



ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAM

SEASON PROGRAM FEES

- ADULT REC AND ADULT OPEN TEAM FEE \$450.00
 - CHURCH LEAGUE TEAM FEE \$400.00

SEASON DATES: February | July | October/November

- Registration: Find registration information by visiting www.RFPRA.com
(ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
- Game Times: 6:30pm/7:30pm/8:30pm (Mon|Tues|Wed|Thurs)
- Softballs will **NOT** be included with team fee.
- Jerseys are **NOT** included with team fee.
- Practices will be available two weeks prior to the season starting at Upper Alto Park, Etowah or other community fields.
- Individual team practices will be scheduled after each team's commitment for the upcoming season has been finalized and team fees have been paid.
- *Please Note: We do not currently have enough females to have a womens league, so the women are playing in the Men's League. It is not required that a team have females on their roster.*

SPRING SEASON PLAYING DIVISIONS

Men's Open	4HR/OUT
Men's Rec	2 HR/2 SINGLES/OUT
Church League	2 HR/2 SINGLES/OUT

- All Open and Rec players must be at least 18 yrs. old.
- All Church League players must be 16 yrs. old.
- Age Control Date: Prior to September 1st of Current Year
- **Players will not be able to play on two different teams. (Unless they are play on Church and REC or Church and OPEN. But cannot be on OPEN and REC rosters at the same time.)**



NO ALCOHOL!

REMINDER!!!!
NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED ON RFPRA PROPERTIES!
YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE!



RFPRA ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE NOTES

- All league games are played at Alto Park Softball TURF Complex located at 1014 Burnette Ferry Rd. SW Rome Ga. 30165.
!NO STEEL CLEATS!
- League games are played Monday-Thursday. Game times are 6:30p.m./7:30p.m./8:30p.m. There is a 10 minute grace period for first game of the night only. Game time is forfeit time for all other games.
- League team practices at Alto Park Softball Complex are available two weeks prior to each season. Individual team practices will be scheduled after each team is registered for the upcoming season, and team fees paid. Practice times are 5:30pm and 7:00pm Monday-Thursday.
 - Practices are limited to 1.5 hours.
- Team uniforms must consist of like colored jerseys with 6" number on the back, no two players can wear the same jersey or the same number. A *one-week* grace period will be allowed for each season for team uniforms. (*Contact sports staff for situations out of your control, we will do our best to work with you!*)
- Any player found to be playing on more than one roster will result in the game being a forfeit and could potentially be disqualified from the remainder of the season.
 - *With the exception that a Rec or Open player may play on a church league team if they attend that church, but they cannot play on both a Rec and a Open team during the same season.*
- Each team may register a maximum of 20 players, each team must have 8 players in uniform to start and finish each game.
- Team rosters are **finalized** after the **third game**.
 - Any player who is not on the roster is considered an illegal player and can result in a forfeit of the game(s) in which they participated in.
- Run rule: 20/3, 15/4, 10/5, 8/6

- **Time limit on all league games will be one hour and/or seven innings, whichever comes first. (*Subject to be changed by sports program manager if necessary.*)**
- **Count will start 1 and 1 with no fouls. Ex. 3-2 count and you foul one off, you are out.**
- **Each batter will be allowed one time to hit the screen per at bat unless you already have two strikes. The screen is considered a foul ball. If you hit the screen with two strikes, you are out.**
- **Any stamped bat is fine to use **except** Ultra, Ultra2, and Senior bats.**
 - **These bats will be deemed illegal equipment and any player using them will be out automatically for the first time, and thrown out of the game the second time. If a player is found to be using an illegal bat a third time they will be dismissed for the remainder of the season.**
- **The ONLY softballs allowed for play are .44/375 and or .44/400. You will not be allowed to play with any other ball, failure to comply can result in a forfeit.**

Game Times:

- **Games will be 1 hour or 7 innings, whichever comes first.**
- **There is currently no 5-minute rule in place – the game will play until the clock reaches 0:00 or until the end of 7 innings.**
- **In the event of a tie at the 0:00 mark, or the end of 7 innings, there will be 1 extra inning of International Tie Breaker – last batter up goes to 2nd base with no outs.**
 - ***If the game is still tied after the extra inning the game will be final and recorded as a tie.***

Batting Order and Substitutions:

- **Teams may utilize a rotary or non-rotary format of lineups.**
 - **If using rotary, the whole team is on the lineup and the team may free sub as many times on defense as they choose.**
 - **If not using rotary method, each team may bat 9 players with (1) extra hitter, (*or (2) extra hitters if using men and women on the team.*)**
 - **When not batting using a rotary format lineup - any of the starting players may withdraw and reenter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter.**

- Lineups are to be turned into the score keeper and shared with the opposing team no less than 10 minutes prior to the start of your game.

