

UT/TMC SOFTBALL LEAGUE - FALL 2009

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name: _____
Institution/Year: _____
Team Captain: _____
Phone Number: _____
Cell Number: _____

League: Co-ed Recreation
Circle a Game Time: 6:30 7:30 8:30 9:30
Circle a Game Day Preference: Monday Tuesday
If spaces are full, my team can play (Circle All that Apply!)
Monday: 6:30 7:30 8:30 9:30
Tuesday: 6:30 7:30 8:30 9:30
Off Date: (Please note preferences are not guaranteed)

Pager/Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

(Please write legibly!)

TEAM ENTRY FEE: (per team)

\$225.00 for UT-Houston Students

\$275.00 Other Teams (must be affiliated with UT/TMC).

Maximum of 30 Co-Ed teams and at least 8 Co-ed teams for the league to make.
(on a first registered, first paid basis)

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration opens Monday, July 20th. Full payment must accompany registration form and is due by or before 6pm August 11th to be eligible. NO EXCEPTIONS! SPOTS WILL NOT BE HELD UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! TEAMS MUST SELECT A DESIRED DAY AND TIME WHEN TURNING IN THE REGISTRATION FORM WITH THE FRONT DESK! Otherwise a team risks the chance of not playing at their desired time. If your time slot has been taken teams need to be available to play @ alternate times.

LEAGUE INFORMATION: All games will be played on the Recreation Center athletic fields at 7779 Knight Road. All UT-Houston Students & all Other Teams (must be affiliated with UT/TMC) are eligible to play. Team rosters are limited to 20 players. Night of play and league choice is limited to a first registered, first served paid basis. All games will be played on Monday's & Tuesday's at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 & 9:30 p.m. as well as Wednesday's & Thursday's as needed due to inclement weather. Register early to ensure your team plays at your preferred time! If your desired time slot does not make please be prepared to play at an hour earlier or later. The league is scheduled for approx. 5 - 6 weeks; teams must be able to play starting August 17th thru the week of September 22nd with potential playoffs starting September 28th. Playoffs usually consist of a single elimination of the top 8 teams qualifying from each night. Mock schedules will be emailed to team captains by Wednesday, August 12th to see if any changes need to be made. A final schedule, rule book and roster waiver will be emailed on Friday, August 14th.

For more information please call Kelly McNamara @
713-500-8422 or e-mail Kelly.McNamara@uth.tmc.edu

PAYMENT IS DUE WHEN TEAMS TURN IN THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS!!!!
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! (Registration open July 20th - August 11th)

Office Use Only: _____ Date /Time Rcv'd: _____ Staff Initials: _____ Paid: _____ Receipt#: _____



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HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON

Fall 2009 UT/TMC Coed Softball League Rules

1. Players, Substitutes and Roster Size and Identification

- A. Team rosters are limited to 20 players. 15 of the players on the roster and 8 of the players on the field must be a student or employee of a TMC affiliated institution. (75/25% rule).
- B. All players must be 18 years of age, and must complete a waiver agreement in order to participate.
- C. 8 players are required for play.
- D. No team shall be permitted to start or continue a game with less than eight players.
- E. Any starter/substitute may re-enter the game once after leaving, provided he/she assumes the original batting position.
- F. Opposing coaches will determine if a courtesy runner may take the place of an injured base runner. If the coach permits, it is with the understanding that the runner is eligible for further participation in the game.
- G. All rosters are final on **Friday, September 18th, 2009**. Any roster additions or subtractions must be submitted to the Recreational Sports Office via e-mail or written copy.
- H. Participants must play in one league game in order to participate in playoffs.
- I. Players may only be on one roster per league during the season and tournament.

2. Playing Area and Conditions

- A. All games will be played at the UT-Houston Recreation Center Athletic Fields at 7779 Knight Rd.
- B. Weather Information - 713-500-8415. Information is updated after 5:00 p.m. daily.
- C. Cancelled games will be made up either Wednesday or Thursday of the same week.
- D. On-site cancellations will be made on the basis of weather, lights, etc. by the supervisor.
- E. Balls hit into the opposite field of play will be considered a live ball.
- F. There is a limit of two over the fence home runs per inning. The third homerun will result in an out and runners who are on base will remain where they were before the homerun was hit.

