



2017 Adult Men's Softball Entry Form

950 S. Fort Thomas Avenue
Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075
859-781-1700

ENTRY FEE

ENTRY FEE: \$ 310 — AFTER the Deadline: \$ 335
Entry Fee does NOT include umpire fees.

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TEAM NAME : _____ **PREVIOUS NAME:** _____

Team Captain/Coach's Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day/Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Home/Evening Phone: _____

Team Assistant Captain/Coach's Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day/Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Home/Evening Phone: _____

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11)	20)

Please check one: (New teams label choices from 1st to 4th)

<input type="checkbox"/> *MONDAY NIGHT — Men's Church League *Must have a church name and sponsor.	<input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE - Men's
<input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE - Men's	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY NIGHT LEAGUE - Men's

Season Begins: *April 10th*

Schedules will be available: *April 3rd*

Returning teams from last season who submit an entry form and payment will be given priority over any new team. Returning teams who submit late entries are not guaranteed a spot in the league. New teams are admitted on a first-come/first-serve space available. Any team who submitted payment and does not receive a spot in the league will have their entry fee refunded.

Registration Forms (all 4 pages) and entry fees may be sent by mail to.....
Ft. Thomas Recreation Department, 950 South Ft. Thomas Avenue, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Forms may also be dropped off at the Recreation Department in the Armory Gymnasium (located in Tower Park) between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday-Friday. Forms may also be dropped into our mailbox located outside the main door of the Armory on the park side of the building. **NOTE: Entry fee and deadline are strictly enforced.**

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Wednesday,
March 15, 2016
by 3:00 PM



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GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

A 12-game season with a single-elimination tournament following the season and that all rain-out games will be played prior to the tournament (unless mutual consent of coaches allows for those games to be skipped over). Team certificates will be awarded to the 1st & 2nd place finishers in league and tournament play. Head to head records will be used to determine winner in the event of a tie.

No more than 20 players may be listed on my roster and that if at any time my roster is found to NOT be 100% accurate, my team may be eliminated from the league and will lose the entry fee. Any person playing that is not on a participating team's roster constitutes a forfeit. **Exception: Non roster players may be used provided both teams are agreeable. The player(s) will be required to sign a waiver agreement releasing the City of Ft. Thomas and the Umpires Association free of liability resulting from their participating in the game.** Protest must be made before game is over.

Players may be added to a roster prior to May 31st without penalty or fees. No changes are permitted to the roster after May 31st.

City of Ft. Thomas ordinances prohibit alcohol in city parks and ball fields.

Bases and softballs will be provided by the league

Regular Season game times are as early as 6:00 and as late at 9:30 PM each night. There is no GRACE Period – games will start on time. The 6:00 PM game may start with teams short on players, however, after the 2nd inning, the game shall be forfeited if a team does not provide nine (9) players. Games will end at 11:00 PM. ****In the event a league has less than 8 teams, game start times may be adjusted. Game times may be adjusted to accommodate the number of teams and tournament play.** A 10-run Mercy Rule will be in effect after the losing team has completed 5 turns at bat. I further understand that a Mercy Rule of 16 runs after 4 completed innings will be instituted. I also understand that the winning team is responsible to report the score to the concession supervisor at the conclusion of the game. Scores not properly reported will result in a LOSS assessed to the winning team.

Teams may bat any number of players and utilize free substitution throughout the game. If the number of batters that started the game is reduced, WSL rules will take effect.

The Rain-Out number is 859-441-4226 and that a decision on rain-outs will not be made until one hour prior to the first game of the evening – typically 5:00 PM. I understand that I, as the Head Coach, NOR any of my players, are to contact the Recreation Department office to obtain this information and should contact the Rain-out line only.

UMPIRE PAYMENTS

The following rules for payment shall be in effect.....

- Each team shall pay \$12.00 CASH to the umpire.
- Fees are to be paid BEFORE the start of each game.
- Teams MUST present EXACT amount
--- umpires are not expected to make change.

RAIN-OUTS

- In the event of Rain-Out before the game begins, teams do NOT pay the umpire. If the game begins and the umpire has been paid..... teams will NOT pay another game fee when the game is re-scheduled.....Department will handle this fee. You only pay one fee per game.

FORFEITS

- The forfeiting team is FULLY RESPONSIBLE for the payment of the FULL \$24.00 umpire fee in the event of a Forfeited Game. Fees from a Forfeited Game are due to the Recreation Office or the Concession Stand within **48 hours after the Forfeited Game.**

Examples:

- Team A has 10 players and NO players from Team B are there.....Team B forfeits and must pay the full \$24.00 fee.
- Team A has 10 players and Team B has 5 players.....Team B forfeits and must pay the full \$24.00 fee.
- Team A has 5 players and Team B has 5 players.....this is a Double Forfeit and each team owes their respective \$12.00 fee.

CANCELLATIONS

If a team must cancel a game due to personal reasons, the following rules are in effect.....

- Cancellation must be submitted to this office and accepted (by phone or email) within 24 hours of the game time. If this is done, the cancelling team will not be charged an umpire fee.
- If Cancellation is received in less than the 24 hour time period, cancelling team will be responsible for the full \$24.00 umpire fee. In either case.....a Cancelled Game is a Forfeited Game and the team will be credited with a LOSS and the game will not be re-played. (In cases of hardship (ex.-death), the Director reserves the right to make adjustments to this policy).

Teams who fail to pay at the end of the season will be required to pay prior to entering a new year/season.

Coach Signature

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DOUBLE-FIRST BASE RULES

Pursuant to the 2013 WSL Softball Rules, the following will be in effect.....

