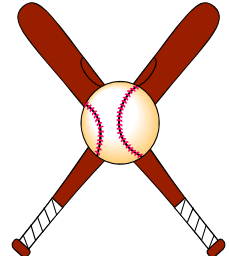




**2009 ADULT ATHLETICS
MEN'S, WOMEN'S & COED SPRING SOFTBALL
LEAGUE POLICIES**

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**Men's leagues will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Men's Doubleheader leagues will be played on Wednesdays
Women's leagues will be played on Thursdays
Coed leagues will be played on Mondays**

****** Each team should have a scorebook. The umpire will have a scorecard and will update the scoreboard at the conclusion of each play that involves an out being recorded or a run scoring. ******
****** We will not have scorekeepers. ******

The league will consist of different levels of play. Teams are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

<u>Activity #</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>League Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>
27401-1.....	Tuesday.....	Men's D Level 1.....	USSSA C/D teams
27402-1.....	Tuesday.....	Men's E Level 1	USSSA upper- level E teams
27402-2.....	Thursday.....	Men's E Level 2	USSSA mid- level E teams
27402-3.....	Tuesday.....	Men's E Level 3	USSSA mid- level E teams
27402-6.....	Wednesday.....	Men's Doubleheader UPPER.....	USSSA C/D teams
27402-7.....	Wednesday.....	Men's Doubleheader LOWER.....	USSSA E teams
27402-4.....	Thursday.....	Men's E Level 4	USSSA lower- level E teams
27402-5.....	Tuesday.....	Men's E Level 5	USSSA lower- level E teams
27421-1.....	Thursday.....	Women's D Level 1.....	USSSA C and D level teams
27422-1.....	Thursday.....	Women's E Level 1	USSSA E level teams
27431-1.....	Monday.....	Coed D Level 1.....	USSSA C/D teams
27432-1.....	Monday.....	Coed E Level 1.....	USSSA upper- level E teams
27432-2.....	Monday.....	Coed E Level 2	USSSA mid- level E teams
27432-3.....	Monday.....	Coed E Level 3.....	USSSA lower- level E teams

- REGISTRATION** – Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis beginning **February 9 through February 23, 2009**. Register your team through TeleTrac (automated phone system) calling 962-2777, or WebTrac (on-line) at www.ci.loveland.co.us with your credit card. To register through TeleTrac or WebTrac you will need your household ID number, your member ID number, a Visa or MasterCard (full payment is required), and the activity number of the league you're signing up for (listed above). Call 962-2440 for your household information prior to registration. Completed rosters with name, address/phone number, signatures, and AA participation number must be turned in to the Chilson Recreation Center or faxed to 962-2906 no later than February 23, 2009. Registrations will also be accepted at the Chilson Recreation Center beginning **February 9 through February 23, 2009**. Loveland Parks and Recreation reserves the right to transfer a team into the appropriate league based on their players levels of play.
- PAYMENT OF LEAGUE FEE** – Men's, Women's & Coed team fee is **\$309.00** if registered by **February 16th** and **\$329.00** if registered after **February 16th** for 7 games. **Men's Doubleheader** team fee is **\$584.00** if registered by **February 16th** and **\$594.00** after **February 16th** for 14 games. *Full payment is required at the time of registration!*
- PARTICIPATION FEE** is **\$22.00** per player. *This fee is good from the time of purchase through the 2009 Spring Softball program ONLY.* **PURCHASE** your AA card on-line through WebTrac at www.cityofloveland.org To access WebTrac you will need your household ID number, your member ID number and a Visa or MasterCard (full payment is required). Call 962-2383 for your household information. Fees can also be paid at the Chilson Center (weekdays from 8:30 am - 7:30 pm, Saturdays from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am- 5:30 pm). It will be the responsibility of the individual player to pay the participation fee before the 1st league game. **We will have rosters at your 1st game and you will not be allowed to play without an active**

- AA card number.** If someone else is paying this fee for an individual, we must have a correct address and phone # of the person that the fee is being paid for.
4. **BAD CHECKS** - Any participant or participant/team sponsor that has a returned check for any fee assessed by the Adult Athletics will be ineligible to participate in any program area until that check has been made good. If the check is for league fees, all individual participants of the team will be responsible for their portion of the total fee to be eligible to participate. The individual participant's portion will be determined by dividing the number of eligible ballplayers on the submitted roster by the fee assessed for that program area.

