

2011 FALL ADULT SOFTBALL & TOUCH FOOTBALL INFORMATION

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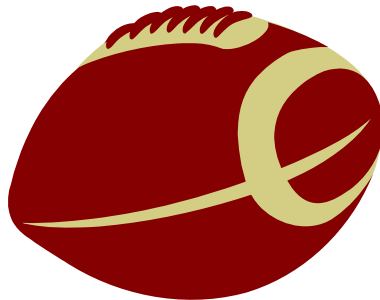
2011 League Information

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The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Division is now accepting registrations for the 2011 Fall Adult Sports Programs.

Play begins August 29th. Softball leagues will play five weeks of double headers, touch football leagues will play a seven week season. Play is offered from competitive to recreational levels.



All teams participating in a fall league will be registered with state-wide sanctioning bodies. For softball, this includes the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) and the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA), with league play following ASA rules. Touch football teams will be sanctioned with the Minnesota Sports Federation.

All games will be officiated. One umpire for softball and three officials for touch football.

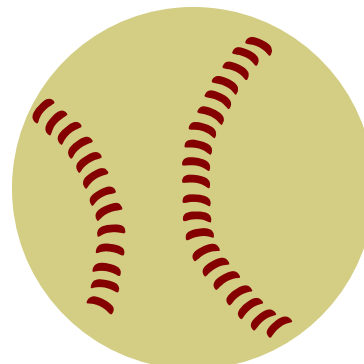
Teams are required to provide equipment for their usage. This includes gloves, bats, and balls. All attempts will be made to post updated listing of current illegal bats on the backstop of each field. Teams will provide balls for their team to hit. The ball that they provide does not need to be a new ball, but it must be verified that it is a legal ball. Legal balls for the 2011 season are:

When a male is batting—12 inch red stitched ball with a COR of .44 and a maximum compression of 375 lbs.

When a female is batting—11 inch red stitched ball

Touch football teams are required to have each player in uniform. Similar colored shirts is sufficient for a uniform.

Each touch football team is required to supply their own game ball which meets National Federation specifications.



2011 LEAGUE FEES

Fees include a ten game season, which includes scheduling of a field, umpires and t-shirts for the league champions.

Resident League Fees

Fall Softball
\$525 + tax = \$563.20

Touch Football
\$545 + tax = \$584.65

Non-Resident League Fees

Teams are considered to be non-resident if the team is not comprised of at least 75% of team members living or working in Bloomington.

Fall Softball
\$580 + tax = \$622.20

Touch Football
\$600 + tax = \$643.55

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Returning Team Deadline
Friday July 29th

New Team Registration
August 2—6

REGISTRATION INFO

To accommodate double headers in the short fall season, all softball leagues must have an even number of teams. Registrations may be returned to the last team that registers for a league if their registration creates an odd amount of teams in the league.

2011 Game Schedule

- * League Play begins on Monday August 29th
- * No games will be scheduled on September 5th
- * Any games cancelled will be added to the end of the season

Other Adult League Opportunities

- * Fall Volleyball
- * Winter Basketball
- * Winter Volleyball

Please contact the Parks and Recreation Division if you would like further information

The City of Bloomington does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or computer disk.

2011 Men's Fall Softball Leagues

The following leagues are offered to men's softball teams. Teams are classified under the Minnesota Sports Federation guidelines and must be solely comprised of male players.

Leagues may be comprised of teams with differing playing abilities. With the exception of the Wednesday Men's 1 League, all leagues are offered at the D level, but C teams will be eligible to participate. League games may be played at either Dred Scott or Valley View Playfield. Leagues listed were leagues played during the 2010 Fall Season and are subject to change.

Monday

Men's 1

Men's 2

Tuesday

Men's

Wednesday

Men's 1—Most competitive league offered

Men's 2

Men's 3

Thursday

Men's

2011 Women's Softball Leagues

The following leagues are offered to women's softball teams. Teams are classified under the Minnesota Sports Federation guidelines and must be solely comprised of female players. Leagues may be comprised of teams with differing playing abilities. League games may be played at either Dred Scott or Valley View Playfield.

