



2010 Fall Softball Information

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- Registration will be ON LINE!!
- There will be a link on our website to follow for registration.
- Registration for both leagues begins June 21st
- Leagues subject to change depending on registration

- ★ **SPECIAL DISCOUNT** when you Register for both Fall Session 1 & 2
 - Fall Session 1 Lit Fields + Fall Session 2 \$560.00
 - Fall Session 1 Non-lit Fields + Fall Session 2 \$510.00

SESSION 1 Details

- 10 Games ~ 5 weeks of doubleheaders
- Teams that do not play at least 8 games will be refunded one half of the game official's fee of \$23.00 for each of the games under 8 that were not played.
- We allow for one week after the scheduled games for make-ups.
- 4 – 8 teams per league
- Optional Single Elimination End of Season Tournament (part of registration process & will be a special question)

League Costs:

- Lit Fields (*) \$365.00
- Non-lit Fields \$315.00 (second game may be shortened due to darkness)

Days of Play

Sunday	8/8	8/15	8/22	8/29	9/12
Monday	8/9	8/16	8/23	8/30	9/13
Tuesday	8/10	8/17	8/24	8/31	9/7
Wednesday	8/11	8/18	8/25	9/1	9/8
Thursday	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9
Friday	8/13	8/20	8/27	9/10	9/17

Session 1 End of Season Tournament: Sept. 18th & (if necessary) Sept. 19th. Sites TBD.

SESSION 1 ~ Men's Leagues

Day	League	Site & Field #	Time
Monday	101	Xcel 2, 3, NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Monday	103	Nokomis 5, 8, 9	6:00 & 7:00pm
Monday	*105	Bossen 6, Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	204	Bryn Mawr 6, 8, 10	6:00 & 7:00pm
Tuesday	*205	Bossen 6, 8, Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	210	Xcel 2,3	6:00 & 7:00pm
Wednesday	303	Nokomis 3, 8, 9	6:00 & 7:00pm
Wednesday	305	Bossen 7, 9, 10	6:00 & 7:00pm
Thursday	401	NEAF 2, 4, Xcel 2, 3	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	404	Bryn Mawr 6, 8, 10	6:00 & 7:00pm
Thursday	405	Bossen 9, 10, Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Friday	*505	Bossen 6, 8	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Sunday	030	Nokomis 5, 8, 9	5:00 & 6:00pm

SESSION 1 ~ Co-Ed Leagues

Day	League	Site & Field #	Time
Monday	C114	Bryn Mawr 6, 7, 8, 10	6:00 & 7:00pm
Monday	C115	Bossen 3, 4, 5	6:00 & 7:00pm
Monday	*C117	Neiman 3, 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	C212	Nokomis 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	6:00 & 7:00pm
Tuesday	*C214	NEAF 2, 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Wednesday	C311	NEAF 3, 4, 7	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Wednesday	C313	Nokomis 2, 5, 6, 7	6:00 & 7:00pm
Wednesday	C314	Bryn Mawr 6, 7, 8	6:00 & 7:00pm
Wednesday	*C315	Bossen 8, Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	C412	Nokomis 3, 8, 9	6:00 & 7:00pm
Thursday	*C414	Bryn Mawr 9, 11	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	*C417	Neiman 3, 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Sunday	C020	Bossen 6, 9, 10	5:00 & 6:00pm

SESSION 1 ~ Women's Leagues

Day	League	Site & Field #	Time
Tuesday	W223	Nokomis 2, 3	6:00 & 7:00pm
Thursday	W423	Nokomis 5, 6, 7	6:00 & 7:00pm

SESSION 2 Details

- 8 Games ~ 4 weeks of doubleheaders
- Teams that do not play at least 6 games will be refunded one half of the game official's fee of \$23.00 for each of the games under 6 that were not played.
- We allow for one week after the scheduled games for make-ups.
- 4 Teams per league
- No Tournament

League Costs:

- All Lit fields \$235.00

Days of Play

Sunday	9/19	9/26	10/3	10/10
Monday	9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11
Tuesday	9/21	9/28	10/5	10/12
Wednesday	9/22	9/29	10/6	10/13
Thursday	9/23	9/30	10/7	10/14
Friday	9/24	10/1	10/8	10/15

SESSION 2 ~ Men's Leagues

Day	League	Site & Field #	Time
Monday	F105	Bossen 6	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	F201	NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	F205	Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Wednesday	F305	Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F401	NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F404	Bryn Mawr 9	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F405	Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Friday	F505	Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm

SESSION 2 ~ Co-Ed Leagues

Day	League	Site & Field #	Time
Sunday	F015	Bossen 6	5:00 & 6:00pm or 7:00 & 8:00pm
Monday	F111	NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Monday	F115	Neiman 5	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Tuesday	F215	Bossen 6	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Wednesday	F311	NEAF 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F414	Bryn Mawr 11	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm
Thursday	F415	Neiman 4	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm

SESSION 2 ~ Women's Leagues

Day	League	Site & Field #	Time
Tuesday	F225	Bossen 8	6:00 & 7:00pm or 8:00 & 9:00pm

LOCAL PLAYING RULES

- Minneapolis operates under closed competition (allows exception from Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.) Guide Book to fulfill our recreational needs). A. S. A. Rules will govern all play locally with the following exceptions.

