

City of Beavercreek

Adult Softball League

Fall 2010

The Beavercreek Adult Softball League is recreational in nature, and it is the sincere hope of the staff of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture that each player will enjoy their games at Rotary Park. These rules are given to each team to answer many questions and to provide guidance throughout the season. Please read them carefully and make sure that all team members are aware of the rules. These will also be posted at the field.

1. Game Time is 6:00 P.M., 7:10 P.M., 8:20 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. **Game time is forfeit time.** Game times are limited to 65 minutes each. No new inning can start after 7:05 P.M., 8:15 P.M. or 9:25 P.M.
 - a. The 6:00 P.M. game **only** has a 5-minute grace period to start (game can start at 6:05 P.M.). However, the last inning **must** start before 7:05 P.M. All games must finish as written in the rules.
 - b. If the previous game runs past the start time, the next game will be allowed to play a full 65 minutes. Umpires should adjust their time accordingly. The last inning still cannot begin after 65 minutes from the start of the game if there is a scheduled game that follows on the diamond. If there is no game scheduled afterward on the diamond, then the game should be completed. The lights must be turned off by 11 P.M.
 - c. Managers are requested to quickly leave the field and dugouts at the end of the game.
2. Game Schedule. A single round robin will be played. Each team plays 7 games. Games begin August 23, 2010 and play continues through October 11, 2010.
3. League. There are a maximum of 8 teams in each league.
4. Standings in the league will be sent to local newspapers each week and posted on the bulletin board by Diamond No. 1. Standings will also be posted on the city website at www.ci.beavercreek.oh.us, click on parks. If there is a discrepancy in the standings, the manager should contact the office immediately at 427-5514.
 - a. In the event that two teams tie for first or second place positions, the following procedure will determine the league winner:
 1. Winner of the game(s) played between the tied teams (head to head).
 2. If still tied after head to head comparison, compare the runs in the head to head games.
 3. Fewest total runs allowed (gross).

- b. If three or more teams are tied:
 - 1. Compare the total runs in the games when each of the teams played each other (head to head).
 - 2. Fewest total runs allowed (gross).
 - c. Forfeits are scored at 7-0.
 - d. A team sponsor trophy will be given to first and second place teams in each league. Individual T-shirts will be given to all players on the first place team in each league (maximum of 25 shirts/team). Awards will be given at the final game of each league.
5. Tied Game. When a game is tied at the end of a full inning and game time has run out, then the game is over. Tied games should only be finished if there is no following game scheduled to be played on that diamond (youth or adult). If the Supervisor of Parks, Recreation and Culture decides that the game needs to be played to determine league champions, then it will be finished during the make-up dates, starting at the next inning. When a game has been rescheduled, a team will not have to field the identical players used in the first scheduled game. Any changes in the original line-up will be substitutions and the re-entry rules would apply.
6. Home Team is listed in the right column (listed last) of game schedules. Home team sits on the 3rd base line.
7. Manager. The manager is responsible for the conduct of his/her players and team spectators. The manager shall inform the players of these rules. Only the manager may question the umpire concerning the interpretation of a rule.
- a. If the manager status changes for any reason or if the manager's telephone number or address changes, please contact the City with this information so that we may contact the manager of each team as needed (427-5514). This is also the address used to contact the team for next year.
 - b. All teams must designate an assistant manager on the player roster in case the designated manager is unavailable and we need to contact the team.
8. Park Rules. Beaver Creek City, Beaver Creek Township and Greene County ordinances and laws regarding the use of parks shall be in effect. **Players can be suspended from play for violation of these laws.**
- a. **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.** Umpires and City staff are authorized to eject anyone involved from the park. Players could be suspended from play in our leagues.
 - 1. If you are caught with alcohol, you will receive 1 warning letter; on the second offense, you will receive a one-week suspension; the third time will result in ejection from the league

