



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

Department of Parks & Recreation

March 1, 2019

Dear: Prospective Softball Coaches,

The Williamsburg Parks & Recreation Department's spring 2019 softball season will begin play the week of April 15th (**tentative**) at the Quarterpath Recreation Center. The deadline for entering a team is on Sunday March 31, 2019 for all leagues with an entry fee is **\$495**. **Entry fee must be submitted** by the deadline. 48 teams will be accepted.

There will be a mandatory coaches meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Quarterpath Recreation Center.

There are no residency restrictions on any leagues. Teams must submit rosters must be received by 5:30 p.m. at the Quarterpath Recreation Center prior to your first game. Rosters must include each participant's name, address, phone number and signature: **ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN ROSTER**. There is a maximum of 20 players allowed per team rosters. All players must be at least 18 years old by April 15, 2019 to be eligible to participate. Each league will play a total of +/- eighteen (18) games.

TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING GAME BALLS. Game balls must have a .44 core and a maximum compression of 400lbs. All leagues will play double headers for the regular season. The league will be governed and sanctioned by NSA and Williamsburg Parks & Recreation Department rules and regulations. The Williamsburg Parks & Recreation Department is not responsible for any jerseys, equipment, or other items bought in preparation for the spring softball season in the event a league has to be cancelled.

Teams can start practicing on Monday, April 1st (tentative). Call 757-259-3760 to reserve. Please visit us online at www.williamsburgva.gov/rec to view and download the 2019 adult softball rules. Also, follow us out on social media, @WilliamsburgRec, to receive up to date information on programs.

Sincerely,
Chris Prewitt
Recreation Supervisor



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Williamsburg Parks and Recreation Department
Adult Softball Rules - Spring 2019

1. **Official Rules** – Leagues are governed by the 2019 Official Softball Rules published by the National Softball Association (NSA) and the guidelines set forth by the Williamsburg Parks and Recreation Department.
2. **Player Eligibility** – Players may only participate on one Williamsburg Parks and Recreation team. Players are legally on the first team they play for. Each participant must be at least 18 years old as of April 15, 2019 to participate.

Players must be on the official roster held by the Department by 5:30 p.m. on game day to be eligible for games played that night. Players are not eligible to play until their name, address, phone number and signature has been listed on the official roster. ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN ROSTER.

Each player is required to bring a picture-ID with him/her to every game, and will be required to present it upon request. Any team that plays an ineligible player will be charged with a forfeiture for all games in which the player has participated.

3. **League Placement** – Teams will be placed in leagues based on skill level and results from previous seasons. The Williamsburg Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to move a team to a higher or lower league once the season has started. Leagues will require a minimum of four teams to be official. The Williamsburg Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any league that falls below four teams during the season.
4. **Team Rosters** – Team rosters shall not exceed twenty (20) players. Rosters will be frozen Friday, May 31, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.
5. **Uniforms** – Each player participating in a league or tournament game must wear a shirt alike in color; numbers are not required. Players can wear additional clothing (sweat or long sleeves shirt), but must have shirt on alike in color under additional clothing and must show upon request. A player who must remove their jersey due to blood will not be affected by the uniform rule.
6. **Game Time Limit** – A 55-minute time limit is imposed on each game. Once the inning starts, the inning must be completed. If the game is tied at the end of an inning and time has expired and/or 7th inning has been completed, it will be counted as a tie. There are no grace periods.
7. **Regulation Game** – Five (5) innings of play will be considered an official game if the home team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more; 12 runs after 4 innings or 15 runs after 3 innings. Home runs do not have to be run out, Hit and Sit. Teams may begin

a game with nine (9) players and the tenth (10th) vacant spot in the batting lineup will not be an out.

In the event of inclement weather, four (4) innings of play will constitute an official game (3 ½ if home team is ahead). If a game is called and not enough innings have been played to make it official it will be rescheduled and started over. **During tournament play the game will begin at the exact point where it was stopped.**

8. **Home Run Limits**

BB League: (6) Six and one-up

C & CC Leagues: (4) Four and one-up

D & DD Leagues: (2) Two and one-up

Women's League: (2) Two and one-up

The (1) up Home Run Rule: Once both teams have reached their respective home run limits, either team may hit an additional home run. However, no team may ever go more than one home run up over the other team. Any additional home runs above one-up will be scored as an out.

9. **Open Defensive Substitutions** – Any ten (10) players can take a defensive position at any time. A substitution will only count when there is a change in the batting lineup. If you play ten (10) players on defense you must have at least ten (10) in the batting lineup.

