JC PARKS

Adult Softball
Fall 2026

Registration
June 30 – Aug. 1

Read this entire packet before registering a team.
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ADULT SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL
Fall 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Men's D-DH	**Men's D**	**Men's C-DH**	**Men's D**
			CoRec D

JC Parks may amend the above chart depending on the number of teams wishing to register in any given league. D leagues will use one umpire. Every attempt will be made to use two umpires for C leagues but will use at least one.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Participants register as teams. **A list of players wanting to play is kept by the Program Manager for managers looking for players.**
2. Registrations will be accepted June 30th- Aug 1st on a first-come-first-served basis. Games will tentatively begin the week of August 25.
3. To register, simply complete a roster form found on the JC Parks website **(or make corrections to summer roster or last year's fall roster)** providing the name, address, email address, home, work and cell phone numbers, and return it to JC Parks along with your entry fee. (To request a previous roster, send an email to Pfunk@jeffersoncitymo.gov and give the manager's last name and request summer or fall). Blank rosters can be found on the JC Parks website at www.jcparks.com. ***No refund of entry fee will be made unless JC Parks cancels a program or portion thereof.***
4. Registration fees for the 2024 fall softball program are as follows:

Adult Slow Pitch (includes balls)	**Team Fee**	**Team Fee after Aug 1st**
Single game Leagues (6 games)	$270	$300 (if space is available)
DH Leagues (10 games)	$450	$495 (if space is available)

5. Teams will register according to the chart at the top of this page for a particular night and will play on that night each week, weather and field conditions permitting.
6. **Six (6) teams will be accepted in most divisions**. **Team managers should have a backup division picked in case a division is filled. JC Parks reserves the right to schedule more teams per division and change game times if necessary to accommodate demand.**
7. The Program Manager reserves the right to refuse teams attempting to "sandbag" permission to play in a lower division. This includes teams which wait too long to enter a division which has filled.
8. **Teams who won their division in the summer and have at least five (5) returning players must move up to the next higher division. If a team cannot move up due to the night the division is offered, they may be allowed to play in the lower division, but they will not be in contention to win the division championship.** Any team that had a .500 or better record during the summer leagues cannot drop to a lower level. If it is discovered that a team with a .500 or better record has dropped to a lower division and has 5 or more players from their summer roster, then that team will be declared ineligible for that division title and awards. NO REFUND OF FEES WILL APPLY.
9. Play will tentatively begin August 24. Teams in the single game divisions will be scheduled for six (6) games and teams in the double-header divisions will be scheduled for ten (10) games.
10. Game times will be 6:15, 7:15 & 8:15 p.m. (possibly some 9:15 games).
11. ***Acceptance of a team registration is interpreted to mean that the team manager and all players are thoroughly familiar with this packet and agree to abide by all rules and regulations stipulated within as well as those of USA Softball.***

ROSTERS

Rosters must be sent to PFUNK@Jeffersoncitymo.gov or dropped of at the front desk by the first game, If failure to complete the roster form Fully or turn into the Program Manager by the first game, it will count as an automatic forfeit with no Refund and will not be rescheduled

SCHEDULES

Schedules and make-up games will be posted on-line only. Go to the JC Parks website at: jcparks.com. Schedules will be Posted on the JC Parks App

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SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

This program is designed to provide a quality leisure experience for the participants by providing an opportunity to enjoy physical activity while deriving the many positive benefits of sport. It is not meant to be, and will not become, an intensely competitive program in which participants place the importance of winning ahead of sportsmanship and fun.

