

Adult Fall Softball Program

2011

Program Manual

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Emergency 501-371-4600
Non-Emergency..... 501-371-4617

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Emergency 501-374-1212
Non-Emergency..... 501-371-4829

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Emergency 501-375-3900
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Program Information

Base Stealing (all divisions / all leagues): ASA adopted a base-stealing rule in 2004 for slow-pitch softball. NO base stealing is allowed in Little Rock Parks & Recreation Department league play.

Beginning Count On Batter: All leagues (all classes) begin with a 1-1 count on the batter.

Extra Player Rule: Each team is permitted, at their option, to use the extra player rule in league play. The following rules pertain to the use of the extra player:

An extra player is optional, but if used, it must be in the batting order of the game and be listed on the scoring sheet in the regular batting order. If the EP is used, he must be used the entire game. Failure to complete the game with 11 batters, as a result of an ejected player, results in a forfeiture of the game.

In the event a team began play with 11 players and one player is ejected, an available substitute would be permitted to maintain that team at 11 players. Thus a forfeit would not be declared as a result of the ejection.

A team may continue with one less player than it starts with, whenever a player leaves the game for any reason other than an ejection. If the player leaving the game is a base runner, he shall be declared out. Whenever the player who has left the game under this circumstance is scheduled to bat, an out shall be declared. The player who has left the game and park cannot return to the line-up.

In coed play, the extra player rule entitles a team to two extra offensive players (one male and one female). As a result, a team has the option to field a regulation team of 10 players or use the extra player rule and field a team of 12 players. The option to use 11 is not permitted. In coed play, a team, which elected to use the extra player rule, may continue to play with 11 players providing the shortage is for any other reason than a player being ejected. The vacant position in the batting order is an automatic out – no appeal is necessary.

Game Ball (all divisions / all leagues): Teams are required to use the 12" red stitched COR .44 / 375 lb. compression ASA Certified softball.

Each team must provide one new softball to the plate umpire prior to the start of each game. Each team should have two slightly used softballs on hand to be used as alternate balls during the game.

In the event a team fails to provide a new softball prior to the start of a game, a forfeit shall be declared against the offending team

Ground Rules At Interstate Park:

Occasionally, temporary overhead wiring is run above fair territory at Interstate Park to deal with problems associated with the field lighting system.

Any batted ball, which hits these temporary wires, shall be considered a dead ball. The ball shall be ruled dead, regardless of where the ball hit the wiring (either in fair or foul territory)

The hitter will reassume his position at the plate and the last pitch, which hit the wire, shall be disregarded. A strike will not be added to the count on the hitter.

All fields at Interstate Park are open in either the left field corner or the right field corner to permit access to the respective fields for maintenance purposes.

A batted ball, which goes directly out of play through this opening, shall be an automatic double with the ball being ruled dead. All previous runners shall advance two bases.

A thrown ball, which goes directly out of play through this opening, shall cause the ball to become dead with all runners advancing as outlined in ASA Rule 8, Section 5, g.

This rule clarifies the thrown ball coming from an infielder or an outfielder, whether it is the first or succeeding throw, and the number of bases awarded depending on the previous position(s) of the runner(s).

Home Run Rule: The following chart indicates the number of over the fence home runs allowed per team in each division of play. Any over the fence home run in excess of the limit shall result in the batter being called out and all base runners (if any) returning to the base(s) they previously occupied.

Men's Red.....	5	(Excess ruled an out)
Coed Red.....	5	(Excess ruled an out)
Coed White.....	3	(Excess ruled an out)

Home Team: The home team shall be listed second on the schedule. It is the responsibility of the home team manager to make sure that his team assumes the correct dugout assignment (Third Base) and takes the field first

In the event the team manager fails to recognize that his team is the home team and the visiting team takes the field first, the following will apply

If the mistake is discovered prior to the first pitch of the game, the team assignments will be reversed and the error corrected.

If the mistake is discovered after the first pitch of game, the team assignments will not be reversed and the scheduled home team shall become the visiting team and the scheduled visiting team shall become the home team.

The home team and visiting team assignments for the succeeding games between the same opponents will not be changed to compensate for the mistake of the home team manager in the previous game.

Make-up Games: The administrative staff of the Little Rock Parks & Recreation Department Athletic Division will make all decisions on scheduling make-up games. Games will be scheduled based on availability of facilities and games to be made up.

Official Line-Up Cards: Please make sure to provide your line-up to the official scorer 10 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. Please don't allow a forfeit to be called due to neglecting to submit your team's line-up in a timely manner. Little Rock Parks & Recreation will provide official line-up cards.

