



GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT MEN'S 12" SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

- Games are at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30pm (dependant on number of teams)
- 10 game regular season + single-elimination, post-season tournament
- All games played at Ackerman Park
- League fees – \$700/resident team, \$825/non-resident team
- \$100 cash award for each league champion
- \$50 cash award for each league runners-up
- \$75 cash award for each tournament champion
- \$50 cash award for each tournament runners-up

NOTE: REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT RETURNING TEAMS WILL BE ABLE TO SECURE A SPOT IN THE SAME LEAGUE THAT THEY PARTICIPATED IN LAST YEAR.

REGISTRATION CODE #

Monday 110876
Wednesday 110877

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, April 6, 2018 Last day for teams to secure a spot for the Summer 2018 season.

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.gepark.org

A payment plan option is available for those who register online using a credit card. 50% of the league fees will be due upon registration with the balance being automatically charged to your credit card on April 13th.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 Captain's Meeting held at the Spring Avenue Recreation Center, 185 Spring Avenue.

Men's 12" 6:00 pm

Friday, April 13, 2018 Schedules available online after 12:00noon at www.gepark.org or for pickup at the Spring Avenue Recreation Center, 185 Spring Avenue.

Week of April 23, 2018 Season begins.

NOTE: Completed rosters are due prior to the first game.

OBJECTIVE

To provide an opportunity for interested persons to play organized softball. Fair play and sportsmanship are the responsibility of every player and captain.

CAPTAINS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All teams should send a captain or team representative to the Captain's Meeting.

NOTE: Modifications to the league, including, but not limited to rules and awards, may take place at the Captain's Meeting. Failure of a team representative to attend shall not exempt that team from any modifications that may be made.

2. All captains are expected to inform their players concerning all rules and regulations prior to the first game and as many times thereafter as necessary to make sure that no violations will occur.
3. It is the captain's responsibility to make sure all league fees, roster and waivers, and non-resident fees are submitted and paid.
4. All captains are expected to inform their players of scheduled games, schedule changes, make-ups and standings.
5. Captains are responsible for notifying the Recreation Supervisor of a change of address and/or phone number.
6. It is the captain's responsibility to check the score each inning to insure accuracy and to check the final score which is listed on the official score sheet.
7. Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their team members and any team spectators at all times, including prior to, during, and after completion of the game.
8. Only team captains are to discuss a disagreement with an umpire.
9. If it is known that the captain will be unavailable during a certain period of time, it is the responsibility of that captain to call the Recreation Supervisor and submit another contact name, if other than the co-captain.

LEAGUE ROSTER/WAIVER

1. All teams must submit an official roster/waiver. Roster/waivers must include each player's name, address, home phone number and signature.
2. All players must be at least 18 years of age or older prior to participation in league play.
3. Roster changes will be allowed as designated by the Park District deadline, **before the third game of the season**. Signatures are required on the official roster prior to participation in league play.
4. A player may only play on one team in each league. If a player is on more than one team's roster in a given league, he/she will be declared ineligible for that league.
5. Any team giving false information on a roster shall be dismissed from the league without any money being refunded.
6. For consideration as a resident team, 75% of the roster must reside in Glen Ellyn or work for a Glen Ellyn business that is sponsoring the team.
7. All players with a Glen Ellyn address must submit a copy of their Driver's License or photo identification with their current address to prove residency within Park District boundaries. Those players not providing photo identification shall be considered as non-residents for purposes of determining the percentage of resident players on the roster.
8. Rosters will consist of a maximum of twenty (20) players.

RAIN OUTS AND CANCELLATIONS

1. Do not assume games are canceled because of weather conditions. Every effort will be made to play the games, even in light rain. If games are determined to be playable and your team does not show, you will lose by forfeit. If there are any questions as to whether a game is canceled due to weather conditions, **information will be available by calling 630-984-5075**. Rainout and cancellation information will be available after 4:00pm. It is the captain's responsibility to contact their players.
2. In the instance of confirmed lightning and/or thunder by an umpire or park district staff, all games shall immediately cease and players, participants, and staff will be required to clear the fields and the stands.

Games will not be allowed to continue until 30 minutes have passed without another confirmation of lightning or thunder. If after 30 minutes and prior to the game being considered official, conditions have not improved so as to continue the game, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

Should a game continue after a weather related stoppage, there will be a hard time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes so as to not unduly impact games that follow.

In the event that weather forces a second stoppage of play before the game is considered official, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

3. If, during a game, weather conditions force a stoppage of play (with the exception of lightning and/or thunder) before the game is considered official, a fifteen (15) minute delay shall be in effect. If after fifteen (15) minutes, conditions have not improved so as to continue the game, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

In the event that weather conditions force a second stoppage of play before the game is considered official, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

4. **Should two games be called off in a given evening because of lightning, thunder, and/or weather related issues, the remainder of the evening's games shall also be called off and rescheduled at a later date.**
5. Rainouts will be rescheduled following the regular season or as late-season doubleheaders (schedule permitting).
6. Teams will be given as much advance notice for all make up games as possible.

