



2009 ADULT ATHLETICS

MEN'S 40 and OVER SOFTBALL LEAGUE POLICIES

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Each team will 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. ******

<u>League #</u>	<u>Level of Play</u>	<u>Night of Play</u>
37403-1	Men's Recreational	Thursday

- 1. REGISTRATION** –Registration will open for all teams beginning March 30th. Starting March 30th all teams may register through TeleTrac by calling 962-2777, on-line through WebTrac at www.cityofloveland.org, or by coming into the Chilson Center. 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 league number of the level you're signing up for (listed above). Call 962-2383 for your household information prior to registration. Registrations will be accepted through April 13, 2009. 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 April 13, 2009. Registrations will also be accepted at the Chilson Recreation Center. Loveland Parks and Recreation reserves the right to transfer a team into the appropriate league based on their players levels of play.
****Keep in mind - registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.****
- 2. LEAGUE FEES** - Team fee is **\$429.00 if registered by April 6th and \$449.00 if registered after April 6th for 12 games. Full payment is required at the time of registration!** If you register by walk-in at Chilson or mail-in, you must have at least 8 players listed on your roster who have a current AA card. If you don't have 8 players with AA cards you must purchase enough AA cards to reach the minimum of 8. All AA cards must be purchased by the first game. **Checks are made payable to the City of Loveland. **NO EXCEPTIONS****
- 3. DATES OF PLAY** - Games will start the week of **May 11, 2009.**
- 4. PARTICIPATION FEE** is **\$22.00** per player. This fee is good for participation in a 2009 Summer Adult Athletic program through participation in a 2010 Spring Adult Athletic program. For your convenience you may **PURCHASE** your AA card on-line through WebTrac at www.cityofloveland.org beginning March 16th. 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. Beginning March 16th fees can also be paid at the Chilson Center (weekdays from 8:30 am - 7:30 pm, Saturdays from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am- 5:00 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.
- 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 scheduled coaches meeting.

- A 50% refund will be given when a refund request is submitted in writing any time follow the scheduled coaches meeting and up to the start of that league's 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. **BAD CHECK** – 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 players on the submitted roster by the fee assessed for that program area.
 7. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT** - ALL league rosters comprised of 75% of its 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 will have priority registration over a non-resident team during early bird registration **This will go into effect only if we reach our maximum capacity during early bird registration.**
 7. **SCHEDULE PICKUP** - League schedules will be available on **Wednesday, May 6, 2009** at the Chilson Center front desk after 4:00 pm ****It is the responsibility of the coach to pick up the team schedule. 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 a week after they are available to pick up at the Chilson Center!**
 8. **ROSTER LIMIT/FREEZE DATE** - Roster limit is 20 players. Roster freeze date is **June 6th, 2008** by 5pm. Anyone added to a roster after that date must have written approval from the majority of the coaches/managers in that league.
 9. **NEED PLAYERS?** - If you are short players, we have a list of players in the office looking for a team.
 10. **AWARDS-** One (1) plaque will be awarded to the 1st place team along with 15 t-shirts awarded to the 1st place team
 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. **RAIN-OUT PROCEDURES:**
 - First Priority----- End of 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

For inclement weather cancellation call 962-2388, press 3, 1 after 4:00 pm to see if games are cancelled. If we have a weather change after 4:00 pm, and our line states that the games are still on, it will be to the discretion of the umpire to determine whether the fields are unsafe at the 1st game time and the cancellation line will be updated at that time for the games that follow.

For Make-Up Schedules call 962-2388, press 3, 2, 1 after Noon the business day following a cancellation. We will **not** call coaches with this information.

LEAGUE RULES

CODE OF CONDUCT – All play is governed by the Adult Athletics Code of Conduct. It is the team's and/or individual player's responsibility to procure a copy so that they may be aware of the rules. Please stop by the office to obtain a copy or visit our website. <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>

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. **STARTING AND FINISHING A GAME** - 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.**
- C. **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!) EFFECT: We are allowing multiple A.H.'s if a team so desires

- D. **RE-ENTRY RULE** - There is unlimited re-entry. The starter and that starters 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.
- E. **WARM-UP** - all pre-game warm-up and throwing practice must be done off the dirt part of the in field 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. Please be careful with those bats, it could be **YOUR** child that accidentally gets hit in the head.
- F. **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. The three-sided bat and the trigger grip are legal to use for play.
- G. **ILLEGAL PLAYERS** - in accordance with the City of Loveland Parks and Recreation Department Adult Athletics league policies and Coed of Conduct, illegal players may not be used in any program. The opposing team may protest doing so.

An Illegal Player is:

- **A player in the game that is not on the official team roster.**
- **A player in the game that has not paid the participation fee.**
- **A player that is playing in the game and is assuming the name of a player who is on the official team roster.**
- **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 adult athletic 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.

- H. **SUSPENSIONS** – Players and coaches suspended from league play will be assessed a **\$25 fine** in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.
- I. **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.**
- J. **CLEATS** - steel cleats, football cleats or any type of shoe with screw-on type cleats are illegal.
- K. **JEWELRY** - all necklaces, bracelets (except medical alert bracelets) dangle-type earrings, wristwatches and rings (except wedding bands) must be removed during play. If it can't be removed it must be taped.
- L. **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.
- M. **HOME TEAM** - a flip of the coin will determine the home team.
- N. **Forfeits**
1. Game times are forfeit times
 2. Forfeits - 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.
- O. **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

3. 10-run rule after 5 innings if visitors are ahead by 10 or more runs or 4 1/2 if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs
- P. **ELIGIBILITY AGE** - the eligibility age to participate in this Adult Athletic program is **40 years old**. The player must be 40 or over in 2009.
- Q. **BAT BOYS AND GIRLS** may **NOT** be used in any Adult Athletic program.
- R. **HOME RUN RULE** - the home-run rule for league play is as follows:
- 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). **Excessive home runs are outs.**
- S. **ALCOHOL - Consumption of Alcohol at Barnes Complex is prohibited.** This includes all playing areas, spectator’s 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.

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.
- **ANIMAL CONTROL** – Dogs, cats, and other pets are **NOT ALLOWED** inside Barnes Complex. (Exception: Dogs trained to assist visually or hearing impaired individuals.
- **NO SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES, OR OTHER ROLLER DEVICES ALLOWED**
- **BICYCLE RACK** - Bicycle racks are available just inside the Barnes Complex main gate. Please lock your bike.
- **SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS** - a list of softball tournaments is available at the Chilson Center front lobby, in the Adult Athletics office and on the web at: <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>

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, scorekeeper 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 5pm the next working day with the following information:
 - a. The date, time and place of the game
 - b. Names of the umpires and scorekeeper
 - 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 Barnes fields will be available for reservations beginning March 1st. You can reserve a field at the Chilson Center Monday-Friday from 8:30am -7:30pm. Reservations must be made 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. 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.

Free Agent Players List: Coaches in need of players may check out the “Free Agent List” on the web at: <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>. If a player is picked up off that list, please call 962-2445 to have their name removed.

Look for weekly updates in the Sports Section - Adult Athletic notes in the Saturday Reporter Herald.

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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HOURS: (APRIL 6 – MAY 30)

Monday-Friday5pm to 8pm
Saturday (w/ tourney)8 a.m.- 8 p.m.
Weekends no TourneyNoon to 5pm

COST:

15 Pitches\$ 1.00
One Hour.....\$30.00
½ Hour\$15.00
(For reservation information call 962-2445)