Sec. 7. THE BASES other than the home plate shall be 15 inches square and not more than 3 inches high. They shall be made of canvas bags, plastic or other suitable materials filled with soft padding. They shall be WHITE, RED or ORANGE in color. All BASES must be securely fastened at their designated places.

NOTE: The safety base shall be 15 inches by 30 inches and not more than 3 inches high. The safety base should be positioned such that the white portion is located where first base would normally be (in fair territory) and the colored portion (red or orange) should be in foul territory. Any batted ball hitting the white portion should be fair and any ball hitting the red or orange portion should be foul. On the initial throw to first base from the infield or outfield, the batter-runner **MUST TOUCH** the red or orange portion of the base but not the white. If legally appealed by the defense, the runner will be called out. The defensive player **MUST** always touch the white portion. This rule is in effect only on the initial play at first base.

This does not include:

1. Returning to the base after over running,
2. Running on a base hit to the outfield (runner may touch the red or white part) or
3. Re-tag to advance on a fly ball.

EFFECT: If the base runner uses the orange portion at any time after the first attempt at first base and is not in contact with the white portion, then he is considered off the base.

TOURNAMENT BRACKETING AND TIMES

The Tournament Bracket will be as follows for each division.....

# 3 vs # 6	Week 1	6:15 PM
# 1 vs # 8	Week 1	7:25 PM
# 2 vs # 7	Week 1	8:35 PM
# 4 vs # 5	Week 1	9:45 PM

Semi-Finals and Finals

1-8 winner vs. 4-5 winner	Week 2	6:15 PM
3-6 winner vs. 2-7 winner	Week 2	7:25 PM
Finals	Week 2	8:35 PM

Any team who forfeits two (2) games will be eliminated from the tournament and will lose priority for registration for next season.

Tournament Games will start ON-TIME.....NO GRACE PERIOD PERMITTED. Grace Period has been built-in by starting games at 6:15 PM.

Tournament Schedules and Brackets will be posted AFTER the completion of all Regular Season gamesin the event that a final game may change seedings.

Seeding is based on regular season record. A tie for a seed slot will be resolved by head-to-head record.....then a coin flip.

Tournament Brackets will be posted ON-LINE Requests for changes to game times are not recommended. Only under extreme cases will this office consider a time change to the bracket.

Home Team in during tournament play will be the higher seeded team.

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END OF GAME PROCEDURES

In order to keep games on time and to ensure that a "curfew" of 11:00 PM is kept due to neighboring households surrounding the park, every effort must be made to keep games on time.

1 – teams are encouraged to have players at the field early in order to ensure that games may start on time. Umpires will not permit infield practice and other warm-up activities that will prevent games from starting on time.

2 – teams and players should maintain proper field decorum and keep the game moving. Teams should move quickly from offense to defense / defense to offense and should be prepared to do so when the final out of an inning is made. Players needing drinks or to find equipment should have those matters taken care of prior to the 3rd out. This will avoid lag time in your game and keep the pace moving. This will also aid in preventing the issue of losing innings at the end of a game due to time constraints.

When a game has reached the 1 hour mark in time played (this time should be maintained by the umpire in agreement with the coaches – no arguments nor protests will be accepted out of this time-keeping procedure).....

The current inning being played shall be the final inning of the game, regardless of where we are in that inning.

Examples --- all when the clock hits 1 hour in game timed played.....

Top of the inning with 1 out and 2 runners on.....finish the inning. If visiting team is losing at the end of the top ½, game is over. If home team is losing at end of top ½, go ahead and play the bottom ½ of the inning. This rule is in effect regardless of the inning (except an extra inning – see below).

Bottom of the inning with 2 out.....finish this inning and do not go to another. If the 1 hour mark hits and within the next pitch, the 3rd out is made, a new inning shall NOT be started. This will cause time delays and back up the later games.

This rule shall be in effect for ALL games – including the 9:30 PM game. Some players in the past have thought that the last game should have more time as they start at 9:30 and lights are available until 11:00 PM.....Sorry.....this is not a fair practice for you to have additional game time when the earlier games were played under the 1 hour time played situation. ALL 4 games will be played under the same set of rules.

EXTRA INNINGS

In the event that a game has completed 7-innings of play prior to the 1 hour mark and there is time to attempt an additional inning, the extra inning shall be played using the California Tie-Breaker System. **At the beginning of each team's at-bat the last batter from the previous inning is placed on 2nd base.**

Additional innings will be played as long as time permits, however, the rules involving the 1 Hour Time Mark shall be instituted when applicable.

Example:

After 7-innings, score is tied and the game is at the 53-minute mark. 8th inning is played and the game is at the 58 minute mark. The 9th inning shall start. The situation is top of the inning with 2-out when the game reaches the 1 hour mark.....bottom of the inning shall be played and game shall be completed, regardless of the score (game ending in a tie if that is the case). No further innings shall be played.

I (print) _____ understand that it is my responsibility as the coach/captain to have read and fully understand all rules applicable to the City of Ft. Thomas Recreation Softball Leagues and I further understand that any rule not specifically covered by the League Rules shall be governed by the current WSL Softball Playing Rules.

I understand that I, as the coach/captain, am responsible for remaining in contact with the Recreation Department office. I further understand that I, as the Head Coach, shall be the ONLY person to contact the office for information or to request special arrangements and that my players are NOT to make contact. I agree to inform my players that I will handle all communications and that the individual players are not to contact the Recreation Department Staff, either by phone or email, regarding softball league items.

Coach Signature

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