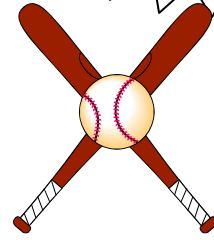




**2009 ADULT ATHLETICS
MEN'S, WOMEN'S & COED
SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE POLICIES**

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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. ******

Below you will find nights assigned to a given level. When you register you will know the night your team will play. Your record from last year will determine the minimum level your team must play. If you do not know your level of play we have the standings from last year to reference. If the level you wish to play in is full (8 teams) then you may pick another level of play; however; that level of play must be equal to or higher.



Women's League

<u>League #</u>	<u>Level of play</u>	<u>Night of play</u>
37421-1	Women's D Level 1	Monday
37422-1	Women's E Level 1	Tuesday
37422-2	Women's E Level 2	Wednesday

Men's Leagues

<u>League #</u>	<u>Level of play</u>	<u>Night of play</u>
37401-1	Men's D Level 1	Thursday
37402-1	Men's E Level 1	Monday
37402-2	Men's E Level 2	Monday
37402-3	Men's E Level 3	Tuesday
37402-4	Men's E Level 4	Tuesday
37402-5	Men's E Level 5	Wednesday
37402-6	Men's E Level 6	Tuesday
37402-7	Men's E Level 7	Wednesday
37402-8	Men's E Level 8	Thursday



Coed Leagues

<u>League #</u>	<u>Level of play</u>	<u>Night of play</u>
37431-1	Coed D Level 1	Wednesday
37432-1	Coed E Level 1	Wednesday
37432-2	Coed E Level 2	Wednesday
37432-3	Coed E Level 3	Tuesday
37432-4	Coed E Level 4	Tuesday

1. **1. REGISTRATION** – Returning teams may register by walk-in at Chilson or mail-in to 700 E. 4th St from March 23rd – March 29th. Rosters with at least 8 names, addresses and phone #'s along with team/AA fees must be included in the mail in or walk in 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 21, 2008. 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. **MEN'S & WOMEN'S LEAGUE FEES** - Team fee is **\$549.00** if registered by **April 6th** and **\$569.00** if registered after **April 6th** for **12 games**. This fee should be made payable to the **City of Loveland** and includes the **USSSA sanction fee of \$20.00**. **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.

3. **COED LEAGUE FEES** - Coed leagues are sanctioned and the sanction fee is included in the team fee. 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.**

4. **DATES OF PLAY** - league play will begin the week of **May 11, 2009**.
5. **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.
6. **TEAM CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS**
Our cancellation policy is as follows:
 - A team will receive a 100% refund (less processing fee of \$25.00), only if a written request is received a minimum of three working days, prior to the schedule being available on May 6th.
 - 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.
7. **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.
8. **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.**
9. **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!**
10. **ROSTER LIMIT/FREEZE DATE** - Roster limit is 20 players. Roster freeze date is **June 5th, 2009** by 5pm. Anyone added to a roster after that date must have written approval from the majority of the coaches/managers in that league.
11. **NEED PLAYERS?** - If you are short players, we have a list of players in the office looking for a team.
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 league games played
 - Most number of runs scored by teams involved
 - Least number of runs allowed by opponents involved
 - 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
14. **ROUND ROBIN** - Adult Athletics utilizes round robin type play. The number of teams in a league determines how many rounds teams will play.
15. **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 (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.**
- C. **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!) **EFFECT:** We are allowing multiple A.H.'s if a team so desires.
- E. **BASE ON BALLS (Coed Leagues ONLY)** - **When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter having the option to walk or bat.**
- F. **ADDITIONAL HITTER (Coed Leagues ONLY)** - in the coed program, if your team uses an AH there can never be more men than women in the line-up or on the field.
- G. **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.
- H. **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
- I. **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.
- J. **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.**

- K. **SUSPENSIONS** – Players and coaches suspended from league play will be assessed a **\$25 fine** in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.
- L. **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.
- M. **CLEATS** - steel cleats, football cleats or any type of shoe with screw-on type cleats are illegal.
- N. **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.
- O. **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.
- P. **HOME TEAM** - a flip of the coin will determine the home team. Exception if a team is giving up runs they are the home team.
- Q. **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.
- R. **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
- S. **ELIGIBILITY AGE** - the eligibility age to participate in the Adult Athletic program is *16 years old*. The player must be 16 at time of participation.
- T. **BAT BOYS AND GIRLS** may **NOT** be used in any Adult Athletic program. It is recommended that young children not be in the dugouts during the game if they are they need to stay away from the field openings for their safety.
- U. **HOME RUN RULE** - the home-run rule for league play is as follows:
- Men's, Women's & Coed D Levels* - 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) In the last inning the home team may hit a homerun to get even but may never go one up. **Excessive homeruns are outs**
- Men's, Women's & Coed E Levels* - No home runs (all balls hit over the fence are outs).
- V. **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.
- W. **Commitment line for the 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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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. 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** .
- **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 may be available for reservations beginning March 16th if not being used for spring softball leagues. 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 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-Friday 5pm to 8pm
 Saturday (w/ tourney) 8am-8pm
 Weekends no Tourney..... Noon to 5pm

