



**2011 Fall Adult
Co-Ed Softball
Registration Packet**

Roster Deadline:
September 12th 5:00pm

Starkville Parks & Recreation

Adult Co-Ed Softball Registration Information:

2011 BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Entry Fee: \$275 per team (\$250 for SPRD summer registered team)

Deadline: September 12, 2011--5:00pm

Last Day to Add: Before Regular Season Ends

2011 Preregistration Changes:

Teams will PITCH their own provided 12" .44 cor 375lb compression white or yellow ASA Stamped game ball.

Introduction

Starkville Parks & Recreation reserves the right to make changes to the by-laws and regulations during the course of the season. These will regard only matters of very unusual circumstances deemed to be necessary.

Website

Information about SPRD leagues can usually be found online at <www.starkvilleparks.com>. Once there, scroll over Sports and then click on "Adult Co-Ed Softball" to view news, schedules, scores, and standings. It is the coach's responsibility to report any possible errors that might affect his or her team.

Eligibility

To be eligible for participation in the SPRD Adult Softball leagues, each participant must:

- * Be 16 years or older. Persons whose 16th birthday falls during mid season may add to a roster early, but must wait until that day to participate.
- * Wait one year from release if participant was a professional softball player. Players may not be listed on a current collegiate or high school varsity softball roster.

Dress

- * All team members will be required to wear jerseys of the same color. Each jersey must have a number measuring at least 6 inches on the back of the jersey. A team may not have duplicating numbers and numbers must be in integers from 0-99 including 00. Jerseys may have extra displays that differ from other teammates as long as it reflects good taste and does not create controversial jersey numbers. Once a jersey has participated, it cannot be swapped.
- * The numbers must be permanently attached to the uniforms and be of contrasting color with the jersey. No taped numbers, magic markers, etc. ✧ Each team is allowed to have one shirt with no number visible as long as it is still the same color as the rest of the team for that game. This is especially helpful when two players show up with the same number and one is allowed to turn his/her shirt inside out and play. Players legally participating with no number should be assigned the letter "X" on the line-up sheet.
- * Participants may wear shoes of soft sole or rubber spikes only. No metal spikes or rubber covered spikes.
- * Participants may not play barefooted.

Team Assignments

- * Sponsors - All teams must pay an entry fee to participate in the program. This fee covers the cost of officials, equipment, and facility maintenance. The fee can be obtained through sponsorships or individual efforts.
- * Team Manager or Coach - Each team is to designate a team manager or coach on its roster. The manager will act as the official spokesman between the team and the SPRD office. The manager shall:
 - Turn in the official roster.
 - Sign players to his/her roster.
 - Know the eligibility of all team members.
 - Be familiar with all rules and regulations.
 - Keep teams informed of pertinent information.
 - Act as team spokesperson on and off the playing area.
 - Be responsible for familiarizing their players with the rules and regulations of this league.
 - Turn in line-up cards to the official scorekeeper on time with complete and proper information (jersey numbers, first names, and last names).
- * Team Names - all teams are required to select a name to compete under. Team names are usually that of the sponsor. SPRD reserves the right to censor any name or team uniforms found questionable or in bad taste.

- * Participation - A player may participate on one team only. In the case a player's name appearing on two or more team rosters, that player will be assigned officially to the team he first played on within a scheduled game within that league.
- * Team Members - any player that participated in one game shall be considered a permanent member of that team unless a player release form has been approved by SPRD. Players may participate in more than one league (such as men & co-ed), but cannot participate on more than one team inside any one league even if the two teams are in separate classes (such as A & B).
- * Assumed Names - No individual shall participate under an assumed name. Any player, manager, or coach who plays under an assumed name shall forfeit that game and the player is subject to suspension or expulsion from this league.

Conduct

- * Coaches and managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and obvious fans.
- * Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as cursing, rowdiness, or continuous baiting of officials shall be cause for suspension. A maximum of two (2) games can be administered for the first offense. Further incidents will lead to more serious action by SPRD. A report will be completed and filed in the SPRD office. The coach and/or players will be given copies of the report.
- * Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the premises and any violation of this rule shall result in suspension from the league, and the matter shall be referred to the proper authorities. Tobacco products are also prohibited.
- * The coach or manager of each team may confer with the officials concerning a rule interpretation if it is done in a courteous manner. Matters that involve judgment on the part of an official are not open for question.