3. Rules

- A. A maximum of 5 males may be on the field **at any given time**. No less than 4 females may be on the field at any time, with a maximum of 9 at a time and 1 male participant. **EXCEPTION:** If a team has only 9 or 10 players and an injury occurs to a female player causing her to leave the game - the injured female batter would then be declared out at her time to bat (if 2 males were to bat back to back). Minimum number of players is eight (8), 4 males and 4 females. **You may never play with less than 8 players.** If 9 players, four or more must be women. If only four women, then when the two males bat back-to-back, then an automatic out will be taken.
- B. You must start with at least 8 players. If you start with 8, 9 or 10 you cannot decrease in players, except in injuries. (See above) If both teams agree on the number of players (adding or deleting) at the beginning of the game, then the game will stand. **(It's highly recommended for all teams to come 1/2hr early before each game in case of a forfeit or mercy rule, games could start early).**
- C. Teams will be allowed to have Free Substitution, or use the standard ASA rules concerning substitution. This must be declared before the game begins. If your team uses Free Substitution - your team must bat the whole team that is present for the entire game. If two males are in the line up back-to-back, then an automatic out will be taken when they come up to bat.
- D. Each team will have the option of batting 12 players and playing 10 players (half male & half female). Two males shall not bat in succeeding order, unless an automatic out is taken. A female must bat in between two male batters.
- E. Anytime a male player is walked, the following will happen: with less than 2 outs the male will go to second base and the female will bat, with 2 outs the male will go to second base and the female will have the option to bat.
- F. A 200 foot line will be in the outfield. When a female is batting, all outfielders (4 players, when 10 are used or 3 players when 8 or 9 are used) must be behind that line until the ball is hit.

4. Equipment and Uniform

- A. Game balls will be provided. 12" balls will be used for play. Participants should bring their own practice balls, gloves, and bats.
- B. Shoes with rubber or molded plastic cleats will be allowed. Metal Spikes are not permitted and if discovered the offender shall be ejected from the contest and suspended for the next game.
- C. At the teams request a catcher's mask shall be provided.
- D. Teams **MUST** wear the same color jerseys/t-shirts.
- E. All newly designed equipment is subject to the approval of the Recreational Sports Office.

5. Safety and Prevention

- A. A player who is bleeding, has an open wound, or has an excessive amount of blood on the uniform shall be considered an injured player and must immediately leave the game for the appropriate treatment.
- B. Players wearing glasses should have shatterproof lenses and straps.
- C. Absolutely no jewelry is to be worn. The exception is medical ID tags that must be taped to the body. Taping over jewelry is prohibited.
- D. No hard casts permitted. All metal braces must be covered, and are subject to usage approval by the game umpire.
- E. It is highly recommended that all players wear mouthguards.
- F. **Sliding is permitted at all bases.**

6. Participant Conduct and Fair Play

- A. All players, captains and spectators will be held to a reasonable standard of conduct and fair play. Violators of this standard will be subject to sport-specific penalties, and/or possible removal from the facility and future Recreational Sports events. Generally, any player or coach ejected from a game is required to sit out the next game or week of play. Any longer amount of time is to be determined by the league coordinator.
- B. For safety reasons all spectators, coaches and non-players should remain in the dugout or behind the fences.
- C. All coaches are responsible for cleaning up after their team and fans. Please dispose of trash properly.
- D. No glass containers, alcohol or smoking permitted at the UTHSC Recreation Fields. Teams found in violation will receive one warning, if warned again by supervisor or official the team will forfeit their game and will not be allowed to participate in play-offs.
- E. Spectators are not allowed any glass containers, alcohol or allowed to smoke. Teams are responsible for their spectators' actions and may result in a forfeit of their game.
- F. Please refer to the Recreational Sports Handbook for additional information concerning player eligibility and responsibility.

7. Time Regulations and Length of Game

- A. The game shall consist of 7 innings or 50 minutes which ever is first. After the time limit has expired, no new inning shall begin. Games will be played at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30 p.m.
- B. If a game must be called for weather, lights, etc. only games which have completed four innings (three and a half if the home team is ahead) will stand as a game. Regular season games that are canceled will be made up as time and space is available.
- C. Mercy rule: 15 runs at the end of the fourth inning, 10 any time after the fifth inning. *Mercy rules can be called at any part of an inning.*
- D. Monday / Tuesday night games which are cancelled will be played on Wednesday or Thursday of the same week (if weather permits).