2. Each time you receive a letter, the manager will be asked to sign that he has received it; failure to sign will result in an automatic advance to the next step. The only exception is if there is a refusal to sign the suspension letter, teams will receive a 2 week suspension instead of dismissal from the league
 - b. **Speed limit** in Rotary Park is 15 MPH. Please observe this limit – there are many children and families utilizing the park.
 - c. **Park in designated parking areas and not on the grass.** When the parking lots are full and vehicles are parked on the grass, they should be perpendicular to the roadway, close to the edge, and parked so as not to damage the grass. Please!
9. **Players.** USSSA Rules will govern all aspects of player's rules.
 - a. Men's teams may field only nine (9) players at the start of the game with no penalty. However, the team must have nine (9) players to start the game. If a team fails to field the specified players, they must forfeit the game. If a player is injured during a game and the number of player's drops to nine and the team has no substitute for that player, an out will be declared when their position comes up in the line up. If a player is ejected in play, and the number drops to nine the game will be forfeited. Under no circumstances, may a female play on a men's team.
 - b. Mixed (co-ed) teams may field at least **eight (8)** players at all times. Co-ed teams may field a minimum of **four females** at all times. A co-ed team may choose to play more females than four but may never drop below the minimum of four females. If a team fails to field the specified players, they must forfeit the game. Co-ed teams must bat an alternating line up of males and females until all males have been used then additional females may bat consecutively. **Anytime more male players are in a batting line-up than female players, the extra female spot is an automatic out each time through the line-up.**
 - c. A player who is injured and leaves the game in co-ed play will be declared out if their position in the line-up comes up and no substitute has filled their position.
 - d. If a player is ejected from co-ed play and has no substitute to take his or her place and the line-up drops below eight (8) players, the game will result in a forfeit.
10. **Roster.** At no time can the total number of names on the roster exceed thirty (30) **including** dropped players. All roster additions, changes and contracts must be submitted to the office **PRIOR** to the player participation.
 - a. All team rosters must be on file **BEFORE THE FIRST GAME** at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture Administration Offices. The Orchard Lane Maintenance Facility is open Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm.
 - b. The field supervisor at Rotary Park will accept roster or player contract cards. Team managers must ensure that these documents are handed **directly** to the Field Supervisor prior to the game. The Field Supervisor will initial and write in the time/date on all documents received. It is recommended that managers have the

Field Supervisor enter the information on their scorebook for a record.

- c. Team rosters will be on 8 ½ " x 11" pages. Managers are reminded to ask players to read before signing. A player must personally sign the roster before playing in any game.
 - d. Contract cards are provided in the manager's packet of materials for players signed up **after** the roster is turned in. Players can sign either the cards or the list. The number of players cannot exceed 30, including cards and roster.
 - e. Add-ons. All teams may add players until September 17, 2010. The number of players on the roster cannot exceed 30, including dropped players.
 - f. More player contract cards are available from the Parks, Recreation & Culture Office or from the field supervisor.
 - g. All signatures must be legible. Take time to complete the rosters!
11. Change teams. A player is permitted to play on only one team per league. A player's contract (or roster) must be signed by the player and manager and filed with the City of Beavercreek Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture office. A player may not switch teams in the same league if his or her name has appeared in the scorebook. Players will not be permitted to change teams unless BOTH managers sign a Player Release Form.
12. Unofficial Player. Any player playing on a team without being on the official roster will be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season. **Any game(s) played by an unofficial player will be forfeited.**
- a. All players must be able to provide proper photo identification if questioned by the umpire or field supervisor. Any questionable player will be asked to sign the scorebook for proper identification of signature.
 - b. Team rosters will be available at the field for the umpires and field supervisor to review. If a question arises about a player's eligibility, the umpire and field supervisor should be contacted. This information should be noted by the umpire on the scorecard during the game but researched afterward with the field supervisor. If this is not done, the Recreation Program Supervisor of Parks, Recreation and Culture and/or the District Director of USSSA will determine player eligibility through the protest procedure.
 - c. Note that in the past, both managers have allowed unofficial players, and then later the losers have filed a complaint about that unofficial player, and the game was forfeited. **DO NOT** allow unofficial players.
13. Ejected Player. A player who is ejected from a game will not be able to participate in the City of Beavercreek Adult Softball leagues for a period of seven days. This means if you are ejected on a Monday night, you will not be able to play another game in Beavercreek until Tuesday the following week. A player or manager who has been ejected from two (2) games during the season will be suspended from participation for the remainder of the

- season. If three (3) team members are ejected during a game, that team will forfeit that game.
- a. Umpires will indicate on official score sheets that ejected players were removed from the game.
 - b. The Field Supervisor will keep a list of those players ejected and when they are eligible to return to play. If an ejected player is caught playing during his/her suspension, they will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
14. Forfeit. Teams involved in a forfeit must be off the field ten (10) minutes before the next game. If a team wins by forfeit, the manager and official must sign the scorecard.
- a. If you know that you cannot play a game and must forfeit, out of courtesy to the umpire and to the other team, call the City offices at 427-5514. We will try to contact the others so that they do not make a wasted trip to Rotary Park.
 - b. These forfeited games cannot be rescheduled.
15. Equipment. Teams must furnish their own bats, gloves, and uniforms. No uniform is required, but players should look neat. Hats may be worn backwards.
16. Game Balls. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department will furnish one (1) new and one (1) used ball for each game. **Balls must be returned.** A new ball and a good used ball will be placed in the ball box for each game.
- a. For the men's leagues, 12" balls will be provided.
 - b. For mixed (co-ed) leagues, (1) 12" ball and (1) 11" ball will be provided. 11" balls are to be used to pitch to female players. It is the responsibility of the 3rd base coach to switch the balls in and out between batters. A female batter can choose to hit whichever size ball.
 - c. Worth .40 COR balls will be used for men and Worth .47 COR balls will be used for women.
 - d. It is the batting team's responsibility to retrieve foul balls and put them back into play.
17. Spikes. Metal spikes are not permitted.
18. Batter's Box. "Digging" in the batter's box is prohibited. A warning will be given to players scratching in the batters box. The umpire may call the batter out if the scratching continues. **Please do not scratch or dig.**
19. Warm-up practices and throwing of balls should be conducted in a safe manner off the infield, so as not to endanger spectators or other players. Players failing to comply with this rule may be suspended from the league. Warm-up away from parked vehicles.
- a. More than one warm-up pitch during the game causes delay and is prohibited. If