SCHEDULES

1. The Glen Ellyn Park District reserves the right to modify any and all softball schedules as necessary to operate the league.
2. Schedules will be available after 12:00noon on ***Friday, April 13th***. They will be available on the Park District's website at ***www.gepark.org*** or for pick-up at the Spring Avenue Recreation Center, 185 Spring Avenue.

RULES

1. **ASA rules apply except where the Glen Ellyn Park District has made adaptations.**
2. A team consists of ten players, eleven if the extra player (EP) is used. In order to start a game, at least **eight** players must be present.
3. Use of an EP must be declared prior to the start of the game. If an EP is designated and not present, an out will be recorded each time the EP is to bat.
4. If a player is ejected for inappropriate conduct, the player's place may not be taken by anyone else, forcing a team to play short a player for the remainder of the game. An automatic out will be assessed each time that player would have batted.
5. Teams have the option of batting their entire roster, if desired. This must be declared prior to the start of the game. Once declared, it will be in effect for the entire game. All other rules remain in effect.
6. A starting player may re-enter the game once, provided that they occupy their original place in the batting order. An exception may be made due to injury at the umpire's discretion.
7. One game ball will be provided. In the event of a foul ball, teams are asked to retrieve the ball so that play may continue. Teams may provide the umpire with an "extra" ball so that play may continue until the game ball is returned to play. "Extra" balls provided by teams must be approved by the umpire and conform to league specifications prior to being allowed to be put into play.

8. The ball to be used for all games is the Worth AHD12SY ASA Softball. The home team may keep the game ball.
9. Score books will be provided.

GAME PLAY

1. Eight players are required for an official game, and teams may add a ninth and tenth player at any time. Should a team play with only eight players, an out shall be recorded each time the ninth spot in the batting order is scheduled to bat.

NOTE: If at any time after completion of the third inning, a team with only eight players falls behind by fifteen (15) or more runs, the game shall be immediately declared over.

2. Games are scheduled for seven innings or one hour. In case of rain, a four-inning game will be official (three and one-half innings if the home team is winning).
3. A fifteen (15) run slaughter rule will be in effect after the fourth inning (three and one-half if the home team is ahead) or ten (10) runs after the fifth inning (four and one-half if the home team is ahead).
4. Games tied after the completion of seven innings (but prior to the one hour time limit) shall continue using the "International Tie-Breaker Rule." Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.
5. If the score is tied after one hour (regardless of inning), the game will be completed using the "International Tie-Breaker Rule" as described above.

NOTE: Due to the nature of the game and that no inning will be comparable to another, umpires and Glen Ellyn Park District staff reserve the right to announce time or last at bats depending on a given situation during the regular season.

6. Metal or detachable cleats are not allowed.
7. The infield fly rule applies.
8. Players must avoid contact. If a player fails to avoid contact and there is substantial physical contact in the judgment of the umpire, the runner shall be declared out and immediately ejected.
9. To appeal a play for a missed base - ask the umpire BEFORE the next pitch.
10. Fake tags will NOT be tolerated.
11. Player Conduct - Players must respect the umpire, Glen Ellyn Park District officials, and other players. Player's behavior is the responsibility of the player and captain of that team. Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will be automatically suspended for a MINIMUM of two additional games at the Recreation Supervisor's discretion. Further unsportsmanlike conduct may result in forfeiture of games and/or suspensions.

BATTING

1. Each batter will begin with a 1-1 count.
2. Batter is out if he throws the bat.
3. Bunting is not allowed. Players must take a full swing at the ball.
4. A batter is out if he hits one foul ball after two strikes.

5. All bats must be ASA approved. Use of an illegal bat may result in a player ejection and an automatic suspension for two additional games.
6. Bats must be covered with a non-slip tape or other approved material (minimum of ten inches).
7. The batter's box will not be marked, however, the batter may not cross the imaginary plane of the base until the ball is contacted. For the safety of the batters and catcher, the batter may be required to move up in the batter's box.
8. In all games in which a double first base is used, the batter-runner shall automatically be declared out if, on a play on the infield, he/she touches only the white portion of the base.

BASE RUNNING

1. Distance between bases shall be 70' for all leagues.
2. No stealing.
3. No lead-offs. Base runners may leave the base if the pitched ball hits the ground, is short, or is hit.
4. A courtesy runner may be used if a player is unable to run the bases due to injury. The umpire must be notified and the person making the last recorded out of the same gender shall be designated as the courtesy runner.

PITCHING

1. Pitching Distances –
The pitching rubber shall be at a distance of 50 feet from home plate.
2. The pitcher shall take a position with both feet on the ground with one or both feet in contact with the pitching rubber. The ball shall be held in one or both hands in front of the body.
3. The ball must be delivered to the batter at a height of at least six feet to a maximum of ***ten*** feet from the ground.

