

GREENWOOD COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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The Greenwood County Department of Parks & Recreation's facilities, programs and activities are open to everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, age handicap or sex.

ADULT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Objectives & Purposes:

The objectives and purposes of the Greenwood County Parks & Recreation Department Adult Sports Leagues are to develop, promote and regulate amateur adult sports in Greenwood County and to establish rules and regulations governing all teams participating in any activity that will be beneficial to the well being of the participant and to stimulate wholesome recreational activities.

Policy/Rule Changes:

The Greenwood County Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to change any and all rules, regulations and policies when due cause warrants. When a change is made, all managers or coaches or teams affected by such change will be notified immediately. Additionally, league dates and locations may be amended as circumstances warrant.

Warning/Waiver:

Although participation in supervised athletics and activities may be one of the least hazardous in which any person will engage, by its nature, participation in athletics includes a risk of injury which may range in severity from minor to serious.

Although serious injuries are not common, it is impossible to entirely eliminate this risk. Participants can, and have the responsibility to, help reduce the chance of injury. Players must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems to their coaches and inspect their own equipment daily.

It is the responsibility of the coach or manager of each team to insure that each team member is aware of the inherent risks involved in participating in any athletic event.

By signing the team registration form (roster), each player waives Greenwood County from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of participation in the involved sport. Those who do not wish to accept the risks described in this warning should not register or participate.

Insurance/Injuries:

The Greenwood County Parks & Recreation Department carries no insurance on players, coaches or game officials. Participants are responsible for any and all charges resulting from medical emergencies.

Player Identification:

Any player must produce valid identification upon request of the Recreation Department Staff. Refusal will result in player being subjected to suspension from the program for the year.

Warm Ups:

Warm-ups will be allowed inside the playing field or behind outfield fence. No warm ups between fields or on asphalt. There will be five minutes between games for warm-ups. Abuse of this rule may result in a 2 game suspension. No warm ups on field as long as kids are practicing or playing.

Schedules:

Schedules will be mailed to the team representative who is listed on the roster the week prior to the start of play. It is the responsibility of the team representative to notify the Parks & Recreation Department upon any changes in coaches or addresses.

League Standings:

Scores will be recorded daily and League Standings will be updated weekly.

News Media:

If a discrepancy occurs between your schedule and newspaper print, rely on your schedule or call the Recreation Office at 942-8515.

Entry Fees and Deadlines:

All fees and deadlines will be set by the Parks & Recreation Staff prior to registration for a sport. All previous coaches for that sport will be notified by mail of the registration dates, fees and deadlines.

Bad Checks:

If a party submits a bad check, a maximum of 10 working days from the time of notification is allowed to make restitution. Failure to make restitution within 10 working days may result in the bad check being turned over to the Magistrates Office. There is a \$30 fee added to the original amount of the returned check. This fee must be paid in cash.

Refund Policy:

No refunds will be made unless a program change is implemented by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Team Registration:

Registrations for all Adult Sports are accepted by team only.

Rosters:

Rosters must be completed and submitted to Parks and Recreation Staff before the team's first game.

Additions to Roster

Additions may be made according to ISA guidelines at isasoftball.com.

Roster Cut-off Dates

ISA rules & guidelines may be found at isasoftball.com.

Participation

A player may participate with only one team in the same league offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Eligibility: ISA rules & guidelines may be found at isasoftball.com.

Tournaments

Softball leagues will have a double elimination tournament after the completion of the regular season.

Trophies

Team trophies will be given to all League and Tournament Champions and Runner-Ups.

Sportsmanship

Recreation and fair play will be the foremost concern of all Adult Sport Leagues.

Conduct

All Greenwood County Parks and Recreation Department Adult Sport Leagues are designed as recreational activities. The Adult Sport Leagues are not an arena for individuals or teams to display belligerent attitudes or settle personal disputes.

1. No team member shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or verbally threaten an official, player or spectator. Penalty - Ejection from game play and league play.
2. No team member shall refuse to abide by an officials decision. Penalty - Ejection from game play and two game suspension.
3. No team member shall be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics against an opponent. Penalty - Ejection from game play and two game suspension.
4. No team member shall make an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official or spectator. Penalty - Ejection from game play and two game suspension.
5. No team member shall appear in the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs. No smoking on field or in dugout. Penalty - Ejection from game play and league play.
6. Spectators who, in the opinion of the official, are detrimental to the purpose of a game will be asked to leave the contest area. Grounds for such actions include but are not limited to: obscene gestures or profanity, inciting opposing players to fight, alcohol in the stands and extreme verbal abuse of officials. If a connection can be established to one of the teams in the game, that team will be held responsible for their actions.
7. Coaches and players **ONLY** allowed in the dugout.
8. Players and Coaches must also abide by all rules of conduct as stated in the ISA handbook.