Official Team Roster (all divisions / all leagues): Are due by Friday, September 2, 2011 and must be submitted to the Little Rock Parks & Recreation Adult Athletic Offices (B3 or B4 in City Hall – 500 W. Broadway). Team rosters may not exceed 25 players. Rosters are due on Friday, due to Monday, Sept. 5 being a holiday and the Little Rock Parks & Recreation offices will be closed.

Pitch Height: The maximum height of the pitch has been changed from twelve feet to ten feet.

Playing Team Manager: Must play for the same team that they manage. Prohibits a team manager from managing one team and playing for a second team in the same division.

Post-Season Championship Tournament: There will be a post-season championship tournament following the fall softball season.

Registration Fees (all divisions / all leagues): Little Rock Parks & Recreation has abolished a per player fee with team deposits. Fees are now assess on a per team basis as follows:

Summer Softball Program	-	\$450 per team
Fall Softball Program	-	\$450 per team

Shoes (all divisions / all leagues): Shoes of some type must be worn. Rubber-cleated soccer type shoes are recommended. No steel spikes or cleats may be worn. Metal-tipped plastic cleats are illegal. The umpiring crew must approve shoes of unconventional style for softball, prior to game time.

Substitutions: Substitution shall be allowed in all league play conducted by LRPR in accordance with ASA substitution rules.

Team Managers are specifically instructed to report all offensive and defensive substitutions to the plate umpire and not directly to the official scorer. Substitutions reported directly to the official scorer without being reported to the plate umpire shall be ignored, and treated as an illegal substitution.

Any member of a team's starting line-up may be withdrawn from the game and thereafter re-enter a second time. A starting player withdrawn from the game a second time shall not be entitled to re-enter.

ASA Rule 4, Section 5 covers the specifics of the re-entry rule. Please refer to this rule for further clarification.

Umpires (all divisions / all leagues): All umpires officiating in the Little Rock Parks & Recreation Department's softball program are required to register with the Amateur Softball Association.

- Two umpires will be assigned for all league games
- In the event of an emergency situation, only one umpire may be used
 - This event shall not warrant grounds for protest

Designated umpires shall have the responsibility to administer all rules accordingly as outlined in this policy manual, or in the Official Softball Rule Book as stated in Rule 10 outlining their official jurisdiction

Team managers do not maintain the option to have certain officials to either work, or not work their games

Uniforms (all divisions / all leagues): All players on each team MUST wear a numbered jersey that is similar in color to all other team members. PENALTY: Offending player shall assume a 0-2 count each time that player comes to bat.

Fall Program – During cold weather, if additional layered clothing conceals a player's number that player's number must appear on the front of the outer layer of clothing and must be at least four (4) inches high. Color is irrelevant.

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Fall Softball Schedules

Men's Open Division Schedule (Field #6)

Tuesday – Sept. 6

6:30	107 Liquor	at	Tropical Smoothie
7:30	SPP	at	Team Bass
8:30	Airmasters	at	Umps
9:30	Ballz Deep	at	Edward Jones

Thursday – Sept. 8

6:30	Edward Jones	at	SPP
7:30	Bad Sons of Pitches	at	107 Liquor
8:30	Tropical Smoothie	at	Airmasters
9:30	Umps	at	Ballz Deep

Tuesday – Sept. 13

6:30	Airmasters	at	Bad Sons of Pitches
7:30	Ballz Deep	at	Tropical Smoothie
8:30	Team Bass	at	Edward Jones
9:30	SPP	at	Umps

Thursday – Sept. 15

6:30	Umps	at	Team Bass
7:30	107 Liquor	at	Airmasters
8:30	Bad Sons of Pitches	at	Ballz Deep
9:30	Tropical Smoothie	at	SPP

Tuesday – Sept. 20

6:30	Ballz Deep	at	107 Liquor
7:30	Edward Jones	at	Umps
8:30	SPP	at	Bad Sons of Pitches
9:30	Team Bass	at	Tropical Smoothie

Thursday – Sept. 22

6:30	Tropical Smoothie	at	Edward Jones
7:30	Airmasters	at	Ballz Deep
8:30	107 Liquor	at	SPP
9:30	Bad Sons of Pitches	at	Team Bass

Tuesday – Sept. 27

6:30	SPP	at	Airmasters
7:30	Edward Jones	at	Bad Sons of Pitches
8:30	Umps	at	Tropical Smoothie
9:30	Team Bass	at	107 Liquor

Thursday – Sept. 29

6:30	Bad Sons of Pitches	at	Umps
7:30	Airmasters	at	Team Bass
8:30	107 Liquor	at	Edward Jones
9:30	Ballz Deep	at	SPP