 5. **TEAM CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS**
Our cancellation policy is as follows:
 - A team will receive a 100% refund (less processing fee), only if a written request is received a minimum of three working days, prior to the schedule pickup date.
 - A 50% refund will be given when a refund request is submitted in writing any time following the scheduled pickup date and up to the start of that leagues play.
 - No refunds will be given once league play has begun.
 - Processing fees for adult leagues will be \$25.00
 - Full refunds will be given when the Recreation Department cancels a league or program.

 6. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT** - Teams are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. It is required that at least 75% of **ALL** league rosters be comprised of members who either reside in the R2-J School District or are full-time employees of a company in the R2-J School District that is a sponsor of that team. The 75% residency requirement will be in effect only if we reach our maximum capacity. **THIS RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT ONLY IF WE REACH CAPACITY DURING EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION.**

 7. **SCHEDULE PICKUP** - League schedules will be available on **Wednesday, March 4, 2009 after 4:00pm** at the Chilson Center front desk. **We will not mail schedules! Schedules will also be available on the City of Loveland web page <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>! It is possible that schedules **MAY NOT** be available on the web page for up to 2 days after they are available to pick up at the Chilson Center!**

 8. **DATES OF PLAY** - League games will begin the week of **March 9th, 2009**. Seven games are scheduled for this league.

 9. **ROSTER FREEZE DATE** - Roster limit is 20 players. Roster freeze date is **March 27, 2009** at 5:00 pm. Anyone added to a roster after that date must have written approval from the majority of the coaches/managers in that league.

 10. **RAIN-OUT PROCEDURES:**

First Priority	Same night post season
Second Priority	Friday night
Third Priority	Sunday night
Fourth Priority	Saturday or Sunday day

This priority list is subject to change depending upon availability of fields.

 11. **ROUND ROBIN** - Adult Athletics utilizes round robin type play. The number of teams in a league determines how many rounds teams will play.

 12. **RECORDS** - the total win/loss percentage will determine the final standings in ALL leagues. Adult Athletics uses the following procedure for tiebreakers for 1st place:
 - Head-to-head competition
 - Winning percentage of teams involved
 - Winning margin of involved teams in all games played in that league
 - Most number of runs scored by teams involved in all games played in that league
 - Least number of runs allowed by opponents involved in all games played in that league
 - Flip of a coin

 13. **AWARDS** – One (1) plaque will be awarded to the 1st place team along with 15 t-shirts awarded to the 1st place team.

CODE OF CONDUCT: The Adult Athletics Code of Conduct governs - all play. It is the teams and/or individual player's responsibility to acquire a copy so that they may be aware of the rules. Please stop by the Chilson Center or visit the City's web page at <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm> to obtain a copy.

LEAGUE RULES

All leagues will be governed by USSSA rules with the following additions/exceptions:

- A. **EXCESSIVE BLEEDING POLICY/BLOOD BORN PATHOGENS** - Any participant who is bleeding, or has an open wound, or has an excessive amount of blood on his or her uniform must leave the game or event. The participant may not return until either the bleeding has stopped, or the wound has been covered and bandaged, or the uniform has been changed.
- B. **3 BALL, 2 STRIKE COUNT** - A batter will receive a base on balls on the third called ball and will strike out on the second called strike.
- C. **STARTING AND FINISHING A GAME (Men's & Women's leagues)** - A team may start or finish a game with any number of players. A team can add players to the game in progress. These players will be added to the bottom of the batting order. **If a player is ejected and you do not have an eligible sub to replace them there will be an automatic out when it is the ejected player's turn to bat.**

STARTING AND FINISHING A GAME (Coed leagues) – A team may start and/or finish a game with any number of players. However a team may not have more male players in the game than female players, offensively and defensively. If a team has an odd number of players, a female must start the batting order and alternate. When the 10th batter arrives (male), that player must be added to the 10th batting position. **If a player is ejected and you do not have an eligible sub to replace them there will be an automatic out when it is the ejected player's turn to bat.**