Ejections

An ejected player or coach from either a game or tournament, must remove himself immediately from the gym or complex area, as designated by the League Director. His team members and/or coaches are responsible for his removal. Nonconformance may result in team forfeiture. The ejected person is automatically suspended for the next two games in all leagues in which he participates. No further notification of suspension is required. Anyone removed from a game the second time, will be removed from the league for the remainder of the season. Physically or verbally abusing an umpire/referee is automatic disqualification for the remainder of the season.

Forfeit (Rule 6 – Section 6)

Forfeits may be declared for any, (but are not limited to), situations listed below. A forfeit may be enforced by the game official or by Department personnel.

1. Not having the required number of players on the game surface at game time.
2. Illegal players (Players not on the roster, player using an assumed name or ineligible players) participating. Any coach/ manager or acting coach/manager playing an illegal player will be suspended from that game and two additional games for the first offense. A second offense will result in the manager/coach or acting manager/coach being removed from the League for the remainder of the season.
3. Misconduct on the part of players, coaches or managers before, during or after a contest in the contest area.
4. Failure to submit a legal roster prior to the teams scheduled first game.

Protest

1. Protests will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of an umpire.
2. Only an ineligible player or misinterpretation of a rule can be protested. Rule must be protested before the next pitch. Ineligible player must be protested upon the player entering the game. Supervisor on duty will make a ruling on the protest and play will continue. No protest will be allowed after the completion of the game.

Blood Rule

A player, coach or umpire who is bleeding or who has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is left up to the umpire's judgment. Uniform rule violations will not be enforced if a uniform change is required. The umpire shall:

- a. Stop the game and allow treatment if the injury would affect the continuation of the game. (Delay will continue to count towards time limit of game).
- b. Immediately call a coach, trainer or other authorized person to the injured player.
- c. Apply the rules of the game regarding substitution, shorthanded player and reentry if necessary.
- d. Coaches are encouraged to have a First-Aid kit at each game.

RULES OF THE GAME - ADULT LEAGUES
SOFTBALL RULES

ISA – ISA rules will apply with the following rules and regulations established to either clarify existing rules contained in the ISA Official Softball Rule Book, or introduce league regulations. You can view and download a complete ISA Rule Book at their website: www.ISASOFTBALL.com.

Uniforms

Matching jerseys shall be worn by each team with a minimum 6" numbers on back. One player may be without a matching jersey if he can verify that he is on the roster. Shoes must be worn at all times. No flip-flops, sandals, or metal cleats. Uniform code will be in effect the first game. No cut-off sleeves on uniforms. Only ball caps or visors will be worn. All hats must face forward with the exception of the catcher who may wear hat backwards to catch only.

Equipment

Bats - Must be official softball bats. Anyone caught using an altered bat will be ejected from the game. Bats must meet ISA guidelines. (Rule 4 – Section 1)

Softball

Men's League softball shall be played with an ISA stamped, .44 core/375-compression. Men's leagues will use the 12" ball.

Home Run Rule

Each team will be limited to (2) over-the-fence home runs per game. Any over-the-fence home runs in excess of two (2) will be classified as an out. (ISA Men's Class D rule) It is the responsibility of the defensive team to keep up with the home runs of the opposing team. If confusion occurs, refer to home team scorebook. The home run rule is non-protestable. On a fair fly ball hit over the fence for a home run, the batter and all baserunners are credited with a score. The batter and any runner on base do not need to advance and touch the bases.

Regulation Game

A game called by the umpire, due to weather, shall be regulation if five or more complete innings have been played, or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in four or more innings than the other team has scored in five or more innings. A game that is not considered regulation shall be replayed in its entirety. A regulation game may consist of seven innings or a one hour time limit. No new inning will start after the one hour time limit has expired. A game that is tied at the end of seven innings shall be continued by playing additional innings until one team has scored more runs than the other.