Pitching Regulations:

- The ball must be pitched in a definite underhanded motion at slow speed.
- The pitched ball must arc at least 3 feet after leaving the pitcher's hand and before it passes any part of home plate.
- The pitched ball shall not rise higher than 10 feet above the ground.
 - *EFFECT Sec. 6. A-C. The speed of the pitch and height of the pitched ball are left entirely to the judgment of the umpire (NOTE: For sake of uniformity in decisions, any doubtful pitch should be ruled as an unfairly delivered pitch). The umpire shall warn a pitcher who delivers a pitch with EXCESSIVE SPEED that repeating such EXCESSIVE SPEED PITCH will cause the pitcher's removal from the pitcher's position for the remainder of the game. A pitch that does not arc the full 3 feet as required (flat level pitch) may not be an EXCESSIVE SPEED PITCH, but merely an unfairly delivered pitch.*

Courtesy Runners:

- Each team may utilize a courtesy runner once (1x) per inning.
- The courtesy runner cannot be someone already in the batting lineup.
 - If no subs, the last batted out may be used as a CR.

Coaches/Managers:

- If there are enough players to allow for the coach/manager (or assigned players) to do so, it is encouraged to have a 1st and 3rd base coach to encourage all players as they are moving through the bases.

Approved Equipment:

- **Balls:**
 - The ONLY balls that will be allowed for play in the program are 44/375 or 44/400.
 - Any other ball will be deemed illegal and shall be changed for the correct ball immediately.
 - Failure to comply can result in a forfeiture by the team at fault.
- **Cleats:**
 - Shoes are required at all times for all players.
 - Rubber molded cleats or tennis shoes are preferred but metal cleats are **NOT** allowed on "natural fields" ONLY. Steel spikes will not allowed on ANY field at Upper Alto Park Turf Complex.

- **Helmets/Masks:**
 - Helmets are not required, BUT are highly encouraged for safety reasons.
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 - Pitchers **MUST** be behind the pitching screen while pitching, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- **Bats:**
 - Any USA or USSSA stamped bat is legal for play in the RFPRA Adult and Church leagues.
 - PER RFPRA: Ultra, Ultra2, and Senior bats are not legal for play in the league.
 - Any bat deemed illegal prior to the batter stepping into the batter box shall be removed from the game.
 - After the player enters the batter's box, the bat will be removed, that player ejected, and an out declared for the at bat.
 - A slung bat will result in a team warning for the offending team on the first offense. Each additional slung bat for that team will result in the batter being called out. If the same player continues to violate the rule, he can be removed from the game. **EXCEPTION: unsportsmanlike conduct.**
- **Uniforms**
 - Team uniforms for softball will consist of matching or like colored jerseys with a factory-type nonduplicating number on the back at least six inches in height. It is strongly recommended that all team personnel be attired alike. The basic body color determines matching jerseys. **NO VULGAR OR OBSCENE LANGUAGE OR GRAPHICS WILL BE TOLERATED.**
 - Team caps are not mandatory and furthermore, if caps are worn, they do not have to be matching. If caps or visors are worn, they must be baseball/softball style caps with no vulgar or obscene words or graphics allowed.
 - Shorts are acceptable. It is recommended, but not required, that all players on a team wear the same color shorts.
 - Illegal uniforms will be treated as illegal equipment.
 - IF a team is having uniform issues, they **MUST** contact the Sports Program Manager, so the sports staff is aware of what is going on.
 - Team name **MUST** be approved by the Sports Program Manager before the team orders their jerseys.
 - Sponsors are allowed and encouraged to use, if able, to offset the cost for each team.

- Teams are responsible to obtaining their own sponsors if they wish to do so.
- **Games and Awards:**
 - Games will be played during the weeks.
 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays for Open and Rec Leagues.
 - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for Church leagues.
 - In the event of rainouts church leagues may be rescheduled on a Wednesday. Only if absolutely necessary.
 - Game Times: 6:30pm/7:30pm/8:30pm
 - Rings
 - Rings will be given to the 1st and 2nd place team in the final standings of each division at the conclusion of the season.

Appeals and Protests:

- Teams may protest illegal balls, or bats prior to the batter getting A. on base, or B. out. Once the next “play” has taken place there will be no grounds to protest that at bat.
- Teams may protest another team for having illegal players/non-rostered players in the game. **Rosters become final after the 3rd game of the season!**
- There are no protests or appeals for umpires’ judgement calls.
- There are no protests or appeals for games, other than the 2 listed above pertaining to illegal equipment.

FIND THE SEASON SCHEDULE AND MORE SOFTBALL INFORMATION BY VISITING www.rfpra.com

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO ONE OF THE SPORTS STAFF MEMBERS.

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