- All Slow Pitch games will be played with 3 ball (batter takes first base) 2 strike (batter must hit fair on second strike.)

- Teams may begin, play and finish with 9 players. Co-Ed must have either combination of 5 and 4. Teams batting order shall start with whichever gender has 5. An out will be taken in the 10th spot.

- A team cannot play with less than 9 players. If for any reason a team has been reduced to 8 players, a forfeit will be declared.

- If a player is ejected a team must have a substitute or the game will be declared a forfeit. In the event of an injury to a player a substitute is not necessary.

- If an injury occurs to a base runner a courtesy runner maybe used. The courtesy runner must be the last person to make an out.

Casual Profanity: The umpire has the authority to assess ONE OUT against the offending team for the use of casual profanity which shall be defined as expletives (vulgar or profane language) not directed at umpire or opposing players, uttered by a player, manager/coach, or individual within the dugout, involved with the play of the team, frustrated with themselves, a teammate or fan. All outs will be assessed against the offending team during their term at bat. The casual profanity penalty out will be assessed as a team out and will not affect any batter or base runner.

Only ONE "Casual Profanity" out may be assessed per play with a maximum of two per term at bat.

Incidents of vulgar or profane language exceeding these limits will be considered beyond casual and will subject the individuals responsible to ejection from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.

OTHER LOCAL RULES

1. A run ahead rule will be used as follows:
 - a. Twenty (20) runs after four innings
 - b. Ten (10) runs after five innings in all Slow Pitch games.
2. Shoes with metal cleats ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SLOW PITCH
3. Home team is the team listed last on the schedule.
4. THE CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER may be used by all slow-pitch leagues.

The Continuous Batting Order is optional - either team may exercise their option to use or not to use the Continuous Batting Order. But when used:

- a. Teams MUST inform umpire PRIOR to start of game, that the Continuous Batting Order will be used and may not change their option once the game starts.
- b. Teams may add additional batters to the batting order once the game has started.
- c. Teams may not drop a player from the original batting order line up after the game starts, unless under the substitution rule or injury.
- d. Teams may list up to 20 players in the Continuous Batting Order.
- e. When using the continuous batting order in Co-Ed, teams must have an even number of batters and an equal number of males and females

- f. Any 10 players in the Continuous Batting Order may play defense at any time. Change between “continuous hitters” and defensive position is not considered to be a substitution. Players must remain in the same position in the batting order throughout the game unless substituted.
 - g. The RE-ENTRY rule applies to all players listed in the Continuous Batting Order.
 - h. The player’s eligibility rule applies to all players listed in the Continuous Batting Order.
 - i. When void in the batting order is created due to a player being removed from the game other than injury, the manager must insert another player (under the substitution rule) in their place. If no player is available, forfeit will be declared.
5. Courtesy Runners: Prior to the start of the game, teams may designate to the umpire a maximum of three (3) players who will utilize a courtesy runner for the entire game. The courtesy runner will always be the player who made the last out in that inning.
6. The home run rule will not be used in regular season play.
A.S.A. PLAYING RULES (with the above exceptions) will govern regular season play in Minneapolis.

DUTIES OF TEAM MANAGERS

Managers are liaisons between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and their teams. Managers are requested to fill out team registration cards completely. If the manager cannot be reached by phone during working hours, he should include name and phone number of someone who is available, so pertinent information can be given. The office MUST be informed of any change of manager during the season. Managers are responsible for sending in the entry fee, the team coaching, equipment and conduct of players, and distribution of schedules to their players, proper registration and ELIGIBILITY OF THEIR PLAYERS, initiating and writing protest, reading rules and regulations governing our athletic leagues.

MANGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TEAM’S CONDUCT ON THE FIELD OF PLAY. THE PARK POLICE WILL MONITOR FIELDS DURING GAMES AND WILL ISSUE TICKETS, NO DRINKING OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES OR BEER PERMITTED AT BALL GAMES/FIELDS. Umpires are instructed not to umpire where these conditions exist. Drinking of intoxicating beverages or beer during a game by a participating player shall result in the immediate removal of that player from the game and/or team manager. It is requested that teams playing the LATE games at the lighted facilities leave the area in a reasonable time upon completion of their game.

