Any batted ball that hits any part of the protective screen (screen, frame, legs, etc...) is a foul ball. No runners are allowed to advance. The "good foul" rule will apply to this situation so if the "good foul" has been used and the batter hits the screen, he/she will be called out.

- There will be a line striped from the center of the pitching rubber extending towards home plate that will be 6 feet long. The screen may be moved right or left to accommodate pitcher preference, but the inside leg must be positioned on the center line.
- There will also be a line 6 feet in front of the pitching rubber. The screen must be placed on this line and may not be moved any closer or further from home plate.
- After a batted ball, the screen is in play and may be moved by the pitcher if it obstructs throws to any base.

To view our complete league rules please go to www.parkandrec.com