you waste valuable playing time warming up, your game may be called because of time.

- b. **Do not hit softballs directly into fences** during warm-up.
20. Two (2) forfeits during the season without twenty-four (24) hours notice will justify suspension of the team from the league. Notice of forfeit must be given to the Recreation Program Supervisor of Parks, Recreation and Culture. Forfeit of make-up games on make-up weekend will also be counted.
 21. Sanction. All teams must be United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) sanctioned. This is included in your league fees.
 - a. If already sanctioned through another league or for tournaments, the exact team name must remain the same. A player roster must be completed for the City of Beavercreek.
 - b. When sanctioned, each team receives one USSSA rulebook and scorebook. It is good for the year. Additional scorebooks can be purchased at most sporting goods stores at the team's expense.
 - c. Only one sanctioning per team is needed, even if the team plays in multiple leagues, **only** if the players on all teams are the same.
 22. Mixed play. Rule 14 of the Official USSSA Rule Book governs all aspects of MIXED Play, except as indicated in these local rules.
 23. Rain Outs. In case of cancellation because of bad weather, the decision will be made at 4:30 P.M. It is the intention of the City of Beavercreek to try to make up all games, however if games cannot be made up during the make up weekends or due to extenuating circumstances the games cannot be made up, no refund, or discount will be given.
 - a. **MANAGERS ONLY** will receive a phone call from One Call Now for information on rain outs. This information will also be listed on our website.
 - b. Make-up games will be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, 2010. No special arrangements can be made after the first week when Supplemental Information forms are due to be turned in.
 - c. Information regarding daily rainouts will **NOT** be given over the office number. We **CANNOT** answer 200 or 400 or more player calls.
 - d. Rain-out schedules will be available October 11. Fill out the Supplemental Information form before the first week of play for any special accommodations. If your team has difficulties with the rain make-up dates, let the office know **NOW**, before the end of the first week of play.
 - e. If you have special team concerns for make-ups, such as Sunday morning church, let the office know **BEFORE** the end of the first week. We will try to accommodate those needs.

- f. A team who does not show for the make-up will lose by forfeit. Out of courtesy, if you cannot make it, please let us know by calling 427-5514.
24. Rain During Game. In cases of rain, or inclement weather, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department shall determine start of games by 4:30 P.M. After 4:30 P.M., games will be played at the umpire's discretion concerning rain, safety, and lighting.
- a. Games are considered completed after four (4) innings (3½ innings if home teams leads).
 - b. Any game called due to rain, darkness, time or lightning will be replayed from the start.
25. Run Rule. If a team is trailing by twelve (12) runs at the end of five (5) full innings, the game will be discontinued and the leading team shall be declared the winner. Runs earned prior to the run-rule being declared will count toward tie-breakers.
26. Teams have the option of using a Continuous Batting Order.
- a. All players must be listed in the scorebook and bat in that order; the umpire and opposing team must be told how many players will be in the batting order.
 - b. No restrictions on defense - free substitution. Example: A player may play first base for 2 innings, rest for an inning, and then play the rest of the game at third. However, the player must bat according to official line-up.
 - c. If players are hurt on the field of play (not in the dugout, parking lot, playground, etc) and cannot continue the game, they are skipped in the lineup with no penalty. However, if a player is ejected from the game during continuous batting it is an out at their batting position. Also if players are hurt other than on the playing field and cannot continue the game it is an out in the lineup. (Umpires decision).
 - d. If a player arrives late to the game, they are added to the bottom of the batting order.
27. Home Runs. Home run rules differ by league category. Home runs are classified as those being hit in fair territory over the outfield fence on a fly.
- a. In **E leagues**, no home runs are allowed. If you hit a home run in an E league you will be declared out. You will be able to bat the next time your turn in the line up comes up.
 - b. In **D leagues / Church Leagues / Co-Ed Leagues**, home runs must be progressive. This means, your team can hit a home run and your team is not allowed to hit another until your opponent hits one. Either team can never be more than **one** home run ahead of their opponent. In Men's leagues: if a home run is hit and is not progressive, it will result in an out. In Co-Ed leagues: males and females are allowed one home run each. For example, if one team's female player hits a home run, and then a male, both runs will count. However, that team can hit no more runs until the other team hits at least one home run.
 - c. In **C leagues**, home runs become progressive after each team hits three home runs.

