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# 2024 Spring Adult Softball

## Notes & Reminders

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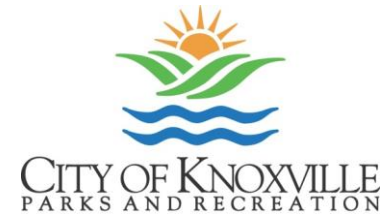
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**ATHLETICS**

**THANKS**



First of all, *thank you* for captaining/coaching your adult softball team this fall.

This file takes the place of the Organizational Meeting. We will cover frequently asked questions and other items.

For the most in-depth information, please view the League By-Laws located on the Adult Softball page.

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# HOW TO FIND INFO

(Please inform your teammates about these info outlets also)

- 215-INFO (4636) after 4pm for weather updates & Twitter @knoxathletics
- [www.KnoxvilleAthletics.com](http://www.KnoxvilleAthletics.com)
  - Click on “Adult Softball”
    - Or, <http://softball.knoxvilleathletics.com>
    - Information available
      - Important notes listed with date (example – Update 3/29...)
      - Updated Schedule with results after games each week
      - Standings posted weekly
      - Team Roster Form
      - League Rules



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# FIRST GAME

- Please have your team arrive about 30 minutes before the first game
- All players on team wearing like uniform with a number (if shirts not yet in, just wear white & use a sharpie to put a number on the back)
- Have the team fill out the Team Roster Form and turn it in to the Field Supervisor in room next to Concession Stand.
- In the past, players had to fill out an individual form and turn in a copy of photo ID. If issues of person's identification we will ask for a Driver's License, Facebook page, etc. to verify
- Turn in your Lineup to the Umpire
  - Lineup Cards available at the Concession Stand



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# CASWELL PARK

## 620 Winona Street



- **Parking**
  - Behind Fields 1 & 4
  - Around O'Connor Center
  - Next to Playground
- **Park Entrance**
  - By Ticket Booth between Field 1 & 4

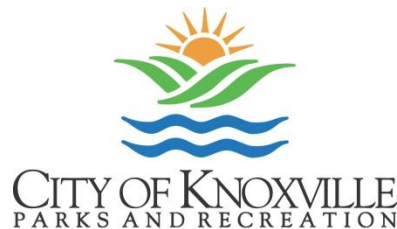
# CASWELL PARK RULES

- No pets
- No weapons or explosives (unless person has carry permit)
- No alcoholic beverages and/or drugs (includes parking areas) or tobacco No coolers or outside food/beverages
- No fighting, profanity, or loud threatening language
- No hitting into the fences
- Warm up in designated grass areas between the fields
- No vulgar or sexually suggestive wording on the uniforms
- When lightening is in the area, EVERYONE is required to go to your cars and wait for the “all clear” to resume play or until games are postponed for the night.



# SAM ANDERSON PAVILION

- Concession Stand
  - Faces Field #1
- Field Supervisor Room
  - Left of Concession window
- Restrooms
  - Located in back of building facing Field #3



# RULES / Frequently Asked ?'s

<b>Bats</b>	ASA, NSA, USSSA approved bats (bats outlawed not allowed)
<b>Balls</b>	Men's - 12" .52 core/300 compression w/ ASA stamp   Women's - 11" .44 core/375 compression w/ ASA stamp.
<b>Strike Zone</b>	Strike called when arc is 6-10 feet and hits plate or orange mat
<b>Homeruns</b>	No Inning-Ending Homeruns, just an "out" (except in Open League)
<b>Open League</b>	Unlimited homeruns
<b>Courtesy Runner</b>	1 allowed per inning. Courtesy Runner can be any player, just make sure that person is not due to bat soon. An "out" will be recorded if player on base is due to bat. - Co-Ed – Courtesy Runner must be same gender
<b># Batters in Lineup</b>	Men's – 8,9,10,11, or 12 can bat Co-Ed – 8,9,10, or 12 can bat (To bat 8 or 9, see forfeit rule) (Players 11 & 12 must be present at game time to be in batting order)
<b>Co-Ed Rule</b>	Females may play in male positions – for defense, the position rules will apply as numbers allow - for example, a game could begin with 7 females and 3 males. Players in batting lineup in male positions may be subbed for, but if female re-enters she must re-enter in same spot
<b>Forfeit Rule</b>	- 15 minute Grace Period for 6pm games (for teams with 8 or fewer players) - Game can start with 8 or 9 players. Game begins when 9 players present. - Team takes "out" when missing player(s) is due to bat. - Player(s) arriving late can enter defensively following any completed at bat. - Co-Ed teams must have 8 total to begin with at least 3 females - Players running late may be placed anywhere in batting order, but count as "out" if person is due to bat and still not there
<b>Governing Body/Sanction</b>	KPRD. Using USA rules as starting point with local changes
<b>Awards</b>	T-Shirt for 1 <sup>st</sup> in tourney



# INFO ON HOMERUNS

**HOMERUNS.** Leagues/games will be labeled as 0+HR, 0-2HR, 2+HR, or Open/Unlimited. Any homerun over the limit will result in an “out” (there will be no inning-ending “outs” as a result of a homerun). Team captains will determine the number of allowable homeruns at the pre-game meeting with the umpire. The following will be used:

- 0+HR – The lower number shall prevail. 2 HR is the highest allowable at this level.
  - (Example: if a team says “2” and the other says “0”, then 0 HRs will be allowed)
- 0-2HR – Teams either agree or meet in the middle. If both say 2HR, it’s 2.
  - (Example: if a team says “0” and the other says “2”, then it’s 1HR. If one says “1” and other says “2”, it’s 1HR.)
- 2+ HR – The lower number shall prevail. 5 HR is the highest allowable at this level.
  - (Example, if a team says “2” and the other says “5”, then 2HRs will be allowed)
- Open/Unlimited – There is no limit on the number of homeruns that can be hit.