ELIGIBILITY

1. A team roster must consist of no less than 12 and no more than 18 players.
2. **Players may be added to the team roster until 5 p.m. Friday, September 12.** At that time rosters will be frozen. The only exceptions would involve replacing an injured player who is able to provide verification from a doctor that he/she is unable to continue playing or under special circumstances as approved by the Program Manager. *Dropping or adding of a player(s) may be done by the team manager in several ways:*
   a. *in person at the Linc;*
   b. *by email to* Pfunk@jeffersoncitymo.gov
   c. *by calling 573-634-6563 and leaving a message with the team name and division, name, cell phone number, and email of the player(s) you wish to add.*

   Players must be listed on the official roster by 5 p.m. on the day of the game in which they play.
3. ***If a player not listed on a team's roster participates in a league game and that player's alleged ineligibility is brought to the attention of the umpire or JC Parks staff prior to the validation of the game's score and later verified by JC Parks, the game will be declared a forfeit. All players must be able to produce positive identification when requested by an umpire or JC Parks staff.***
4. A minimum age of eighteen (18) years has been established for participation on all adult softball teams.
5. There are only two restrictions on participation in Parks and Recreation softball: all teams on which an individual plays must be within one level of the others (for example, a player on a C team may also play B **OR** D, but not both); no one may participate on more than one team in the same division.

REIMBURSEMENT FEE DUE TO FORFEIT

Any team who forfeits a regularly scheduled game, and the opposing team does not get to play what would be equivalent to such, will be assessed a $45 reimbursement fee (this fee represents the per game fee and reimburses the team for the game they did not get to play) which will be deducted from the deposit paid at the time of registration. Every effort will be made to keep track of forfeits and forward the reimbursement fee to the manager of the opposing team. However, it is ultimately that manager's responsibility to notify Parks and Recreation of the forfeit within 48 hours in order to guarantee collection of the fee. ***Calling Parks and Recreation ahead of time to forfeit a game does not exempt teams from paying the reimbursement fee unless approved by the Program Manager.***

PLAYER/TEAM CONDUCT

1. **All players and teams are expected to conduct themselves in a good sportsmanlike manner.**
2. **Undue harassment of the official(s) before, during, or after the game may result in the ejection of the individual(s) involved. Any player, coach, or fan who is ejected from a game and reported to the Program Manager by a sports official or department representative will be removed from the program.**
3. After an ejection, the individual(s) ejected must immediately leave the field and spectator area. Failure to do so or continued harassment of the official may lead to a second ejection, removal from the program, and forfeiture of the game by that player's team.
4. **REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM**: Any player who strikes, attempts to strike, or verbally threatens an official; who fights with another player; or who is ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior is suspended from any and all teams on which that individual plays. This suspension is for one calendar year and includes all teams and in all sports in which that person plays.
5. Any team or individual who intentionally damages park property will be billed for the full replacement cost of said property and will be suspended from all JC Parks programs until such restitution is made.
6. Any team or individual who fails to heed the request of on-site JC Parks personnel regarding program operation or facility care will be suspended from all Parks and Recreation programs until he/she/they submits a written account of the incident and is reinstated by the Director or Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation.
7. JC Parks may lengthen any suspension for any length of time and seek the maximum penalty under USA Softball jurisdiction, if circumstances so warrant.

SMOKING/ALCOHOL

1. Smoking or use of any type of e-cigarette/vaping is not permitted on the fields, in the coaching boxes at first and third bases, or in the dugouts.
2. Alcohol is not permitted on the field or in the coaching boxes. **Glass bottles are prohibited everywhere in the park**. Players or coaches refusing to heed this rule are liable for ejection.
3. Fans and players under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave the premises. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the game and removal of the individual from the program.

UNIFORMS

There are no uniform restrictions in JC Parks adult leagues, except as stipulated herein (check USA policy for district/state championship play).

1. Players must wear shirts and shoes at all times; (no sandals).
2. **Metal spikes are prohibited in all leagues**. Hard plastic, polyurethane spikes or shoes with detachable cleats are allowed.
3. Exposed jewelry such as wrist watches, bracelets, all types of earrings and neck chains, or any other item judged dangerous by the umpire may not be worn during the game. Medical alert bracelets/necklaces are not considered jewelry but must be taped to the body if worn. Penalty for refusal can be ejection.

GAME PROCEDURES

All games will be played according to the official rules of USA Softball except as noted herein.

