

2012 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL INFORMATION

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**John Stutzman
League Director**

2012 Game Schedule

- * League Play begins on Friday April 27th.
- * No games will be scheduled on May 25, 28 or July 4, 20.
- * July 1-7 games will not be scheduled, but will be utilized as make up dates if need be.
- * Fridays may also be used as make up dates.

2012 League Information

The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Division is now accepting registrations for the 2012 Summer Softball season.

Play begins April 27th and continues through July. Teams will play a ten week regular season schedule. Play is offered from competitive to recreational levels. For more details, see page 2.

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 2012 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 with a COR of .44 and a maximum compression of 375 lbs

For 2012, Bloomington softball leagues will play at 70' bases. ASA and USSSA will have adopted this base distance for all leagues (except seniors) by the 2013 season. This decision has been made in the interest of the safety of all players in Bloomington.

2012 Updates

In December 2011, the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) removed State Commissioner, Perry Coonce as Minnesota Commissioner. ASA is currently in the process of filling the State Commissioner position.

The City of Bloomington plans to continue to sanction teams for to play in the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). Additionally, the city plans to continue to play under ASA rules and sanction teams to play in the ASA. During the upcoming months, the City will monitor ASA's status to make an

informed decision in the best interest of all the participants in Bloomington softball leagues. A decision will be made regarding ASA team sanctioning and league rules no later than April 1st.

If it is decided that teams will not be sanctioned in both ASA and USSSA, teams that wish can withdraw from Bloomington leagues. Refunds will be issued for any teams that withdraw due to a change in sanctioning or league rules.

John Stutzman, Recreation Supervisor for the City of Bloomington, is the new

2012 LEAGUE FEES

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

Resident League Fees
Double Header Leagues
\$785 + tax = \$842.11

Single Game Leagues
\$555 + tax = \$595.38

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.

Double Header Leagues
\$840 + tax = \$901.11

Single Game Leagues
\$610 + tax = \$654.38

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Returning Team Deadline
Monday, March 5th

New Team Registration
March 6-19

League Director for Adult Sports Leagues. He began working for the city in early December. John can be reached at 952-563-8880.

For those teams who knew him, the City of Bloomington is sad to inform you that Dave Klingerman, a long-time Bloomington Parks and Recreation Supervisor, passed away on January 7th. Please keep his family in your thoughts.

2012 Men's Softball Leagues

The following leagues are offered to men's softball teams. Teams will be classified under the guidelines appointed by the sanctioning body for Minnesota ASA and must be solely comprised of male players. Proposed fields are listed after each league offering. Both leagues and fields are subject to change without notice prior to schedules being created.

DS = Dred Scott

VV = Valley View

Monday

Men's D1 Double Header DS7, 9 & 10

Men's D2 Double Header DS7, 8 & 11

Tuesday

Men's B/C Open DS9-10

Church B/Men's D Double Header DS8 & 11

Church B1 Single Game DS4 & 7

Church B2 Single Game DS4 & 7

Wednesday

Men's C/D Double Header DS7, 9 & 10

Men's D Double Header DS7, 8 & 11

Men's D Single Game DS4

Thursday

Men's C/D Double Header DS7, 9 & 10

Men's D Double Header DS7, 8 & 11

Men's D/Over 35 Single Game DS4

2012 Women's Softball Leagues

The following leagues are offered to women's softball teams. Teams will be classified under the guidelines appointed by the sanctioning body for Minnesota ASA and must be solely comprised of female players. Proposed fields are listed after each league offering. Both leagues and fields are subject to change without notice prior to schedules being created.

VV = Valley View

Thursday

Women's D Double Header VV3 & 4

2012 Co-Rec Softball Leagues

The following leagues are offered to co-rec teams. Teams will be classified under the guidelines appointed by the sanctioning body for Minnesota ASA and are required to play with 5 male and 5 female players. Leagues are offered in a tiered system, meaning a D1 league is more competitive than a D3 league which is more of a beginner/recreational level league. Proposed fields are listed after each league offering. Both leagues and fields are subject to change without notice prior to schedules being created.

Monday

Co-Rec B/C/D Double Header VV2 & 4

Tuesday

Co-Rec D1 VV2

Co-Rec D2 VV10 & 11

Co-Rec D3 VV13 & 16

Wednesday

Co-Rec D1 VV4

Co-Rec D2 VV2

Co-Rec D3 VV8 & 12

Thursday

Co-Rec D1 VV2

Co-Rec D2 VV9 & 10

Co-Rec D3 VV13 & 16

Friday

Co-Rec D Double Header VV2 & 4

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.

2012 Spring Tune Up

The 8th annual Spring Tune Up will take place on Saturday April 28th at Dred Scott. Cost in 2012 will be \$80.46 (\$75 + tax) for three games.

The Spring Tune Up is only available to teams that are registered to participate in Bloomington leagues. It is not designed to be a tournament, rather scrimmage games to provide an opportunity to compete prior to the regular season starting.

This is a great opportunity for teams to play in game-like situations in a relaxed atmosphere. It is an ideal time for teams to try players at new positions, work the rust off that built up over the winter or simply scrimmage other teams and enjoy the sport.

Registration information will be included in the confirmation packet that each team will receive.

Teams may practice on fields prior to the season starting at no cost on a first come, first play basis. If your team would like to reserve a field for practice, the fee is \$19.00/hour plus tax.

Interested in Umpiring?



Recreational Sports Officials Association (RSOA) is always looking for new members. RSOA schedules officials for softball, basketball, touch football and volleyball leagues.

If you are interested in umpiring during the 2012 season, please contact Phil Gladhill at

763-557-4855 by April 1st.

Umpires will need to obtain proper certification prior to umpiring any games for RSOA.

2012 Adult Softball Registration Information

To register for a softball league you will need to take the following steps:

1. Completely fill out the 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 Monday March 6th. 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

- A representative from your team must attend one of the Managers' Meetings to receive your team's pertinent league information (schedules, rule books, etc). These meetings will be held on April 17 and 18 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. At the end of each month, forfeits will become official if roster/waiver form has not been received. No Exceptions will be made! 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.



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