

SOFTBALL LEAGUE - SPRING 2009

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name: _____
Institution/Year: _____
Team Captain: _____
Phone Number: _____
Cell Number: _____
Pager/Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

League: Men's Co-ed
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)

TEAM ENTRY FEE: (per team)

\$150.00 for UT-Houston Students ONLY
\$175.00 for other Rec Members, BCM students and all Other Teams (must be affiliated with UT/TMC).
Maximum of 32 Teams (16 Men's and 16 Co-ed) and at least 8 Teams (4 Men's/4 Co-ed) for league to make.(on a first registered, first paid basis)

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration opens February 2nd. Full payment must accompany registration form and is due by or before 6pm February 24th to be eligible. NO EXCEPTIONS!
SPOTS WILL NOT BE HELD UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! TEAMS MUST SELECT A DESIRED 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 select a different available time.

TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING: Team captain's meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the UT Recreation Center in classroom A. A representative MUST attend the meeting to receive rules and mock schedule to see if changes need to be made. If a representative from your team cannot attend, your team will play on the dates and days scheduled **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Teams must send an e-mail or call the Recreation Coordinator's office before the meeting. A final schedule will be e-mailed to each team captain and posted here at the UT-Rec Center Friday, February 27th by 12:00 noon.

LEAGUE INFORMATION: All games will be played on the Recreation Center athletic fields at 7779 Knight Road. The league is scheduled for approx. 4 weeks; teams must be able to play between March 16 thru April 7, with potential playoffs April 13 week. League is open to current UTH students and Rec Center members and any other students and employees affiliated with TMC. Team rosters must have a minimum of 75% of students or employees of UTHSC-H or affiliated TMC Institution and must be 18 years of age to play. Rosters limited to 20 players. Night of play and league choice is limited to a first registered, first served paid. Depending on how many teams enter all games will be played Monday's & Tuesday's at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 & 9:30 p.m. as well as Wednesday's & Thursday's as needed. Register early to ensure your team plays at your preferred time! Playoffs usually consist of a single elimination of the top 8 teams qualifying in each division.

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 February 2 - February 24)

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



THE UNIVERSITY *of* TEXAS
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON

Spring 2009 - UTHSC Men's & Co-Ed

Soft pitch Softball Rules & Regulations

1. Players, Substitutes and Roster Size and Identification

- A. Team rosters are limited to 20 players. Fifteen of the players on the roster and eight 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. 10 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, April 10, 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.
- J. Both teams are responsible for keeping score; the winning team is responsible for reporting scores to the RecSports supervisor at the fields each night of play.

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 3:00pm daily.
- C. Cancellations will be made 30 minutes prior to the start of the first scheduled contest.
- 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. 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.
- E. All newly designed equipment is subject to the approval of the Recreational Sports Office.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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).

7. 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.

8. 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 foul 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.

9. 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

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 in each division of play (M,W,CR).
- C. The League Coordinator reserves the right to move teams up or down in leagues before the season begins.

14. Co-Rec 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.
- 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.

UT RECREATION CENTER – ACTIVITY WAIVER/ROSTER – Softball League

Team Name: _____

Circle: Men’s or Co-rec

The University urges all participants in athletic and instructional activities to act in such a manner as to protect their own safety and the safety of others. The University further requires that all persons who participate sign the following agreement prior to taking part in the activity.

I fully understand that my participation in any of the UTHSC-H Recreation Center program activities is purely voluntary. I desire to participate and agree to act in a reasonable and prudent manner under the circumstances further understand that any University staff in attendance will be acting in an individual capacity only and will not be present as a University official or to ensure the safety of participants.

As a condition to my participation in the activity, I waive and release the State of Texas, The University of Texas System, The University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston and their Regents, officers, employees and agents from any claim that I may have for any damage to property or injury to my person that may result in whole or in part from my participation in the activity.

I understand that the University does not either expressly or impliedly require my participation in this activity. If I am a University employee, I do not consider the activity within the scope and course of my employment with the University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston.

Printed Name (First, Last)

Signature

Specify if: Student, Staff,
Resident, Faculty, Spouse

Gender: Male/Female

T-shirt Size Date

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Any additions can be added on reverse side.

Return this form by or before first game, to the league coordinator in person or mail to REC 182. Must notify in writing or email any changes or revisions.

I certify that the above participants are affiliated with and meet eligibility requirements for participation in the Rec Sports program.

Team Captain Signature: _____

Date: _____

Additional Names and or Adds/Deletes

Printed Name (First, Last)

Signature

Specify if: Student, Staff,
Resident, Faculty, Spouse

Gender:
Male/Female

T-shirt Size **Date**

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