Consumption of beverages and other post game activities must be moved to other facilities more adequately equipped to handle such large gatherings. The Park Police will monitor the parking areas and will take corrective action of violations to assist in relieving the congestion. Your cooperation is essential.

PARKING

We are reminding managers to inform their team members, as well as fans, that all parking rules and regulations will be enforced.

There are specific areas that we request your cooperation:

NOKOMIS - The parking lot on the east side of the fields next to the beach area is a pay lot.

NSP - Do not use the Dispatch Company’s parking lot across the street from the fields. That is private property. There is ample parking space in the lot on the west side adjacent to the field for your use. Do not use the boulevard.

TOILET FACILITIES - Toilet facilities are provided for teams and spectators use. Using public or private property is inappropriate and poor public relations for the softball program and your sponsors.

EQUIPMENT

OFFICIAL SOFTBALLS will be used in all league competition. Official softballs are those which come under the specifications of the A.S.A. Guide and RuleBOOK.

Men & Women Slow-Pitch home team supplies one (1) new ball, and one (1) good back up ball.

Men's Slow Pitch - Red Stitch 12 inch ball ASA .440 core 375 compression - A.S.A. Logo, Optic Yellow

Women's Slow Pitch - The Red Stitch 11 inch ball ASA .440 core 375 compression - A.S.A. Logo, Optic Yellow

Co - Ed Leagues Women will hit the 11-inch ball, men will hit the 12-inch ball
Home team will supply one new 11" ball and one new 12" ball

Home team responsible for all backup balls

OFFICIAL BATS will be used in all league and tournament competition. Official softball bats are those which come under the specifications of the A.S.A., see Rule 3 - Equipment, Section 1. The official bat, A through J. Please check www.ASAsoftball.com click on certified equipment for a current list of approved and banned bats.

The on deck batter may loosen up only with official softball bats or an approved warm-up bat. (See rule 3, Equipment section 2, warm up bat
Nothing may be attached to a bat such as a donut, bat ring, fan, etc., when loosening up.

PLAYERS UNIFORMS

Waiver A.S.A. Rule. Local requirement: All players MUST wear some type of footgear; they may not play bare footed. All players MUST wear some type of upper and lower garment. (Long or short pants).

Number on uniform will not be enforced during league play or Metro Tournament. Teams advancing to State, Regional or National Tournament play must adhere to uniform code. (A.S.A. rulebook).

Bases will be provided at all locations:

Where bases are provided - Home team of the 1st game will be responsible for setting them in place. The team that ends the last game of the evening in the field will be responsible for picking bases up and returning them to the storage facility provided. We must have everyone cooperation in this venture.

Managers are requested to exchange line-ups, first and last names of players and their position, two minutes before game time.

BASE AND PITCHING DISTANCES

BASE LINE - Pitching Distances - A.S.A. Rules will apply.

Base Distance - Pitching Distance

MEN & WOMEN	65 Feet	50 Feet
CO ED	65 Feet	50 Feet (Playing with 11" & 12" Softball)

FORFEIT AND CONFLICT

If for any reason you cannot make your scheduled game, be considerate enough to notify our office and your opponents that you are forfeiting the game. Forfeits are frowned upon by teams.

SOFTBALL INFORMATION - PHONE

Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., call (612) 230-6490 for any questions regarding fall softball and leave a message if necessary.

During the softball season, cancellation information can be obtained by Internet at www.minneapolisparcs.org and click on activities/programs, adult sports, softball, weather update link.

UMPIRES

Players, managers and interested parties of softball, we are looking for umpires. It's a good time to get in on the action. The umpire pay rate is \$23.00 per game. The M.U.A. - Minneapolis Umpire Association will train. Contact our office at (612) 230-6493.

Emergency Umpires

If umpire does not show, managers should select an emergency umpire immediately. Have him/her get an official score pay card (\$23.00 per game) from nearby umpire and mail to the Park and Recreation Office at: 2117 West River Road
Minneapolis, MN 55411-2227

ASSAULTS AND INDIGNITIES TO PLAYERS OR OFFICIALS IS AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATING IN MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD ATHLETIC COMPETITION UNTIL REINSTATED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

For Standings

Winning Managers will be responsible for entering scores on the website so that standings can be calculated in a timely manner.

Rulebooks and Scorebooks

Free rulebooks and scorebooks are available at our Recreation Office, 2117 West River Road 2nd floor (next door to Broadway Pizza) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sorry, due to cost restrictions we are unable to mail rulebooks and scorebooks.

If anyone believes he or she has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, affectional preference, disability, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance he or she may file a complaint alleging to discrimination with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board 612-230-6400, or 2117 West River Rd. Minneapolis, MN 55411.