Officials

Officials, scorekeepers, and field supervisors will be assigned to all games by the SPRD. Only registered officials will be used except for emergency situations. Officials and scorers will be evaluated and rated with assignments made based on these ratings. This is to provide for the best officiating possible while still affording inexperienced officials an opportunity to officiate in a recreational setting. SPRD shall give the officials complete authority during the time they are on duty.

League Director's Duties

The Starkville Park Commission shall have broad supervisory powers, including all schedules, playoffs, rule interpretations, official assignments, awards, maintenance, and general management of the league.

Postponements

- * We do not like to postpone or cancel games, but if in our judgment one of the following situation exists, we will be forced to postpone games:
 - Fields are so wet that they will receive great damage.
 - The players' safety is in question due to condition of weather and fields.
- * If the decision is made to postpone games, we will normally postpone games on all fields because of the confusion that occurs if we do not. There are limited situations which games may be played at a selected park.
- * Obvious decisions to postpone contests due to severe weather may be made at any time of the day. Decisions over questionable weather or standing water are usually made at 4:00pm, but sometimes have to be a game-time decision. Coaches are encouraged to view the website to see if any information has already been posted on any cancellations, but may also call the Sportsplex office between 4pm and 5pm. Please keep in mind that phone lines are usually very busy on questionable days. To avoid making multiple phone calls, encourage every team member to sign up to receive the SPRD Twitter messages (do not have to have a Twitter account to receive SPRD Tweets) via text messaging by texting the phrase *Follow @StarkvilleParks* to the number 40404 to receive information regarding cancellations, postponements, reschedules, etc. Click [here](#) for more information about receiving updates via Facebook and/or Twitter.
- * On nights when games have been canceled, we expect all players to stay off of all fields. All violators will be reported to the authorities.
- * In-Progress Rainouts:
 - Recreational Games -- games rained out in progress during the recreational season are official and over with if the losing team has batted 4 full innings (3 innings if 20-run rule applies). Games will be picked up where they left off only if the losing team has batted 2 full innings, otherwise the game will be replayed from the beginning.
 - Tournament Games -- games rained out in progress during the End-of-Season tournaments will pick back up where they left off unless both coaches and SPRD administration are all in agreement to do otherwise.

Game Protests

- * Protests based upon question of the officials' judgment will not be considered. Only grounds for protest will be misinterpretation of playing rules, or questions of eligibility. The notification of intent to protest must be made immediately before the next play on any non-eligibility related issue.
- * The head coach or manager, at the point of any protest, must be the one making any protest. He or she should first calmly call time and discuss the issue with the lead official of intent to protest. That person should then be given 2 minutes to physically write a short summation of the problem on the score sheet and have the official score keeper mark where in the game it occurred. If that coach/manager decides to follow up on the protest, a written protest with more specifics must be submitted to the SPRD office by 5:00pm of the next working day. All protests must be signed by the protesting head coach or manager and be accompanied by a \$25.00 protest fee. If the protest is lost, the \$25.00 will be turned over to the SPRD Activity Fund and the time

and date of its filing will be recorded on the receipt. If a protest is won and only one game is affected, the game will be replayed and picked up at the appropriate place in the game and the \$25 will be refunded. If a protest is won where more than one game is affected, then the \$25 will be refunded and some other type of compensation will be negotiated.

- * During an official protest, both teams involved are subject to thorough examination by SPRD administration and a legitimate protest may still be lost due to any discovered infractions. The investigation will include but is not limited to:
 - Any registration fees still owed.
 - Any incomplete team roster form.
 - Proof of ineligible player participation.
 - Proof of inadequate line-up card submission.
- * The burden of proof regarding any eligibility protest falls upon the player in question.
- * The validity of protest will be reviewed or determined within 10 working days. Officials, players, coaches, and/or managers may be requested to attend a hearing to assist in determining the validity of the protest.
- * Coaches of the teams involved in the protest will be notified of the date of the protest meeting.