This means, your team can hit three home runs and your team is not allowed to hit another until your opponent hits three. Thereafter either team can never be more than **one** home run ahead of their opponent. If a home run is hit and is not of the progressive nature, it will result in an out.

28. Designated Runner Rule. A **permanently** disabled player must bat for himself/herself but may use a designated runner. The starting point of designated runner will be at the umpire's discretion.
 - a. The team roster, contract and line-up must state that the player is disabled and will be using a designated runner.
 - b. The umpire and opposing team must be informed of the designated runner before the start of the game by the manager.
 - c. In games where a team is playing with a minimum number of players, the player who made the most recent out will be the designated runner.

29. A Protest Committee has been appointed. The protest fee will be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which will be refunded only if protest is upheld.
 - a. Protests must be presented **in writing** with the fee to the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Culture within forty-eight (48) hours of the protested event, no later than two (2) business days later, by close of business. Checks must be made payable to the City of Beavercreek.
 - b. All protests of rule infractions (not judgment calls) must be made to the umpire and scorekeeper before the next pitch, and indicated on the scorecard.
 - c. A protest can be made only within the league. A protest cannot be lodged on behalf of another team or league.

30. Youth Diamonds numbers 5-8 are off limits to all adult softball teams, unless their use is specifically authorized by the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Culture.

31. USSSA Rules will apply for all other situations not covered in these paragraphs.

32. Players in this adult program must be 18 or older.

33. Behavior of players and spectators is the responsibility of the team manager.
 - a. Vandalism will not be tolerated. Officers will be summoned by park staff for all instances of vandalism and when unsupervised children can be considered in danger.
 - b. Parents are responsible for their child's actions.
 - c. Physical and verbal abuse of umpires, other teams, spectators, or staff will not be tolerated. If team members wish to argue every call, every play and belittle other players then that team belongs in another league in another park. Rotary Park is a family environment and these games are recreational and should be fun. Players will

- be ejected for the use of physical or verbal abuse. Players can be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- d. Violence of any kind will cause the individual to be suspended for the remainder of the season. This information will be sent throughout the region. Many, if not all agencies will honor this suspension and would not allow this individual or team to play at their facility.
 - e. Spectator rage is increasing. This is inappropriate behavior and could cause the game to be forfeited. It is the manager's responsibility to control his or her fans.
34. If only 80% of a league is filled by July 30, 2010, the City has the right to change the league and fill it.
35. If an umpire suspects that a batter is using an altered bat, then that batter will be declared out. Only bats with a 1.2 BPF or lower will be allowed. ALL bats must have a BPF clearly labeled on them.
36. League Specific Rules and Definitions: All USSSA rules apply to City leagues unless specified in the local rules.
- a. **C Leagues** are competitive but not extremely so.
 - b. **D Leagues** are designed to be recreational in nature.
 - c. **E Leagues** are entirely recreational in nature and are designed for the new or beginning Men's teams. E leagues allow **no home runs**. If a home run is hit in an E League it will result in an out.
37. No Flip-Flop Rule
38. The weekend of October 16 and 17, 2010 will be used for the rainout make-ups.
39. The single elimination league tournament is scheduled for October 9 and 10, 2010. Games played on and after October 5 will not be included for the tournament seeding. Managers will be emailed the schedule, it will also be posted on our website by October 4.
- a. The team in first and second place in the league will be seeded in the tournament. After that, the teams will be drawn at random.
 - b. Tournament brackets will be posted at the field.
 - c. The 65-minute time limit does not apply to the championship game of the tournament.
 - d. Home runs are the same as the regular season in all divisions during the tournament.
 - e. All Men's D league teams will play in one tournament. All Men's C league teams will play in one tournament. All Co-Ed league teams will play in one tournament.

If there are not enough men's teams in each division, the City reserves the right to combine leagues.

- f. You must contact the office by Friday, September 24th to let the tournament director know that your team **does not** want to play in the tournament. You will be automatically placed in the tournament.
 - g. If you win by forfeit, please sign the scorecard.
40. Mark your calendars **NOW** for Summer 2010. Initial mailing in November; priority sign-ups by January 10, 2010; waiting list by January 14, 2010; open sign-ups begin January 17, 2010. If you change managers, move, or do not get the sign-up information, it is **YOUR** responsibility to get signed up. We will **NOT** call to remind you.

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