- D. **BATTING** - All players on the roster may bat. However: the batting order must remain constant. Any batters can take a defensive position throughout the game. (This rule is for league play only!)
- E. **RE-ENTRY RULE** - There is unlimited re-entry. The starter and that starter's substitute may re-enter in and out of the batting order as many times as deemed necessary by the team coach. This rule will be in effect if a team doesn't wish to take advantage of the multiple A.H. rule. This rule is for league play only. Tournament rule may vary.
- F. **WARM-UP** - all pre-game warm-up and throwing practice must be done off the dirt part of the infield and all areas covered by asphalt. Absolutely **NO batting practice** will be allowed on any part of the playing field (dirt or grass) or common area between the fields (asphalt or grass). This includes pepper ball. If you wish to have batting practice, you may do so outside of the 4-field complex. **NO soft toss into fences** Please be careful with those bats, it could be **YOUR** child that accidentally gets hit in the head.
- G. **ON-DECK WARM-UP** - while in the on-deck area, donuts, fans, sledgehammers, steel pipes or any attached device is illegal for warm-up. **ONLY** regulation bats may be used.
- H. **FAKE TAGS** are illegal. Penalty: runner is advanced and the offender may be ejected.
- I. **ILLEGAL PLAYER** - in accordance with the City of Loveland Parks and Recreation Department Adult Athletics league policies and Code of Conduct, illegal players may not be used in any program. The opposing team may protest doing so.
An Illegal Player is:
 - a. **A player in the game that is not on the official team roster.**
 - b. **A player in the game that has not paid the participation fee.**
 - c. **A player that is playing in the game and is assuming the name of a player who is on the official team roster.**
 - d. **A player playing on two teams in the same program (i.e. – two teams in men's league, two teams in women's league, two teams in coed league, two teams in church league, etc.)**

The effect of using an illegal player:

If the opposing team announces their intent to protest the illegal player, that player must produce a picture ID. If the player cannot produce a picture ID, the official will continue play with the game under protest. At the conclusion of the game the player has the option to return to the supervisor at the field that night or come in the Parks and Recreation office the next day to verify their identity. If the illegal player is confirmed to be illegal, the game will be forfeited and the illegal player will be suspended for a minimum of two games. If the protest for an illegal player is made known at the conclusion of the game, the final score of the game will stand, however the facility supervisor will make every effort to properly identify the person in question. If the player is

found to be illegal, the player will be suspended from further play for a minimum of two games. In addition, the coach may be suspended from further play in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.

- J. **SUSPENSIONS** – Players suspended from league play will be assessed a \$25.00 fine in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.
- K. **UNIFORM** - a minimum uniform will consist of same color jerseys with non-duplicating numbers on front and/or back. If each player on a team does not have matching uniform jersey the other team will be awarded one run for each player that does not have a matching jersey up to a maximum of 3 runs per game. These runs will be awarded prior to the start of the game. If a player shows up after the game has begun and does not have a conforming jersey and his or her team has not already given up three runs due to non-conforming shirts the other team will be awarded a run.
- L. **CLEATS** - steel cleats, football cleats or any type of shoe with screw-on type cleats are illegal. Player must change to legal shoes. Player must wear shoes or he/she will not be allowed to play.
- M. **JEWELRY** - all necklaces, bracelets (except medical alert bracelets) Earrings, wristwatches and rings (except flat wedding bands) must be removed during play
- N. **PLASTER CAST** - individuals wearing plaster casts or other injury healing devices are not allowed to participate in any games sponsored, hosted or operated by the City of Loveland Adult Athletics. **Knee braces may be worn.** The safety of all concerned is of the utmost importance.
- O. **HOME TEAM** - a flip of the coin will determine the home team.
- P. **FORFEITS**
1. Game times are forfeit times
 2. The only times a game may be forfeited due to lack of players is when the coach voluntarily forfeits game by signing the score sheet or when no players show up.
 3. If a game is forfeited, the officials are not permitted to work the game.
- Q. **GAME TIMES/GAME DURATION/ENDING GAME EARLY**
1. Game times are 6:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.
 2. After 55 minutes of play, no new inning will be started. The next inning starts as soon as the previous inning ends.
 3. 10-run rule after 5 innings if visitors are ahead by 10 or more runs or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs
- R. **BAT BOYS AND GIRLS** may **NOT** be used in any Adult Athletic softball program.
- S. **HOME RUN RULE**
(Additional homeruns are outs in D)
(Any homerun in E is an out)
- Men's & Women's Class "D"-“ and Men's Double Header upper* One up rule”(If one of the team hits a homerun the other Team may hit two homeruns to go one up but a team may never go up by more than one homerun. (Additional home runs are treated as **outs**) The home team may hit a homerun in the bottom half of the last inning to pull even on homeruns but may not go one up.
- Men's & Women's Class "E" and Men's Double Header lower* -No home runs. (Home runs are treated as **outs**)
- T. **ALCOHOL** - *Consumption of Alcohol at Barnes Complex is prohibited.* This includes all playing areas, spectators' areas, warm-up areas, parking lots and park areas. Violators will be ticketed pursuant to Ordinance #9.36.020 of the Loveland Municipal Code prohibiting open display of alcoholic beverages and risk suspension from further program participation pursuant with player code of conduct.
- U. **PROFANITY & TAUNTING** – Effect: Player may be ejected from the game.
- V. **ELIGIBILITY AGE** – the minimum eligibility age to participate in the Adult Athletic program is *16 years old*. The player must be 16 at the time of participation.
- W. **The commitment line will be used for Coed level 3 &4 leagues. There will be a “commitment line” perpendicular to the 3rd base line 45’ from third base and 20’ from home plate.**