Forfeits

- * Game time is forfeit time.
- * A forfeit results in any contest not being played without prior arrangement with the SPRD office. Any contest which is not completed due to unsportsmanlike conduct, ineligibility of players, not enough players to start on time, or for any other reason counts as a forfeit loss and will not be replayed.
- * A team must have 10 players ready to play at scheduled game time. All games will start on assigned time unless a prior game, weather, or SPRD administrative decision delays them.
- * A double forfeit in recreation play will count as a 7-7 tie. When a double forfeit occurs in the winner's bracket of a tournament or if a trophy is decided, the game officials will count it still a tie, and then a coin flip by the home umpire will decide the winner. If a double forfeit occurs in the loser's bracket of a tournament and no trophy is decided, then both teams are eliminated.
- * Officials are not required to oversee scrimmage games due to a forfeit.

Addition of Players and Participation

- * Players participating must have their names signed on the team roster and on file with the SPRD office.
- * All players not on the original roster after registration deadline will be required to pay \$5.00 to join a team before the last-day-to-add date.
- * No player may be added to the team roster after the last-day-to-add date unless a hardship case is approved by SPRD. The registration fee for approved hardship cases is \$10.00 per person.
- * All substitutes must be located in the bench area and/or be wearing a proper jersey at time of mandatory substitution.

Championship

League winners will be decided by a format declared by the league directors prior to the beginning of each league. Some of the most common formats used are:

- Win/Loss records.
- Qualifying tournament
- Open tournament (*double elimination)—Current format used by SPRD

Game Rules

- * All rules not covered by SPRD regulation will be governed by current ASA softball rules.
- * Male batters are required to bat opposite-handed unless a wooden softball bat is used. If a question arises about any male batter with a metal bat, then the pitcher shall declare as to which side the male batter will bat with the metal bat. Since the male batters have restrictions, there will be no double-walk option.
- * A minimum of 10 players for each team must be present at game time, of which at least 4 must be male and at least 4 must be female participants.
- * A female player must occupy each of the following:
 - Pitcher or Catcher
 - 1st Base or 2nd Base
 - Short-stop or 3rd Base
 - Left Field or Left Center Field (unless short-handed)
 - Right Field or Right Center Field (unless short-handed)
 - If legally short-handed, the short-sided gender must play Center Field and be between the other two outfielders of the opposite gender.

- * The batting line-up must alternate between genders. If an extra player is used, then the gender of the extra player must lead off and end the line-up. Except for when an automatic out occurs, this should be the only other time two players of the same gender would bat back-to-back. If two extra players are used, they should be one of each gender and either gender may lead off. Legal scenarios include (M=male; F=female):
 - 5-M, 5-F: Either gender may lead off. Defense is at full strength. There are no automatic outs.
 - 6-M, 4-F or 4-M, 6-F: Line-up must start and end with the most gender participant. Defense must play short-handed. An automatic out exists.
 - 6-M, 5-F or 5-M, 6-F: Line-up must start and end with the most gender participant. Defense is at full strength with the EH being of the most gender participant and should only replace those of the same gender in the field. There are no automatic outs.
 - 6-M, 6-F: Either gender may lead off. Defense is at full strength with the two EH's being one of each gender and each may only replace the same gender in the field. There are no automatic outs.
- * Co-Ed will use only the 12" (men's) softballs for safety reasons.
- * Only individuals playing will be allowed on the playing field or in the dugouts. Persons not on the team must remain outside of the field area.
- * All games consist of a time limit of 65 minutes. If an inning is started before the time limit expires, the top of the inning will be finished. The bottom half of the inning will be finished if necessary to determine a winner. The umpire's watch is the official timepiece. Extra innings will be limited to one during recreational play and then ties will be declared.
- * All line-ups should be given to the scorekeeper at least 5 minutes prior to game time. If both teams have line-ups turned in on time, or if both teams are tardy, a coin flip will decide who bats first. If only one team has line-up in on time, that team shall choose who bats first. Line-ups not turned in by game time result in a forfeit.
- * The current run rules are as follows:
 - 5 innings 10 runs
 - 4 innings 15 runs
 - 3 innings 20 runs
- * There will be NO "taking infield" or "batting practice" before games.
- * Courtesy runners will not be used for adult play.
- * Teams will pitch their own provided softballs unless stated otherwise. Softballs must be stamped .44-cor with a compression of 375lbs and have red stitching. **All softballs in SPRD play must be originally white or yellow in color.**
- * All softball bats used must meet current ASA guidelines and must not be mentioned on the current ASA unapproved bat list. **Wooden bats may be used as long as they are in safe condition and will slide through an ASA official bat ring.**

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Stay Connected to Starkville Parks & Recreation via Facebook and/or Twitter!