1. Game time is forfeit time. Each team must have at least **8** players ready to play at game time. If 10 players are present, all must play. If a team starts a game with 10 players and loses 1 or 2 they may continue without being penalized with an out, but if at any time the number drops to 7 or less the game is forfeited except as in #3 below. If a team plays with 8 players, or injury puts a team down to 8 players it is NOT an out when the 9th or 10th spot comes to bat. In the case of an injury, the injured player(s) may re-enter the game. If a co-recreation team is playing with 9 players, a 5w/4m combination must be used; with 8 players a 4w/4m combination must be used.
2. When any program participant is bleeding, has blood on their person or clothing, or has an open wound, they must leave the activity for appropriate treatment including bandaging as necessary to prevent recurrence. In all adult sports, each team should be equipped with first aid supplies including ice, rubber gloves, bandages for treatment of wounds, and a 70% isopropyl alcohol solution for disinfecting skin and uniforms.
3. In all adult softball leagues, if medical care or treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time considered reasonable is an umpire judgment. A player missing a turn at bat as a result of enforcement of this rule shall not be penalized. If a team falls below 8 players as a result of this circumstance only, the game may continue for a maximum of one inning while treatment is administered.
4. Batters will start with a 1-1 count; **NO** courtesy foul will be given.
5. **There is no stealing or leading off in any adult slow-pitch division.**
6. **Pinch runners are allowed in two types of situations**:
   a. In the case of an injury – A pinch runner is only allowed on the play in which the injury occurred. For example: If the batter gets hurt while running to first base, he/she may ask for a pinch runner. However, once the injured player gets a pinch runner and leaves the field, he/she will either have to bat and run their next time at bat or leave the game. In other words, the batter cannot continue to bat and have someone else run for them.
   b. USA pinch runner rule – A courtesy runner may be used once per inning. In coed, two courtesy runners are allowed, one male and one female, must be of the same gender. Warning - If the pinch runner's turn at bat comes up while he/she is on base, it will be an out.
7. There are no restrictions on team sponsorship. League standings will be kept and individual awards given (maximum 18) to the champions in each league. In the event of a tie for the league championship, head-to-head competition will be used. If that does not provide a champion, runs allowed, then total run differential will determine the champion.
8. Umpires will provide each manager with a line-up card which must be properly completed and returned to the umpire at game time. Umpires will record the score by innings on Score Validation Cards. The home team in each game will be responsible for providing a scorekeeper to assist in verification of the official score between innings. Once the score is recorded and the next inning has begun the Score Validation Cards will be official and beyond question. Managers of both teams must sign the card after each game. Refusal to sign this card will constitute a forfeit.
9. Each team will be provided with the same ball, a yellow synthetic leather cover ball with a COR rating of .52 and a ball compression of 300 lbs., **by JC Parks at the beginning of the season**. Men's teams will get 12" balls. Co-Rec teams will get both 12" and 11" balls. Each team will be responsible for providing the balls they use when at bat. The team at bat will be responsible for getting another ball to the umpire if one is hit out of play. The game will not be delayed while someone shags the ball that was hit out. **Teams may provide their own ball as long as it is .52 COR / 300 lbs. compression and clearly shows the USA certification stamp. No fee discount will be given to teams wishing to provide their own balls.**
10. **NO** new inning may begin after 60 minutes have expired in any game unless there is a tie (see #11). In any game in which the score differential is 8 runs or more, no new inning will begin after 55

minutes have expired. A new inning begins immediately after the final out of the previous inning. **Game time begins after the home plate conference.**

11. Games which are tied at the end of the time limit or seven innings will be broken using the international rule. At the start of the next inning the offensive team shall place the previous inning's last batter on 2nd base. Regular league games will only play one inning of overtime. The game will stand as a tie of neither team scores in that OT inning. Play-off and championship games will play out until there is a winner.
12. A game will be terminated and considered complete when a team has a 20-run lead after 3 innings, 15 after 4, or 10 after 5 innings. If a game is called for any other reason except a forfeit, 4 innings will constitute a complete game.
13. Pitchers will be allowed a maximum of 3 warm-up pitches within 1 minute before each half inning. This minute begins immediately following the final out of the previous half inning.
14. The inning and time limit are enforced for every game, whether it's a regular league game, a play-off, or a championship game. See OT rule in #11 above
15. All divisions have a limit on the number of home runs a team can hit per game. Any home runs beyond that will result in an out.

