



Clinton Parks and Recreation Department



ADULT SOFTBALL GENERAL INFORMATION

ALL LEAGUES will be sponsored by and will operate under the general management and direction of the City of Clinton Parks and Recreation Department.

SPORTSMANSHIP: It is a part of the philosophy of the City of Clinton Parks and Recreation Department (CPRD) that good sportsmanship is vital to the conduct of every contest. In order to encourage proper conduct during games, officials, coordinators and CPRD staff shall make decisions as to warn, penalize, or eject players/teams for poor sportsmanship. These decisions are final. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will rule on further penalties not outlined within the rules governing the game or published within this document.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Assists CPRD with the promotion and supervision of all programs sponsored by the Department. The Advisory Board consists of one representative from each Alderman, two appointees from the Mayor, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – Not allowed at Traceway Park or any city property. Violators will be subject to forfeiture of their team's game and expulsion from the league.

SUSPENDED GAMES may be called at anytime due to rain, lightning, or power failure. If a game is called during or after the 5th inning and the HOME team is ahead, the game is complete. If the game is called before the 5th inning, the game will be rescheduled and resumed from the exact point at which it was stopped (**Exception. Ball/Strike count will be reset.)

TROPHIES will be given to the first and second place teams in each division. Tiebreakers are as follows:

1. Win percentage (Record)
2. Head-to-Head Record
3. Runs Scored/Runs Allowed

ROSTER FORMS must be submitted online to CPRD prior to the first scheduled game. All players must sign the rosters before turning in. Once the season starts, players may be added/dropped as long as no player plays on more than one team in the same division. There will be a roster freeze date at the midway point of the season. At that point no players may be added.

ASA Rules will govern the play of the game with the following exceptions:

1. PROTEST of any kind must be made while the game is in progress. No protest will be allowed after the game is complete. The manager/coach must notify the plate umpire and scorekeeper. No protests involving judgment calls are allowed. The following procedure must be followed for the protest to be valid:
 - a. Submit a \$100 protest fee.
 - b. Written account of the protest.
 - c. Protest must be submitted prior to 12 noon the following business day to the Director of Parks and Recreation.
2. Uniform requirements will be for all jerseys to match in style and color. Each player must have a number on the back, sleeve or front of his/her jersey. No two players may wear the same number. Failure to follow uniform requirements may result in forfeit.
3. Balls must be ASA Certified, .520 CORE with 300.0 lbs max compression, with ASA stamp. Game balls are provided by CPRD.
4. Bats must bear an ASA approved certification mark, must not be listed on the ASA Non-Approved Bat List with 2000 or 2004 Certification Mark, OR in the sole opinion and description of the umpire, were manufactured prior to 2000 and, if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance testing standards. See <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Play-ASA/Certified-ASA-Equipment> OR click [HERE](#) for more info on certified equipment.
5. Players must wear shoes at all times. No metal spikes are allowed.
6. The score of a forfeited game shall be seven (7) to zero in favor of the team not at fault.
7. Extra hitters are allowed per ASA rules, unless otherwise agreed upon by BOTH teams before the game begins.
8. Teams must have a minimum of 9 players to start a game.
9. Each game will have a one hour time limit. No new inning(s) will start after 55 minutes unless the game is tied.
10. Run Rules:
 - a. 15 run lead after 3 innings
 - b. 12 run lead after 4 innings
 - c. 10 run lead after 5 innings
11. Game times will be 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. Lineup cards must be submitted before the game begins and must have the following information:
 - a. First initial/Last name OR First name/Last name
 - b. Players' correct jersey number.
12. Official scorekeepers will be provided for all games. There will be no discussion of score unless your team has an official scorekeeper that has been keeping a book the entire

game. If there is a dispute over the game score, bring it to the attention of the plate umpire and scorekeeper immediately.

13. Home Run Rule:

- a. Church – 4 and Out b. Co-Ed – 3 and Out c. Open – 5 and Out

Player Eligibility Requirements

1. All Church League players must be a member of the church they represent, as defined by each individual church. *A non-coaching church administrator must approve and sign the team roster in the designated box.
2. Players must be 16 years of age to compete in the league. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! If a player is 16 or 17, they must have a legal guardian sign a waiver of liability.
3. Players cannot be added to the roster over the phone.
4. All players need to have a picture ID within their possession for protest purposes. If a protest is submitted and a player fails to produce a picture ID he/she will be ruled ineligible for the rest of the game.
5. The manager/coach of each respective team may view their roster, but not the roster of other teams.
6. Any player bleeding or having blood on their uniform must leave the game until the bleeding has stopped, and properly bandaged (unexposed) or they have replaced their uniform.

