



# AUBURN PARKS AND RECREATION

## 2023 SOFTBALL CO-ED LEAGUES

### Registration and Payment Procedures

- Register online at [auburnin.recdesk.com](http://auburnin.recdesk.com). Team registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The registration deadline for leagues is designated below **OR** when the league is full. League fees are due at the time of registration to secure your teams spot. Payment may be made online (1.66% fee applies) or exact cash or check will be accepted at the Parks and Recreation office located at 1500 S. Cedar Street during business hours, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. A maximum of 8 teams will be permitted per session. A minimum of 4 teams is required to hold session. If session does not have at least 4 teams by session registration deadline, the session will be cancelled.

### Summer CoEd - \$500/Team

Regular Session:	Makeup Game Dates:	Tournament Dates:
April 19 - July 26	June 7, August 2, August 9	August 16 and August 23

Games played Wednesday evenings between 6-10 p.m.

### Fall CoEd - \$375/Team

Regular Session:	Makeup Game Dates:	Tournament Dates:
August 30 - October 11	Played on the Monday following the postponed game	October 18 and October 25

Games played Wednesday evenings between 6-10 p.m.

### Facility and Field Numbers

- All games will be played at Rieke Park located at 1800 N. Indiana Avenue. Games will be played on fields 7 and 8.

### League Format

- Leagues will begin the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> and conclude in October (depending on which league your team participates in). A round-robin will be used for regular session games. All leagues and tournament games will be scheduled between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- A 5-minute grace period will be scheduled at the start of the first game of the night only. All games will start at time stated on schedule.
- Players must be 18 years of age or older to participate.
- Players are required to bring their own bats (NSA 2012 logo) and gloves. Balls will be provided by league.
- 1 new ball provided per game. Used balls will be available.

### Game Format

- A team must always have a minimum of 8 players on the field. Each game will have a one-hour time limit. Once the game reaches one hour, the inning in progress will be the last inning of play.
- Ties will be played out with international tiebreaker rule (man on second base to begin inning) with a maximum of 2 innings after time limit.

### **League Tournaments**

- All teams will be eligible to participate in the tournament at the end of the regular session. The tournament will be a double elimination tournament. All players must have played in the regular session to participate in the tournament.
- Tournaments will be held on league designated evening as stated on schedule, unless stated otherwise in the rainout/makeup games section of these rules.

### **Seedings**

- Tournaments will be seeded based on regular session head-to-head results. The team with the most wins will be seeded number one.
- In the event two teams are tied, the following procedure will be followed:
  - Teams will be notified of tie one week prior to tournament.
  - A lottery will take place (teams drawn out of a hat). Teams will be notified of day and time of the draw and may send one representative from their team to witness drawing.

### **Umpires**

- All league games will have 1 umpire officiating game. The final game of each tournament will have 2 umpires officiating.

### **Rosters**

- ALL players are required to sign roster.
- Rosters are due prior to the first game of the session and should be turned into the player officiating game.
- Teams are allowed a maximum of 25 individuals on their team roster. All players must have played in the regular session to participate in the tournament.
- No additional players may be added to the roster during the tournament. If player is not on roster at the beginning of tournament, regardless if they have played in the regular session, they will NOT be allowed to play in the tournament.
- If a team does not have enough players to play, forcing a game forfeit, the opposing team may offer to fill empty spots with their team players. This must be a mutual agreement between both captains. Game score will be final, and no appeals will be granted. If a team forfeits due to lack of players during the first game, the second game is automatically forfeited.

### **Special League Rules**

- a. Co-Ed: If male batter walks, he advances to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, female batter has the option of hitting or walking after 2 outs.
- b. Co-Ed: A 12" ball will be used for both genders.
- c. Co-Ed: Outfielder cannot attempt to throw out runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base.
- d. Co-Ed: Teams are allowed a minimum of 3 females and a maximum of 5 male players. A team must take an out for each consecutive male batter. Teams may use any defensive alignment.
- e. Co-Ed: Female players may transfer between teams during regular session only. Player must sign teams' roster prior to playing and play for team during regular session in order to play for that team during tournament.
- f. No metal spikes are permitted.

- g. A batter will begin with a 1-1 count. A strike is called on each foul ball, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. No grace foul ball permitted.
- h. A team is allowed a maximum of 10 runs per inning. Once a team is ahead by 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings, the game will be considered complete. One courtesy runner per inning, must be the same gender for Co-Ed league. There will be a maximum of 5 home runs per team, per game. Any home runs after 5 will be ruled an out.
- i. A player cannot knowingly block any base from a runner. It is the umpire's judgment if the player is playing the ball.
- j. In the interest of safety and field maintenance, there will be a "NO DIG" rule. A batter cannot "dig in" the batter's box. A team will receive a warning and then a strike for each additional offense.
- k. All bats must bear the NSA Approved 2012 logo. No altered bats will be permitted and will cause an automatic out to team using an altered bat. At the beginning of the game, umpires will inspect all bats, any bats found altered will be removed from field.