Thursday

Women's D

2011 Co-Rec Softball Leagues

The following leagues are offered to co-rec teams. Teams are classified under the Minnesota Sports Federation guidelines. Teams are required to play with 5 male and 5 female players. Leagues may be comprised of teams with differing playing abilities. All leagues are offered at the D level, but C teams will be eligible to participate. League games may be played at either Dred Scott or Valley View Playfield. Leagues listed were leagues played during the 2010 Fall Season and are subject to change.

Monday

Co-Rec 1

Co-Rec 2

Tuesday

Co-Rec 1

Co-Rec 2

Co-Rec 3

Wednesday

Co-Rec

FIELD LOCATIONS

Dred Scott Playfield
10820 Bloomington Ferry Road

Valley View Playfield
9000 Portland Avenue South

GAME INFORMATION

Games are scheduled to start at 6:15, 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15. If a team does not have a legal number of players to play at game time, that team will be designated the visitors and the first inning will begin. If the team does not have a legal number of players by the time the top half of the first inning is complete the game will be declared a forfeit. The team that is short must have a minimum of 6 players as to not create a void in the batting order.

All games are scheduled to play 7 innings.

Games do have a 1 hour time limit. This means that a new inning can not start after 60 minutes of play.

Games will be declared complete if there is more than a 10 run differential after 5 completed innings.

All games will have a four home run limit (untouched, over the fence).

Thursday

Co-Rec 1

Co-Rec 2

2011 Touch Football League

The City of Bloomington offers adult touch football leagues. Bloomington has traditionally offered the top touch football program in the state. This is evidenced by top finishes in the 2010 with a Bloomington team winning the Class A and Class C Championship, as well as Bloomington teams finishing second and third in the Class B division.

The touch football leagues are played at Dred Scott Playfield. All games are officiated by three officials. Bloomington has the luxury of having the MSF's Touch Football Rules Interpreter work as the lead official for the touch football leagues.

League Offerings

Wednesday - Star B/C
Star C2

The Wednesday B/C league is geared towards B and competitive C teams that have participated at MSF State Tournaments.

League Rules

1. **Passing**—One forward pass per down. A forward pass is a pass that crosses the line of scrimmage. Unlimited passes may be made behind the line of scrimmage, even if the pass is going towards the line of scrimmage.
2. **Blocking/Rushing**—Player blocking must remain on his feet. Arms must be extended, but no further than 45 degrees at the point contact is initiated. The hands must remain open. Contact must not be made above the shoulders, in the back or below the waist. Players must not attempt to play through their opponent.
3. **Touching**—Placing one hand on or below the shoulders of an opponent (including the ball). Diving tags are not legal, one foot of the toucher must be on the ground when the tag is made.
4. **Snapping the Ball**—The ball must pass through the center's legs to be considered a legal snap.

FIELD LOCATION

Dred Scott Playfield
10820 Bloomington Ferry Road

GAME INFORMATION

Games are played on fields that are 90 yards from end line to end line and 40 yards wide. Field markings include 15 and 35 yard lines that also serve as first down markers.

Games are scheduled to start at 6:00, 6:55, 7:50, 8:45 and 9:40. If a team does not have six eligible players at game time, the game clock will start. If, after 5 minutes, the team does not have six players, the game will be declared a forfeit.

All Games are played in two, 20 minute halves.

2011 Adult League Registration Information

To register for an adult league you will need to take the following steps:

1. Completely fill out the yellow registration form. This includes team name, manager's info, league and night preferred, payment info and signature on the back side. Registrations will not be accepted if the registration form is not completely filled out.
2. Return completed registration form and **full payment** to the Parks and Recreation Office. Returning team priority registration period closes at the end of the business day on Friday July 30th.
2. At this point, new teams will be placed into leagues on a first come, first serve basis.
3. Once your team has been entered into a league, you will receive a confirmation packet that will include a receipt, City roster/waiver form, Spring Tune Up registration information and info on the Managers' Meetings.

IMPORTANT

- These meetings will be held on August 22nd in the Council Chambers at Bloomington Civic Plaza, located at 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.
- Completed City roster/waiver form must be turned in prior to your team's first game. Failure to do so will result in your team being penalized with forfeits until a completed form is turned in. All players participating on your team must be on your team's roster form. If they are not listed on your team's roster, they are considered an ineligible player and your team is risking forfeits.
- A representative from your team must attend one of the Managers' Meetings to receive your team's pertinent league information (schedules, rule books, etc).



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