Below you will find detailed instructions on how to subscribe to our status updates via text messaging for Facebook and Twitter. Please note that for Twitter you do not have to have a Twitter account to receive SPRD updates. Also note that if you follow us on Facebook, we have linked our status updates from Facebook to Twitter so just following us on one will be sufficient. We offer both for your preference.



Once you have logged in to your Facebook account, Search for Starkville Parks & Recreation Department and “Like”. To begin getting Text Message notifications from SPRD you need to Subscribe to our Facebook page via SMS. To do so go to your Account > Account Settings > Mobile. Scroll down to “Whose status updates should go to my phone? Click here to manage your mobile subscriptions.” Add Starkville Parks & Recreation Department to your SMS Subscription List. If you have not turned your Facebook SMS Notifications ‘On’ yet, do so under the Mobile tab as well; start by texting the letter F to 32665.

We will only update this Facebook status with pertinent information such as field status, game status, registration date reminders, etc. Occasionally, we will ask for feedback about our new website <www.starkvilleparks.com> on the Facebook Discussion Board.

Be sure and add the number 32665 to your address book in your mobile device as Facebook!



If you have a Twitter account:

Login and Search for StarkvilleParks and then Follow us. To turn ‘On’ your text messaging notifications for Twitter, go to Settings > Mobile and follow the step by step instructions to activate your mobile device. Text the following phrases to 40404 to activate the below commands:

Text the Phrase:

FOLLOW StarkvilleParks

UNFOLLOW StarkvilleParks

ON/OFF

ON/OFF StarkvilleParks

GET StarkvilleParks

What this does for you:

Start receiving updates from SPRD

Stop receiving updates from SPRD

Turn all Tweet notifications on or off

Set Tweet notifications for SPRD on or off
(you'll still be following us even if you set it to off)

Shows you the latest tweet from SPRD

If you do not have a Twitter account:

Text the phrase *Follow StarkvilleParks* to 40404 to begin receiving our Tweets via text messaging. You may also use the above text commands to follow, unfollow, or get instant updates from our Twitter.

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Team Name: _____

STARKVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Roster Form

Sport: Adult Co-Ed Softball
Year: 2011

If you need more room for more players; attach another copy of this roster form.

Check what best describes where you locally reside

No.	Print Last Name	Print First Name	Player Signature	Last 4 SSN	Phone Number	inside city	inside county	outside county
1						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PLAYER AFFIDAVIT--Each Player should read the following statement before completing and signing:

I am a member in good standing of this team and I am eligible to compete with this team in the SPRD league. I understand that I may play on only one team within a division during a season and this is the team that I have elected to play for this season. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from activities. I do further hereby release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Starkville, SPRD, and officials for any injury, damage, or loss of property during the season. I hereby subscribe my name in the column for signatures and by doing so certify that I have read and understand this statement and that the information supplied on this roster is correct to the best of my knowledge.

TEAM COACH/MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT--I am the manager of the above team and, after being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and say that all of the information supplied above is correct to the best of my knowledge and that all of the players signed the above in their handwriting and they are eligible to compete with my team in the SPRD league, and agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Starkville Parks and Recreation Department.

Coach Name (Print): _____ **Manager/2nd Contact Name (Print):** _____

Coach Signature: _____ **Manager/2nd Contact Signature:** _____

Coach Phone (primary): _____ **Manager/2nd Contact Phone (primary):** _____

Coach Phone (secondary): _____ **Manager/2nd Contact Phone (secondary):** _____

Special Requests:

SPRD USE ONLY Rcpt: _____ Paid: _____