# RULES

**(By-Laws contain more elaborate list)**

- Players can only play on 1 Men's team & 1 Co-Ed Team **per night**
- All players must be 17
- Games may begin with 8 or 9 players, but when 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> batter due up, an "out" is recorded. Missing players can be placed anywhere in the batting order
- Teams supply own balls for games (balls for sale at concession stand for \$7 or \$70/dozen)
- Time Limit – 1 hour – No new inning begins after time expires
- Grace Period – 15 minute grace period for 6pm games. Time lost for waiting is counted in the time limit, so if 8 minutes late, time for game remaining is 52 minutes. Game will begin if 9 players are present
- Tiebreaker – If tied after 7 innings or time expires, 1 inning will be played using the International Tiebreak Rule – player who made last out starts extra inning at 2<sup>nd</sup> base. During season only 1 extra inning is played.

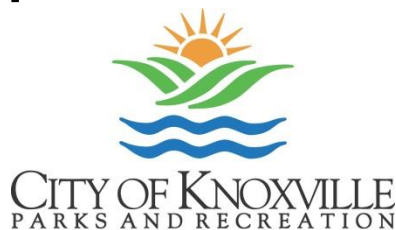
# CO-ED RULES

(More detailed info in By-Laws)

- Defensive Positioning
  - 1 male/1 female as Pitcher/Catcher
  - 2 males/2 females in infield
  - 2 males/2 females in outfield
- Batting Order alternates male/female or female/male
  - Teams can bat 8, 9, 10, or 12 batters
- If a male is walked, he advances to 2<sup>nd</sup> base
  - If 2 outs, the female following male may take 1<sup>st</sup> base or bat
- Players 11 & 12 are Extra Players (EP)
  - Must be present when game begins to be in batting order
  - Players 11 & 12 may rotate with other players in the game defensively
- For more info, see By-Laws info on Co-Ed Rules

# BALLS & STRIKES

- **Mat used**
- Pitch arc must be between 6 feet & 10 feet
  - Umpire shall call “Illegal pitch” if higher or lower
- Ball must hit the plate or the **mat** to be a strike
- Men’s Leagues – Play is “dead” if ball hits the plate. Player may steal if ball does not hit the plate.

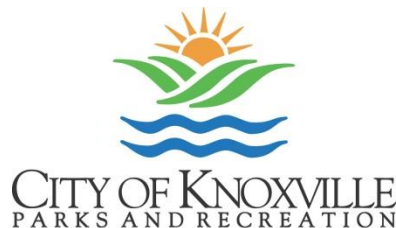


# MERCY RULE

The game shall be called if a team leads by the following:

- 20 Runs after 3 Innings
- 15 Runs after 4 Innings
- 10 Runs after 5 Innings

Teams may scrimmage after game called but umpires will leave field



# GAME PERSONNEL

- Umpires
  - 2 umpires scheduled for each game
  - Game can begin with just 1 umpire
- Field Supervisors on Duty
  - Available around fields to assist with questions about league rules and other questions you may have before or after your game
  - Monitors the ticket area near entrance and parking lot to ensure safety
  - Located in room next to the Concession windows
- Concessions
  - Concession stand will be open each day/night
  - Hot and Cold Items available



# CITY TOURNAMENT

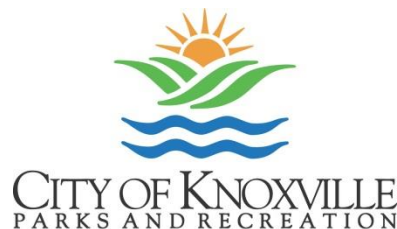
## Double-Elimination Format

- The City Tournament will be held after the regular season games have been played and make-ups have been attempted.
- Tournaments offered for all leagues (0HR, 2HR) with teams from each league.
- Games are played all week (not just the night you signed up for)
- Info on the tournament entry deadline will be emailed and posted on the website
- All players must play in 3 regular season games with your team to be eligible for tournament
- There is a \$55 Tournament Entry Fee
  - Why? – In the past, teams said they would play and then didn't show up.

# PLAYER SAFETY

In case of ejections or issues, please see the KPRD Unsportsmanlike Conduct Policy located in:

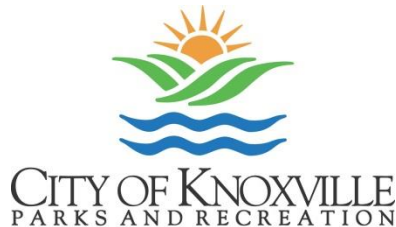
- Knoxville Athletics website>Adult Softball>League Rules
- Ejection = 4 game suspension
- Fighting = Likely a year suspension
- Games can be called by the umpire if issues with an entire team or both teams occur.





# PLAYER SAFETY

- If injured, please inform the umpire and/or Field Supervisor so someone can assist you.



# PLAYER SAFETY

- Lightning
  - Severe Weather Alert system used to detect severe weather:
    - STOP play when 15 second horn blast occurs
    - Strobe light will flash when severe weather is detected
    - EVACUATE the park (car is safest place)
    - Play will resume when three 5-second horn blasts occur





**GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN**

Thank you again for captaining a team and/or playing softball this spring. We hope you have a great experience at Caswell Park!

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