



July 11, 2016

Dear Men's Softball Representative,

The Smithfield Parks and Recreation Department is currently gearing up for the 2016 Men's Open Softball League and would like to invite your team to participate.

The deadline to enter a team into this year's league is August 19th and play will begin after Labor Day. A coach's meeting will be scheduled after the teams are set to discuss rules, regulations, schedules, etc.

The cost of this year's league is an entry fee of \$475.00.

Enclosed you will find rules, roster forms and code of conduct forms to be signed and returned. Remember the deadline to enter your team is August 19th. Your team's entry fee must be paid at this time in order for your team to be placed on the schedule.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 934-2148.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Johnson

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Director



ADULT ATHLETICS

TEAM ENTRY FORM

LEAGUE:

- FUN AND FELLOWSHIP SOFTBALL
- MEN'S OPEN LEAGUE SOFTBALL
- ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL
- FUN AND FELLOWSHIP BASKETBALL
- OTHER _____

NAME OF TEAM		
MANAGER		
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		
TELEPHONE	HOME	WORK
EMAIL ADDRESS		
2ND CONTACT		
TELEPHONE	HOME	WORK
EMAIL ADDRESS		

<p>OFFICIAL USE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CHECK (NO: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CASH</p>	ENTRY FEE:	\$ <u>475.00</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ _____
	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ _____
	BALANCE	\$ _____
	RECEIVED BY _____	RECEIPT NO.: _____

Smithfield Parks and Recreation

Open Softball League Rules

2016

The league will use USSSA rules with the following additions/exceptions:

1. The team roster must be signed and dated by the coach/captain of the team.
2. Complete team rosters will be due before the first league game and there will be no changes after the second game.
3. There is no minimum number of games that a player must play in order to be eligible to play in the tournament.
4. If a team is playing an ineligible player, all games that he played in will be forfeited.
5. The only protest allowed is one involving an ineligible player.
6. Any player or coach that starts a fight or threatens an umpire will be barred from further play for the rest of the season, and may face further action by the Parks and Recreation Department.
7. Any player ejected from a game will be suspended at least for the next two games.
8. Games will be seven innings unless a run rule or time rule is in effect.
9. No new inning may start after one hour has elapsed since the first pitch.
10. If one team trails by 20 runs after batting three times, by 15 runs after batting four times, or by 10 runs after batting five times, the game is over.
11. Forfeit time is 10 minutes past the scheduled time for the first game of the night, and game time for all remaining games.
12. A game will be official after 5 innings (or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead) if a rain-out occurs. If less than 5 innings have been played, a new game will be played from the beginning.
13. A team may have as many players in the batting order as they desire. Defensive substitutions may be made freely, provided each player is in the lineup. A team may start with a minimum of 8 players (any players added after the game begins must bat in the ninth and tenth positions). Players may be added to the bottom of the order at any point in the game. Opponents will not provide a courtesy catcher for an opponent.
14. Each team will hit their own ball, but it must be an **approved, legal and stamped** ASA, NSA or USSSA ball with a .cor of 40 / 375 compression or less.

15. Bats that were legal by USSSA Standards in 2012 will be allowed in the league. Newer bats with the USSSA Mark or Stamp are allowed as well.
16. Teams will be allowed 5 homeruns per game. Any homerun hit after five will be considered an out.
17. When players come to the plate, a 1 strike, 1 ball count will be used.
18. Ties in the standings will be broken by head to head results. If head to head results do not break the tie, a drawing will be held to break the tie.
19. Team trophies or t-shirts will be given to the winners of the regular season and the tournament.

By signing below, the team captain verifies that he/she has received a copy of the rules and shared them with team members:

Coach's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Code of Conduct

The intent of this policy is to ensure, to the best of our ability, that a safe, wholesome and encouraging environment be provided for all who are involved in the activity, whether they be a coach, player, spectator, or official.

According to the *“Code of Ordinances of the Town of Smithfield, Section 12-97., ‘No Person shall conduct himself in a disorderly or obscene manner or commit any nuisance upon the grounds of any park or recreation area.’*”

Based on this ordinance, the Town of Smithfield’s Parks and Recreation Department and the Smithfield Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee have adopted the following policy to deter such behavior:

Any spectator, participant or coach who conducts themselves in a disorderly manner as described above may be suspended, or banned from all further Smithfield Parks and Recreation activities, programs and/or events. This type of unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to, foul, abusive or profane language and/or gestures demonstrated toward other persons in attendance.

If in the event of such an occurrence, a formal complaint is filed with the Parks and Recreation Department, a special hearing will be scheduled with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to decide what action, if any, shall be taken. Options will include, but not be limited to, temporary suspension, expulsion from all future programs, or legal action.