10. **Game Ball and Lineups** – Teams will be required to provide their own game balls. Each ball provided must be an optic maximum .44 core for both men and women. Men will use a 12" ball and women will use an 11" ball. Each team is responsible for hitting their own ball. Teams may decide to use a lesser core ball, but may not exceed the maximum core of the softball. All softballs must have a maximum compression of 400lbs. or less. **The core must be legible on the ball for it to be legal. Note: Multi layered balls are not allowed.** Lineups are due to the press box at least five (5) minutes prior to the start of a game.

11. **Automatic Suspensions** - Any team member ejected from a game shall be suspended from the next four (4) games played by his/her team. Any team member ejected from a tournament game will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Two (2) ejections automatically eliminate a player/coach for the remainder of the season and tournament play. Each ejection will be investigated and if warranted the suspension can be extended. Ejected players must leave the park. If the ejected player(s) does not leave the park, the umpire will call the game as a forfeit. Any player or coach engaging or participating in a fight will be suspended from the league for one (1) year. All fights will be investigated and if warranted the suspension can be indefinite.

12. **Forfeitures** – Any team that is charged with a forfeit on three (3) different dates during the regular season may be removed from any end-of-season tournament play. The decision will be investigated and made by the league administrator.
13. **Protest** – A protest of a game must be made to the umpire immediately before the next pitch is made to the batter. Protests shall be in writing, stating player or rule in question and submitted to the press box. The \$100 fee must be submitted to the department prior to 5:00pm the following day. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. Ejections of players/coaches are judgment calls and cannot be protested. Any protest that arises during tournament games will be handled at the time of infraction by the game officials. Protests made after the resumption of play will not be considered.
14. **Game Cancellation and Make-Up Game** – Coaches and players should call the department's activity hotline at (757) 259-3777 and follow us on social media @WilliamsburgRec regarding game cancellations. Any game cancelled after 5:00 p.m. will be cancelled at the field. Make-up games will be rescheduled on any available date and field. Consideration will not be given to teams scheduled to play in other leagues or tournaments.
15. **End-of Season Tournament** – To participate in the end-of-season tournament, a team member must have played in at least five (5) games during the regular season. A double elimination tournament will be held at the end of the regular season. Tournament seeding will be based upon regular season standings. If a tie exists, head-to-head results will be the determining factor. If a tie still exists, the team with the least runs yielded in head to head results will be the determining factor. If a tie still exists, the team with the least runs yielded for the entire season will be the determining factor.
16. **Alcoholic Beverages/ Illegal Substances** – The use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances on City property is prohibited. Anyone caught using them shall be subject to arrest and will be suspended from the league indefinitely.
17. **Smoking Policy** – Smoking is not allowed on the field or in the dugouts.
18. **Safety Rules** – All players shall participate at their own risk. The City of Williamsburg is not responsible for any injuries incurred during practices, league or tournament play.
Metal cleats are prohibited. Only softball bats that have the NSA 2012 stamp with a BPF of 1.20 or less are allowed. A list of approved NSA bats is available at www.playNSA.com
Orange Safety Base – if the first play is at first base, either from the infield or outfield, a runner will be called out for touching the inside base. If the play is elsewhere, the inside base may be tagged in a continuation toward second base.
Exposed jewelry, which is deemed dangerous – by the umpire, must be removed.

**WILLIAMSBURG PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADULT SOFTBALL TEAM ROSTER – SPRING 2019**

Team Name: _____
 Coach: _____ Phone Numbers (H) _____
 Address: _____ (W) _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____ (C) _____
 EMAIL: _____

I agree to play for the 2019 spring tennis season according to the rules and regulations governing the league. The coaches and players are expected to act in a responsible and respectful manner. There will be no alcohol, cursing, fighting, drugs and physical nor verbal abuse of the players, fans or coaches allowed. This conduct is to be adhered to before, during, and after all practices, games and tournaments. If these rules are violated, the City of Williamsburg Parks & Recreation Department will investigate each case to the fullest and disciplinary action will be taken if necessary.

WAIVER FOR PARTICIPANT: I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against City of Williamsburg Parks & Recreation Department and its representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself while practicing and playing in the league games and tournaments (including pre- and post-season). I have read all league rules and agree to abide by them at all times during the season. I also agree to support the officials and the Williamsburg Parks & Recreation Department staff when removing anyone from the premises due to an above stated violation. By participating in any City of Williamsburg program, you agree to allow publication of any photos and/or video taken to be used in future social media campaigns, brochures, newsletters or flyer.

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Williamsburg Parks & Recreation Department
Adult Softball Contact Information
Spring 2019

Please submit this form with your registration fee

Team Name _____

Manager's Information:		
Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	<i>Primary:</i>	<i>Secondary:</i>
Email:		

Alternate Contact Person:		
Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	<i>Primary:</i>	<i>Secondary:</i>
Email:		

Please circle league and playing night requests*.

League:

BB C CC D DD Women's

Playing Night:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

*League placement and playing night requests will not be guaranteed.