TIEBREAKER POLICY

In order to determine a league champion and tournament seeds, the tiebreaker will be based on: 1) league standing during the regular season (winning percentage), 2) head-to-head competition, 3) head-to-head point differential, 4) average point differential, 5) average points against, 6) record against common opponents, 7) strength of schedule, 8) forfeits, 9) coin toss.

FORFEITS

1. Game time is forfeit time!! If a team fails to have enough rostered players by game time (pursuant to Game Play Rule #1), the game will be awarded to the opposing team. Once an umpire declares a game forfeited, the game cannot be played. If a team forfeits 3 games, they will be declared ineligible for the post-season tournament. Forfeiture of a doubleheader, if needed, will be counted as one forfeit. **Please carry enough rostered players so as to not forfeit during the season.**
2. Grace Period – There will be a ten-minute grace period for all games that are scheduled to begin at 6:30pm or earlier. Should a team fail to have the minimum number of players required to begin the game upon conclusion of the grace period, the game shall be declared a forfeit and awarded to the opposing team. In addition, the grace period is considered a part of the one-hour time limit for the game.

PROTESTS

The umpire and site supervisor must be notified at the time of the protest in order to gather pertinent information (i.e. score, inning, time elapsed, etc.). **In addition, the captain must submit any protest in writing, along with a \$50 fee, within 24 hours of the game in question.** Judgment calls cannot be protested. If the protest is valid, the protest fee will be returned. If the protest is not allowed, the protest fee will not be returned. Rule protests will not be allowed in any post-season tournaments.

RULE VIOLATIONS (CONDUCT)

1. Players or captains in violation of the following shall be ejected from the game in which they are participating or declared ineligible to participate (if prior to):
 - A. Use of metal or detachable cleats.
 - B. Use of tobacco products

Players or captains in violation of the following shall be ejected from the game in which they are participating, as well as a minimum of two additional games (at the Recreation Supervisor's discretion):

- A. Use of excessive foul language
 - B. Possession and/or consumption of alcohol/drugs while on park property
 - C. Throwing bat or other equipment in anger
 - D. Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - E. Use of metal or detachable cleats (2nd offense)
 - F. Use of tobacco products (2nd offense)
2. **Use of tobacco products is prohibited within the playing/spectator areas of Ackerman Park (including, but not limited to the fields, dugouts, restrooms and stands) by all participants, spectators, and staff. Violation of this rule may result in forfeiture of the game.**
 3. Active participation in any type of disorderly conduct (fighting, etc.) will result in expulsion from the league for a minimum of one (1) full year, beginning the day of the incident, for the player and possibly the team.
 4. We ask that you respect the rights of the umpires and Park District Staff. If, for any reason, an umpire or Park District Staff is physically or verbally threatened or abused, or struck by a player or captain before, during or after a game, that person will be expelled from participation in any adult leagues indefinitely.
 5. Use of excessive foul language by spectators, or spectators in possession of alcohol on park property, must be policed by their respective team members. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game.
 6. Use of an unrostered (illegal) player will result in the forfeiture of the game in which he is caught illegally playing.

In the event that a team suspects that the opposing team is using an unrostered (illegal) player, a roster check may be requested. At that time all players from **both** teams will be required to produce photo identification.

Should the roster check occur prior to the beginning of the game, all players without photo identification will not be allowed to play. Should the roster check occur during the game, the game shall immediately be stopped and photo identification of all players from **both** teams will be checked. Any players unable to produce photo identification at that time shall be declared an unrostered (illegal) player.

NOTE: Roster checks must be called prior to the completion of the 1st inning of play.

In either situation, applicable forfeit rules apply, including the possibility of a double forfeit. In addition, the time taken to complete the roster check shall be considered as part of the one-hour time limit.

NOTE: Staff shall have the right to request a roster check on any individual player or team at any time.

TOURNAMENTS

1. A single elimination tournament is conducted at the end of league play. League standings determine the seeding of each team in the tournament.
2. **Any team with at least three wins, shall be eligible for the tournament.**
3. Tournament play has separate awards from league play.
4. Several games may be played in succession, which is common in tournament play.
5. Tournament rules will be the same as regular season rules, with the exception that games tied at the conclusion of seven innings or one hour, will be played until one team is ahead at the end of an inning utilizing the "International Tie-Breaker Rule."
6. Roster checks **may** be conducted for all tournament semi-final and championship games. Players not listed on the roster or who are without photo identification will not be allowed to participate.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. If you have any questions regarding the league, please contact Clint Babicz, Assistant Superintendent of Athletics at 630-858-2462 x 150.
2. Teams are reminded that the Glen Ellyn Park District does not carry medical insurance covering injuries incurred while participating in the Glen Ellyn Park District Softball League.
4. League information, including schedules, standings, and rainout information will be available at ***gepark.org/recreation/adult-softball/***.
5. The Glen Ellyn Park District reserves the right to modify any and all league rules, regulations, and procedures as necessary.