Tuesday – Oct. 4

6:30	Team Bass	at	Ballz Deep
7:30	Tropical Smoothie	at	Bad Sons of Pitches
8:30	Edward Jones	at	Airmasters
9:30	Umps	at	107 Liquor

Thursday – Oct. 6

6:30	Umps	at	Airmasters
7:30	Team Bass	at	SPP
8:30	Tropical Smoothie	at	107 Liquor
9:30	Edward Jones	at	Ballz Deep

Tuesday – Oct. 11

6:30	107 Liquor	at	Bad Sons of Pitches
7:30	Ballz Deep	at	Umps
8:30	SPP	at	Edward Jones
9:30	Airmasters	at	Tropical Smoothie

Thursday – Oct. 13

6:30	Edward Jones	at	Team Bass
7:30	Umps	at	SPP
8:30	Tropical Smoothie	at	Ballz Deep
9:30	Bad Sons of Pitches	at	Airmasters

Tuesday – Oct. 18

6:30	SPP	at	Tropical Smoothie
7:30	Airmasters	at	107 Liquor
8:30	Team Bass	at	Umps
9:30	Ballz Deep	at	Bad Sons of Pitches

Thursday – Oct. 20

6:30	107 Liquor	at	Ballz Deep
7:30	Umps	at	Edward Jones
8:30	Bad Sons of Pitches	at	SPP
9:30	Tropical Smoothie	at	Team Bass

Tuesday – Oct. 25

6:30	Ballz Deep	at	Airmasters
7:30	Edward Jones	at	Tropical Smoothie
8:30	Team Bass	at	Bad Sons of Pitches
9:30	SPP	at	107 Liquor

Thursday – Oct. 27

6:30	Bad Sons of Pitches	at	Edward Jones
7:30	107 Liquor	at	Team Bass
8:30	Tropical Smoothie	at	Umps
9:30	Airmasters	at	SPP

Tuesday – Nov. 1

6:30	SPP	at	Ballz Deep
7:30	Umps	at	Bad Sons of Pitches
8:30	Team Bass	at	Airmasters
9:30	Edward Jones	at	107 Liquor

Thursday – Nov. 3

6:30	Bad Sons of Pitches	at	Tropical Smoothie
7:30	Ballz Deep	at	Team Bass
8:30	107 Liquor	at	Umps
9:30	Airmasters	at	Edward Jones

Co-Ed Open Red Division Schedule (Field #4)

Tuesday – Sept. 6

6:30	Just Us	at	Bucktown's Finest
7:30	LieblongDentistry.com	at	Red Sox
8:30	Tha Family	at	M.E. Softball

Thursday – Sept. 8

6:30	M.E. Softball	at	LieblongDentistry.com
7:30	Bucktown's Finest	at	Tha Family
8:30	Red Sox	at	Just Us

Tuesday – Sept. 13

6:30	M.E. Softball	at	Red Sox
7:30	LieblongDentistry.com	at	Bucktown's Finest
8:30	Tha Family	at	Just Us

Thursday – Sept. 15

6:30	Bucktown's Finest	at	M.E. Softball
7:30	Just Us	at	LieblongDentistry.com
8:30	Red Sox	at	Tha Family

Tuesday – Sept. 20

6:30	LieblongDentistry.com	at	Tha Family
7:30	M.E. Softball	at	Just Us
8:30	Bucktown's Finest	at	Red Sox

Thursday – Sept. 22

6:30	Bucktown's Finest	at	Just Us
7:30	M.E. Softball	at	Tha Family
8:30	Red Sox	at	LieblongDentistry.com

Tuesday – Sept. 27

6:30	Just Us	at	Red Sox
7:30	Tha Family	at	Bucktown's Finest
8:30	LieblongDentistry.com	at	M.E. Softball

Thursday – Sept. 29

6:30	Just Us	at	Tha Family
7:30	Red Sox	at	M.E. Softball
8:30	Bucktown's Finest	at	LieblongDentistry.com

Tuesday – Oct. 4

6:30	Tha Family	at	Red Sox
7:30	LieblongDentistry.com	at	Just Us
8:30	M.E. Softball	at	Bucktown's Finest

Thursday – Oct. 6

6:30	Tha Family	at	LieblongDentistry.com
7:30	Red Sox	at	Bucktown's Finest
8:30	Just Us	at	M.E. Softball

Tuesday – Oct. 11

6:30	LieblongDentistry.com	at	Red Sox
7:30	Tha Family	at	M.E. Softball
8:30	Just Us	at	Bucktown's Finest