Manager/Player Conduct

The City of Clinton Parks and Recreation Department has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy regarding improper conduct of all players, coaches, fans, etc.

1. The Manager/Coach will be responsible for the conduct of their players before, during, and after each game.
2. No rowdiness, profane language, or unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated. Guilty parties will be warned, and then ejected if improper conduct continues.
3. Any manager, coach, or player that is ejected will be suspended for the rest of that game and their team's following 2 (TWO) games. If caught playing or managing during the suspended period, the result will be a suspension for the rest of the year and all games illegally played in will be ruled a forfeit.
4. Any manager/player who is ejected from a game must vacate the facility immediately without causing a disturbance or the game will be ruled a forfeit.

5. Any manager/player who is ejected from a game twice in a season will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
6. All players, managers/coaches, and spectators are subject to ejection at the umpires' discretion.

Fighting Penalties

Discipline for altercations involving physical contact or fighting between player/coach, coach/coach, coach/official, or official/player, as set by the Mayor and Board of Alderman, will be a minimum penalty of:

1. Suspension from playing adult sports with CPRD for 2 years.
2. Suspension from Traceway Park as a spectator or official for 1 year.
3. After 1 year of suspension has been served, the participant may regain their privilege to attend youth sports events association with CPRD as a spectator only.
4. Once the 2 year suspension has concluded, the participant may seek reinstatement as a coach through the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board only after successfully passing the National Youth Sports Coaching certification program and submitting a letter, in writing, to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, and Board of Alderman on why they should be reinstated.
5. Upon regaining their privilege as a spectator, and/or reinstatement as a coach, any incident meriting a report or action to CPRD, Parks Advisory Board, Mayor, or Board of Alderman could result in a lifetime suspension from participating in CPRD programs for the City of Clinton.

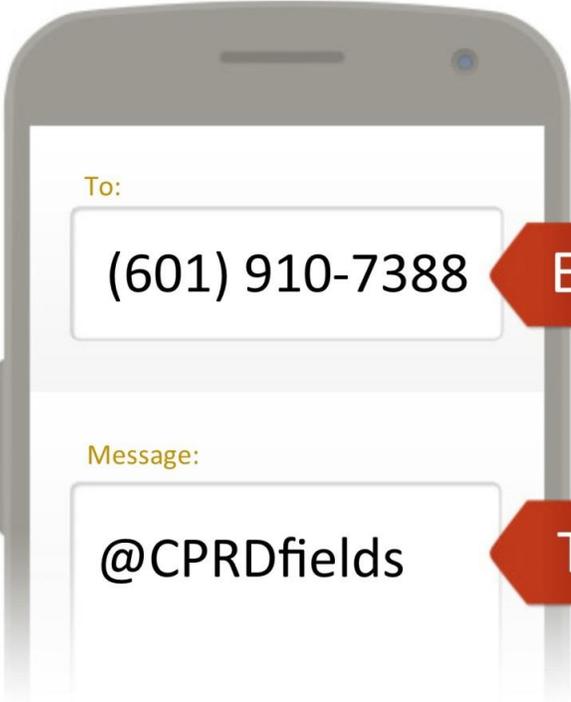
CO-ED Rules

1. Teams will be allowed to start with 9 players without penalty, but at least 5 of the players must be female.
2. Male batters will hit "opposite-handed." This is done on the honor system. The pitcher may request that the batter turn around at any time.
3. There will be a 200-foot line marked in the outfield and ALL outfielders must stay behind the line until the pitch is thrown.
4. All batting orders will alternate male/female. **Exception – team only has 9 players. Additional batters may be allowed but must be agreed by BOTH teams before the game begins. Also, the scorekeeper must be notified so that the batting order may be kept.
5. If the pitcher is male then the catcher must be female and vice-versa.
6. There must be two females in the infield and two females in the outfield at all times.

7. If the male batter is walked, then the female batter has the option of taking a walk or batting.

*****RAINOUTS will be rescheduled at the League Director's discretion. There will be 48-hour notice given to the managers/coaches when rescheduling games. In case of rain, call the CPRD Hotline at (601) 924-0888 or visit www.clintonparksandrec.com. Decisions about cancellations will not be made before 2:00 p.m.***

How to sign up for Clinton Parks and Recreation's **Field Status** messages:



To:
(601) 910-7388 **Enter this number**

Message:
@CPRDfields **Text this message**

***Standard text message rates apply.**

You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @CPRDfields'.

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