- If a runner's foot completely crosses this line the runner must proceed home;
- If a runner takes a step back towards third base after crossing the commitment line, the ball is dead immediately and the runner is out.
- If the runner crosses the commitment line, the play at the plate is a force and the defensive team must only possess the ball while touching the plate for the force out.
- The runner going home must not touch home plate. The runner simply runs past the plate and the umpire will determine if the runner has crossed the "home line" before the defensive team tags home plate.
- If a runner touches home, the ball is dead and the runner is out.
- The defensive team may not tag the runner after the runner has crossed the commitment line.

BARNES COMPLEX RULES

CHILD CONTROL - It would be greatly appreciated if parents would control their children. Our major concerns are with children in the bathroom stopping up the toilets and putting dirt in the sinks, and with children walking in the flowerbeds. There is a playground across SE 5th street that is well equipped for children of all ages. Unsupervised children may be more likely to be struck by an errant foul ball.

PET CONTROL - PETS are **NOT ALLOWED** inside Barnes Complex.

NO BIKES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, SCOOTERS or other Rolling devices are allowed
BICYCLE RACK - Bicycle racks are available just inside the Barnes Complex main gate. Please lock your bike.

PROTEST PROCEDURE - A protested game can result when there is a difference of opinion on the field between the protesting team and the umpire regarding the application or interpretation of playing rules. Rule interpretation only, **NOT JUDGEMENT CALLS**.

1. Protest must be made to the plate umpire prior to the next pitch. This is to enable all concerned (umpires and opposing team) to take notice of the exact conditions prevailing at the time of the protest. The umpire receiving the protest shall cause all concerned to be notified immediately
2. A typed protest letter from the protesting team and \$20.00 **CASH** must be delivered to the Adult Athletic office in the Chilson Center at 700 E 4th Street before 5:00 p.m. the next working day with the following information:
 - a. The date, time and place of the game
 - b. Names of the umpires
 - c. The rule and section of the rulebook or local league rules under which the protest is being filed
 - d. The conditions surrounding the cause for the protest
 - e. All essential facts involved in the matter of the protest
3. The decision will be made on a protested game as soon as practical.
 - a. If the protest is allowed, the game will be rescheduled and replayed at the point of protest and the \$20.00 fee will be refunded.
 - b. If the protest is found to be invalid or denied, game stands as played and the \$20.00 fee is forfeited.

PRACTICE FIELD RESERVATIONS:

The fields will be available for reservations. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance and in person at the Chilson Center, 700 E. 4th Street. **NO** reservations can be confirmed by phone. The cost for reserving a field is \$15 for 1 hour. Combined rental of batting cages and practice field are available during batting cage open hours. Get the most out of your practice time; use the batting cages for one hour and then practice defense on the field for one hour. The cost is \$40.00. Contact the office for more information - 962-2388.

Adult Athletic Lines

- **Cancellations**962-2388, press 3, 1 after 5:00 p.m.
 (If a decision to cancel games has not been made by 5:00 p.m. then it is up to the umpire's to determine whether the fields are unsafe due to weather conditions.)
- **Make-up game times**.....962-2388, press 3, 2, 1 after 12:00 noon the day following a cancellation.
 (Coaches are responsible for checking this line after cancellations. This information will also be posted at the Barnes Complex)

Look for weekly scores, standings and team schedules on the web at <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>

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