### **Rainouts/Makeup Games**

- Announcement of postponement of games shall be at the sole discretion of Auburn Parks and Recreation staff and umpires.
- Generally, games will not be called off if there is any chance of playing. Day long, soaking type rains are more likely to cancel games than a sudden cloudburst in the later afternoon. Games are not cancelled because of conditions that *might* exist in the evening such as forecasted rain, ominous skies, or possible weather conditions.
- No rainout decisions will be made BEFORE 4:30 p.m., so please do not call the office prior to that time. An email will be sent out as well as text if games are cancelled. Captains are responsible for letting team players know of cancellation.
- If the first games of the evening are NOT cancelled by 4:30 p.m., it is then left up to the umpires at the field to decide whether the games will be played or not, and if they progress whether games should be continued. If games are cancelled after 4:30 p.m. by the umpires, the umpires will contact team captains with notification.
- After a game has started and is called off due to field/weather conditions, games shall be considered complete if 4 innings have been completed.
- There will be a certain number of allotted makeup dates per session as stated on session schedule.
- Competitive Leagues: any additional rainouts will be played on Monday evening of the designated makeup week.
- Co-Ed Leagues: any additional rainouts will result in postponing tournament back a week and holding makeup games on league nights until completed (weather permitting).

### **Team Forfeit**

- In the event a team is unable to play, team captains must call the Parks and Recreation Office by 2:00 p.m. the day of the game. Opposing team will automatically win games scheduled in the event of a forfeit. Opposing team will be notified as soon as the Parks and Recreation Office receives forfeit notice.
- If the team does not inform the Parks and Recreation Office by this time, it will be counted as a no call, no show.
- Three no call, no shows during regular session will result in elimination of tournament

### **AUBURN PARKS AND RECREATION CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

#### **Prohibited Acts**

- No smoking, vaping, or use of tobacco products on the field of play or in the dugout area.
- No Alcohol of any kind is permitted on Park property (including the parking lot) by City ordinance (IX, Chapter 93 Section 4)

- Profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct is prohibited. Continued abuse of the rules will result in game/park ejection, and forfeit of game.

### **Rules for Conduct to Umpires/Officials/League Players**

- There shall be no appeal for any decision of any umpire on the grounds that he/she was not correct in his/her decision that a batted ball was fair or foul, a baserunner was out or safe, a pitched ball was a ball or strike, or any other play involving accuracy of judgement.
- The team captain is the only individual who may question, in a courteous manner, an umpire's decision.
- There shall be no unsportsmanlike behavior shown to any umpire, player, or park official. Umpire or park official have the rights to declare an action as unsportsmanlike and may give a warning or eject player from game.

### **Sportsmanship**

- Auburn Parks and Recreation leagues are for recreational fun. All games are to be played in a sportsmanlike manner.

### **Ejection of Player/Captain**

- Swearing at or giving verbal abuse to an umpire, team opponent, or park official is an automatic ejection.
- Swearing not directly at an umpire, team opponent, or park official will constitute a warning. This is a team warning, which means the next person that swears will be asked to leave.
- In most cases a player will be given a warning for misconduct. This is a team warning, which means the next person that violates a player conduct rule will be asked to leave the game.
- Throwing the bat, ball, or glove intentionally at an umpire, the fence, dugouts, stands, or crowd will be given an automatic ejection from the game, no warning necessary.
- Constant chirping, griping, arguing about calls, balls, and strikes, or taking verbal shots at the umpire will get a warning followed by an ejection on the next violation (also a team warning).
- Any players found consuming alcohol on park property will be ejected from the game, no warning necessary.
- Any player found showing physical aggression (bumping, swinging, pushing, etc.) towards an umpire, player, or park official will be ejected from game, no warning necessary. The game shall be forfeited and all team members placed on probation, if team action or inaction warrants.
- Any team found of multiple misconducts throughout the session will by discretion of Auburn Parks and Recreation be suspended from the league for the remainder of the session without refund.
- Any captain or player ejected from a game and suspended by the Program Director for the second time during a season may be suspended for one year after review with the Auburn Parks and Recreation Superintendent.
- If a team or player is suspended from the league, no refunds will be given.

### **Suspension Appeals**

- Individual Suspensions: captain, co-captain, and defending player will be notified by letter from Program Director, that the individual player has hereby been suspended and consequently forfeits all league fees previously paid to the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department, and may not receive a refund.
- Team Suspensions: captain and co-captains will be notified by letter from the Program Director, that their team has hereby been suspended and consequently forfeits all league fees previously paid to the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department.

If you have any questions regarding the above Auburn Parks and Recreation Softball Rules and Conduct Policy, please call (260) 925-2997 or email [parks@ci.auburn.in.us](mailto:parks@ci.auburn.in.us).



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SESSION (S) TEAM PARTICIPATING IN: (Circle please) Summer Co-Ed Session Fall Co-Ed Session

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CAPTAIN : \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

CO-CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have reviewed the general information for the Auburn Parks and Recreation Softball Leagues.*

REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Payment can be made in the form of exact cash, check, or credit card (1.66% fee applies). Please make checks out to City of Auburn. Payment and registration forms can be mailed to or dropped off at the Auburn Parks and Recreation office located at 1500 S. Cedar Street, P.O. Box 506 Auburn, Indiana 46706.*