



2021 Softball Registration—Church League

The church league will consist of 6 games plus a league tournament and will **cost \$120 per team**.

The **church league** will begin on **June 6th** and will end on **July 18th**.

Games will begin at 1:30 pm at the Adult Softball Complex.

The league tournament will be on July 25th and **registration deadline is May 28th**.

Only teams who have registered and paid by the deadline will be allowed to play.

Team Name: _____

Team Captain

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Alternative Contact

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Team Captain Responsibilities:

1. Complete team roster/waiver form; include team substitutes and ensure that all team members sign. The roster/waiver form will be emailed to team captains once league registration closes and needs to be returned to the Community Services Office before the start of the 2nd game.
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. This is a recreational league, so please be considerate of others.
4. Report problems, league violations, schedule issues, and other concerns to Community Services Office as soon as possible.
5. Fulfill umpiring duties when scheduled.
6. League teams are responsible for making sure the area is clean and all trash picked up.

Team Captain Signature _____ Date _____

Return From and Payment to: City of Newton – Community Services, 403 W 4th St N, Suite 501, Newton, IA 50208

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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. Players can only be listed on one team roster. Any team not using players from their roster will forfeit the game.
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.
3. The second 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 (this includes the coach's box).
6. Tobacco usage is prohibited in all park areas and facilities.
7. No steal cleats are allowed.
8. Must use bats with a barrel diameter up to 2 ¼", weigh up to 38 ounces, be up to 34" in length, bat material must be aluminum, composite, wood or a combination and free from any cracks, defects or other damage. 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 USA Softball requirements, which is a yellow optic .52 core for men and 11" for women.
10. A ten run rule will be in place after five innings. All games are limited to 1 hour. Teams must complete current inning once the time limit is reached.
11. Rainouts will be played the following Tuesday. If a storm comes up during a game, the game will be postponed until the storm is over (30 minutes after the last lightning strike or thunder clap) if field is still playable or the following Tuesday. If possible, games should be played as scheduled (if storms come to an end). Rain date for tournaments will be the following day.
12. City staff will email all team captains by 3:30pm regarding any game cancellations. It will also be posted to the department's Facebook page. Determination for cancellations will be made by City staff only.
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 teams roster can play in league tournaments.
15. League teams are responsible for making sure the area is clean and all trash picked up.

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, USA Softball rules will be applied.