Thursday – Oct. 13

6:30	M.E. Softball	at	LieblongDentistry.com
7:30	Red Sox	at	Just Us
8:30	Bucktown's Finest	at	Tha Family

Tuesday – Oct. 18

6:30	M.E. Softball	at	Red Sox
7:30	Tha Family	at	Just Us
8:30	LieblongDentistry.com	at	Bucktown's Finest

Thursday – Oct. 20

6:30	Bucktown's Finest	at	M.E. Softball
7:30	Red Sox	at	Tha Family
8:30	Just Us	at	LieblongDentistry.com

Tuesday – Oct. 25

6:30	Bucktown's Finest	at	Red Sox
7:30	M.E. Softball	at	Just Us
8:30	LieblongDentistry.com	at	Tha Family

Co-Ed Open White Division Schedule (Field #3)

Tuesday – Sept. 6

6:30	Fast Enterprises	at	Second Baptist
7:30	Hard Hitterz	at	A State Ballers
8:30	Parkway Sluggers	at	Healthscope Benefits
9:30	Jack'd	at	Panthers

Thursday – Sept. 8

6:30	Panthers	at	Hard Hitterz
7:30	Healthscope Benefit	at	Fast Enterprises
8:30	Second Baptist	at	Jack'd
9:30	A State Ballers	at	Parkway Sluggers

Tuesday – Sept. 13

6:30	A State Ballers	at	Healthscope Benefits
7:30	Parkway Sluggers	at	Panthers
8:30	Hard Hitterz	at	Second Baptist
9:30	Jack'd	at	Fast Enterprises

Thursday – Sept. 15

6:30	Second Baptist	at	Parkway Sluggers
7:30	Healthscope Benefits	at	Jack'd
8:30	Panthers	at	A State Ballers
9:30	Fast Enterprises	at	Hard Hitterz

Tuesday – Sept. 20

6:30	Hard Hitterz	at	Jack'd
7:30	A State Ballers	at	Second Baptist
8:30	Parkway Sluggers	at	Fast Enterprises
9:30	Panthers	at	Healthscope Benefits

Thursday – Sept. 22

6:30	Fast Enterprises	at	A State Ballers
7:30	Jack'd	at	Parkway Sluggers
8:30	Healthscope Benefits	at	Hard Hitterz
9:30	Second Baptist	at	Panthers

Tuesday – Sept. 27

6:30	Panthers	at	Fast Enterprises
7:30	Second Baptist	at	Healthscope Benefits
8:30	A State Ballers	at	Jack'd
9:30	Parkway Sluggers	at	Hard Hitterz

Thursday – Sept. 29

6:30	Healthscope Benefits	at	Parkway Sluggers
7:30	Second Baptist	at	Fast Enterprises
8:30	Panthers	at	Jack'd
9:30	A State Ballers	at	Hard Hitterz

Tuesday – Oct. 4

6:30	Jack'd	at	Second Baptist
7:30	Hard Hitterz	at	Panthers
8:30	Fast Enterprises	at	Healthscope Benefits
9:30	Parkway Sluggers	at	A State Ballers

Thursday – Oct. 6

6:30	Healthscope Benefits	at	A State Ballers
7:30	Panthers	at	Parkway Sluggers
8:30	Second Baptist	at	Hard Hitterz
9:30	Fast Enterprises	at	Jack'd

Tuesday – Oct. 11

6:30	Hard Hitterz	at	Fast Enterprises
7:30	Jack'd	at	Healthscope Benefits
8:30	A State Ballers	at	Panthers
9:30	Parkway Sluggers	at	Second Baptist

Thursday – Oct. 13

6:30	Jack'd	at	Hard Hitterz
7:30	Fast Enterprises	at	Parkway Sluggers
8:30	Healthscope Benefits	at	Panthers
9:30	Second Baptist	at	A State Ballers

Tuesday – Oct. 18

6:30	Panthers	at	Second Baptist
7:30	Hard Hitterz	at	Healthscope Benefits
8:30	A State Ballers	at	Fast Enterprises
9:30	Parkway Sluggers	at	Jack'd

Thursday – Oct. 20

6:30	Fast Enterprises	at	Panthers
7:30	Healthscope Benefits	at	Second Baptist
8:30	Jack'd	at	A State Ballers
9:30	Hard Hitterz	at	Parkway Sluggers

Tuesday – Oct. 25

6:30	Hard Hitterz	at	A State Ballers
7:30	Fast Enterprises	at	Second Baptist
8:30	Parkway Sluggers	at	Healthscope Benefits
9:30	Jack'd	at	Panthers