8. Forfeits and Starting Games

- A. Home team shall be determined by coin toss.
- B. Game time is forfeit time. **No grace time is permitted.**
- C. **If a team forfeits once for any reason, the team will not be scheduled for the play-offs.** A second forfeit shall result in the team being dropped from the remainder of the schedule.
- D. Captains must fill out the scoresheet with the correct batting line-up before the game begins and the lineup must be verified by the umpire at the managers meeting.

9. **Playing Rules and Scoring**

A. **Pitching Rule**

- 1. Pitchers will be allowed 5 warm-up pitches during the first inning or with each substitution, and 1 pitch for each inning following.
- 2. The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitching plate until the ball is released. One step may be taken as long as it is simultaneous to the release of the ball.
- 3. The umpire shall call an illegal pitch for any attempt that does not reach the 6' minimum, or exceeds the 12' maximum. The batter has the option of hitting the illegal pitch, but must take the result of the action.
- 4. Any pitched ball that contacts the ground or plate becomes dead, and cannot be legally hit by the batter.
- 5. A quick return pitch is not allowed. Time shall be called between pitches.

B. **Foul Ball/Out of Play** - Fouls tips caught by the catcher will result in the batter being out if the ball traveled higher than the batters head, and is within the field of play. *All other foul tips will result in a dead ball situation once the foul tip occurs.*

C. **Overthrow** - Two bases shall be awarded for a ball that goes out of play. This shall be determined from the position of the runner at the time the ball was released.

D. **When the Batter is deemed out.**

- 1. If the batting order is not followed.
- 2. Infield Fly Rule: With runners on first and second, or first, second, and third; a batter hits a fair fly ball that can easily be caught by an infielder, the batter is immediately called out, and the runners can advance at their own risk.
- 3. If a batter bunts or chops at a ball
- 4. If the batter hits the ball while a foot is in contact with the plate or out of the batters box.

E. **The Runner is OUT when.**

- 1. If the runner fails to avoid the fielder attempting to field a batted ball.
- 2. If the runner leaves or fails to keep contact with the base until the pitched ball passes the plate.
- 3. If a base runner passes another batter, the runner shall be called out and the ball will remain in play.
- 4. If a runner deliberately slides or dives into any base with the intent to cause injury to the fielder, the runner shall be out and ejected from the game.
- 5. If the runner is hit by a batted ball before it is touched by a fielder, the ball is dead, the runner is out, and the batter is awarded first base.

F. **Appeal Play** - Appeals may be made after the umpire calls for time and before the next pitched ball. Only missed bases, leaving early and improper batting order may be appealed.

- G. Protests must be filed with the Umpire **immediately**, and then filed in writing to the RecSports Office, with a \$25.00 protest fee within 24 hours. If the protest is upheld, it will be refunded. Protests are not permitted on judgment calls.

10. Fouls, Violations and Penalties

- A. Umpires may issue warning and/or ejection for the following penalties.
 - 1. Delay of Game - by offense or defense.
 - 2. Throwing the Bat
 - 3. Unsportsmanlike conduct

11. Tie Games and Overtimes

- A. During regular season - At the end of the time limit or after seven innings the score is tied, one extra inning shall be played. The extra inning will be played using the one pitch format with the last out of the previous inning placed at second base. If the score remains tied after the inning, the game will end in a tie.
- B. During the Play-offs, continual innings will be played using the aforementioned format until a winner is determined.

12. Play-offs

- A. Brackets will be made based on the number of teams, the time and field space available, and team record.
- B. Teams who have forfeited a league game will not be scheduled for playoffs.
- C. **Teams must be able to play at any time during any night during the playoffs "NO EXCEPTIONS"**.
- D. Postponements due to scheduling conflicts will not be arranged.

13. Official and Supervisors Duties

- A. Officials will answer questions for clarification, and enforce all Recreational Sports rules and regulations. When necessary, they have the authority to eject individuals from play and/or the facility.
- B. The supervisor will be on-site for event management and general questions. The supervisor has the authority to cancel activities due to inclement or unfavorable weather conditions.

14. Miscellaneous

- A. Participation in the Recreational Sports program is voluntary. UT-Houston is not responsible for injuries incurred while participating in Recreational Sports. Each participant is advised to carry personal health and accident insurance.
- B. Awards will be given to the winning team.
- C. The League Coordinator reserves the right to move teams up or down in leagues before the season begins.