    "B" = 7 home runs "C" = 5 home runs "D" = 3 home run

    On any fair batted ball hit over the fence for a home run or on a four base award, the batter and all runners are credited with a run. The batter and any runners on base are not required to run the bases.
16. All teams will use continuous batting order and unlimited substitutions. All players who show up for a game are listed on the batting order and bat. Any ten of these players can play defense at any time and do not have to report to the umpire. *Once the batting order is given to the umpire it may not be changed except to add players at the **end** of the order.
17. In all Co-Recreation divisions slow-pitch rules apply with these exceptions:
    a. 5 women and 5 men play simultaneously on defense at all levels of play (a 5w/4m or 4w/4m combination are the only other combinations permissible). There are no defensive position restrictions. Anyone can play any position.
    b. A continuous batting order must be used at all levels. The batting order will always alternate male and female even when one gender outnumbers the other. All players present are listed on the line-up card and bat during the game. When a team has an unequal number of male/female players the line-up card is divided in half listing the men's batting order on one side and the women's on the other side. Batters then alternate male/female and they need only concentrate on which male or female they follow in the separate batting order. If you have questions please call the Program Manager.
    c. Substitutions are permissible by gender only, both offensively and defensively.
    d. The outfielders must stay in the grass until the ball is hit. If, in the opinion of the umpire, an outfielder has crossed into the infield before the ball was hit, the batter will be awarded a single with only runners who are forced to advance moving up one base or the result of the play, whichever is most advantageous to the offensive team as determined by the manager.
    e. A walk to a male batter will result in a two base award and the following female must bat. With two outs, if the male batter receives a base on balls, the female batter has her choice of batting or receiving an automatic walk. When receiving a two-base walk, the batter/runner must touch first base on the way to second.
18. Pitches must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of **at least 6 feet while not exceeding a height of 10 feet** from the ground.
19. All game officials will have the authority to order any player, manager, coach, captain, trainer or fan, to do or refrain from doing any act which, in their judgment, is necessary to give force and effect to one or all rules and regulations.

20. Forms on which to voice complaints concerning umpires will be available at the JC Parks Office or from the field supervisor at the ballpark. All complaints should be directed to JC Parks for review and evaluation of the umpire and situation indicated.

21. A rules interpretation protest will be considered only if the following conditions are met:
    a. The manager of the protesting team must notify the umpire prior to the final out of the game that the game is being played under protest.
    b. The protest must be filed with the JC Parks office within 24 hours after the completion of the game in question. This must be done in writing and must be accompanied by a fee of $5.00.
    c. The written protest must contain the following:
        1) Date, time, and place of game;
        2) Name of umpire, if known;
        3) The specific rule and section of the official rules being protested;
        4) The decision and conditions surrounding the making of the decision;
        5) All essential facts involved in the protest;
    d. PROTESTS BASED ON UMPIRES JUDGEMENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
23. Any protest which is upheld by JC Parks will be replayed only if it affects the division championship.

RESCHEDULING

1. Games may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other circumstances beyond our control.
2. Schedules will be updated on-line when games are cancelled and rescheduled, so please check the website regularly. www.teamsideline.com/jeffersoncity.
3. JC Parks may reschedule for any day, field, or time in order to complete the league schedule.
4. If a team is unable to play a rescheduled game, which is on the same night they normally play, they will be responsible for paying the reimbursement (forfeit) fee to the opposing manager and the forfeit will count as a loss on their record.
5. If a make-up game is rescheduled for a different night of the week and a team is unable to play, they will not have to pay the reimbursement fee, but the game will count as a forfeit loss on their record. (We make every effort to reschedule games on the same night the teams normally play.)

6. New in Fall 2025: After 2 Make-Ups, if a team has played at least 80% of their games (5 of 6, 8 of 10, 10 of 12, etc.), the season is complete, and a prorated refund will not be given.
7.