Run Rule

15 after 3
12 after 4
10 after 5

Field

Adult leagues shall play seventy foot (70') bases. Pitching distance will be fifty feet (50') along with a pitching area the width of the pitcher's plate up to six feet (6') behind the back edge of the pitcher's plate.

Pitching

A pitched ball must arc at least three (3) feet after leaving the pitcher's hand and shall not rise higher than ten (10) feet above the ground.

Scorekeeper

Home team must supply a scorekeeper for the official book. If home team has no scorekeeper, the visiting team will have official book.

Number of Players (Rule 5)

An official team shall consist of ten (10) defensive players plus a maximum of 2 EH's. A team may start or finish with 9 players. No out will be declared against a team for a missing player in the batting line-up when a team starts with only 9 players; the 10th player may be put in the defensive line-up immediately upon appearing at the ball field, and is placed in the 10th batting position. Eligible roster members may be added to the available substitution list at any time during the game. Any team that starts a game with 10, 11 or 12 players may drop to the minimum of 9 players to finish the game. If a team starts with 9 or 10 players, they are not allowed to add the 11th player at a later time. Any player that leaves the game for any reason may not return to the game. (This does not apply to normal re-entry and substitution) Exception: A player who has left the game under the blood rule may return.

Re-entry

Any of the starting players may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the line-up. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter.

Batter

Two (2) strikes = an out

Three (3) balls = a walk

Batter is out if he hits a second foul after one strike, ball is dead.

Baserunner

Baserunners are out when a baserunner fails to keep contact with the base to which he is entitled until a pitched ball touches the ground, has reached or passed home plate, or is batted. No stealing.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
PLAYGROUND RULES

1. Do not use equipment when wet.
2. No running, pushing or shoving.
3. Do not use play equipment improperly.
4. No bare feet, wear proper footwear.
5. Do not use playground equipment without adult supervision.
6. Do not use equipment unless designed for your age group.

PARK RULES

1. Unauthorized vehicles are not allowed.
2. Alcoholic beverages or weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited.
3. No skates, skateboards, bicycles, etc. are allowed in the park.
4. Pets are not permitted in the park.
5. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
6. Throwing or hitting baseballs/softballs outside of playing fields is prohibited.
7. No practice on fields that have been prepared for games.
8. Please help keep the park clean. Place all trash in trash cans.

FIELD RENTALS (TOURNAMENTS)

Softball fields may be rented for tournaments. All applications should be made at least three weeks in advance. Fee includes the department preparing all fields for play at the beginning of the day, utilities and rest rooms.

Rental Fee: (Full day 8:00 AM - 12:00 Midnight)

- 1 Field - \$ 200.00
- 2 Fields - \$ 250.00
- 3 Fields - \$ 250.00

A non-refundable \$25.00 reservation fee is **required** at time of application.

Concessions: Greenwood County Parks & Recreation will maintain all concession rights for contracted events.

Maintenance: Each field will be prepared for play one time per contracted day by the Greenwood County Parks and Recreation maintenance personnel.

To request a field rental - You must come by the Civic Center Office to check dates and fill out the application and pay the \$125.00 Deposit.

PRACTICE (ADULT)

Fields may be reserved for \$20.00 per hour for practice when available. For reservation information, contact your local Parks & Recreation Office.

TENNIS CENTER

1. The Greenwood Tennis Center consists of six (6) lighted courts and is located at the Greenwood Recreation Complex.
2. Courts are available daily on a first come - first serve basis.
3. There is no charge to use these courts.
4. Players must abide by a one (1) hour time limit when others are waiting to play.
5. Lights are operational till 10:00 PM in the winter season and until 11:00 PM in the summer season. Light switches are located on each individual court.

Pavilion:

1. The Pavilion may be reserved at a minimum rate of \$100.00 for four hours or \$150.00 for a full day.
2. No alcohol is allowed on any Greenwood County property.
3. No bikes, skateboards, roller blades or skates are allowed inside the Pavilion.
4. No loud music is allowed.
5. You MUST clean up after your function - trash may be left bagged and in trash receptacles.
6. No vehicles are allowed inside the fenced area.
7. Use grills at your own risk - PLEASE use responsibly!
8. Cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to the event to receive a full refund.
(Call the Parks & Recreation Office @ 942-8515 to cancel)

To request a reservation you must come to the Parks & Recreation office to check availability, complete an agreement and pay the fee.