



SOFTBALL 2017: GENERAL INFORMATION

- The league will follow NSA Rules
- There will be 3 leagues: Men's, Coed 7&3 and Coed 5&5
- Cost for each league: \$300.00/team.
- Men's league will play on Monday evenings
- Coed 7&3 will play with 7 guys and 3 girls: Teams will play on Thursday evenings
- Coed 5&5 will play with 5 guys and 5 girls: Teams will play on Tuesday evenings
- Team rosters and fees are due by Friday, March 31st at 5pm to the Parks and Recreation office:
120 S. Mt. Olive St.
- The season will begin the week of April 17th
- Team entry money is due, in full, before the first game. Captains can collect the fee from their team before the first game and pay at the fields or pay at the Parks and Recreation office before 5pm on game day

SILOAM SPRINGS SOFTBALL 2017 RULES & REGULATIONS

Siloam Springs will follow the Official NSA Guide unless otherwise mentioned in the Rules and Regulations listed below.

1) ROSTER

- a) Rosters must be turned in to the Parks and Recreation office Friday, March 31st by 5:00pm.
- b) A player may only play on one team per league. (Ex: one men's team and one coed team). Any player caught playing with two teams will result in a forfeit for both teams.
- c) A person is eligible to participate if they are 16 years old on or before September 1, of that year.
- d) Rosters are limited to 16 entries. All players listed on the roster are eligible to play in the tournament.
- e) The league fee is due in full before the first game. If a team fails to pay the fee before then, they will not be allowed to play and take a loss.

2) EQUIPMENT

- a) Steel cleats are not allowed.
- b) NSA and ASA bats are allowed.
- c) For men and women, the softballs must have a core of .52 with a 275 compression. The softballs must have the core and compression marked on them.

3) GAME OVER

- a) Run Rule – 20 runs after 3, 15 after 4, and 10 after 5.
- b) Time Limit – 55 min. Game time will begin when the umpire flips the coin.
- c) Teams may start with 8 players with no automatic outs for missing players. Late players will be added to the bottom of the line-up when they arrive. You may add up to 11 or 12(Co-ed) players. The # of players in the batting order may not be reduced without an “automatic out”. EXCEPT: in the case of an injury. If a player is ejected from a game, a sub must be put in for him/her. If a team does not have a sub, the game will be ruled a forfeit. MEN'S LEAGUE: If you have 9 players in uniform, you must take an out for the 10 hole.
- d) Called by the umpire due to weather conditions. Game stands if called after 5 complete innings of play or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead or if 30 minutes has been completed.
- e) When 2 players on the same team have been ejected from the game.
- f) After 7 innings or 6 ½ if the home team is ahead.
- g) Game Time is Forfeit Time: Each team must have 8 players on the field before the first pitch is thrown.

4) EJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

- a) An umpire may eject a player or coach from a game. That person then must sit out 2 straight games, not including rainouts, from the date of the ejection. The ejected person must leave the playing field, bleachers, and parking lot or the game is a forfeit. If during suspension, a person causes any problems from the dugout or spectator area, he/she will face suspension for the remainder of the year or season. This also applies to after a game. Any person using an illegal bat will be immediately ejected for that game.
- b) A player or coach may ask questions of the umpire concerning rule interpretations. NO judgment calls may be questioned. If any problems arise from verbal abuse or harassment to umpires the same ejection rule applies as in #a.
- c) Striking an umpire, scorekeeper, or another player will cause a person to be suspended from league play for ONE YEAR with possible other action.
- d) The League Director has the authority to dismiss any player or team for misconduct.
- e) Protests must be filed in the following manner:
 1. Notify the plate umpire before the next pitch (legal or illegal) that you protest.
 2. Notify on-sight league director.
 3. If protesting an illegal player, the protest must be done before the suspected illegal player has completed their first inning of play and it must be accompanied by a \$25 protest fee.
 4. The fee is refundable if the protest is upheld. See “8-c” for ruling.

5) EXTRA PLAYER

- a) May be 11th person in the original line-up (Co-ed 11th and 12th).
- b) Remains in the line-up during the entire game.
- c) May be substituted for a re-enter in original spot just like any other substitution.

6) COED 5&5 RULES

- a) Each team will consist of ten players, 5 guys and 5 girls.
- b) A team may start a game with 8 players, 4 of whom must be women. No outs will be taken.
- c) Alignment: Batting order must alternate either male-female or female-male.
Teams may play with more females than males, but cannot play with more males than females.
EXCEPTION: if a team has 9 players (4 F & 5 M) the team batting must take an out in the 10th hole.
If the team is batting 5 F & 4 M, they do not have to take an out.
- d) Teams may not have more than 5 men on their team who play in the Spring 2017 men's league.
- e) Teams may not have more than 3 men who play in the Spring 2017 men's league in the line-up at any given time.
- f) Infield and outfield must have 2 men and 2 women in any positions. The pitcher and catcher must also be a man and a woman.
- g) If a man walks, he always goes directly to second base; the female has her choice of walking or hitting the ball.
- h) If a male runner chooses to slide, they must slide head first into a base covered by a female. Failure to do so will result in the base runner being called out.

7) COED 7&3 RULES

- a) Each team will consist of ten players, 7 guys and 3 girls.
- b) A team may start a game with 8 or 9 players, 3 of them must be women. No outs will be taken.
- c) If a team has 11 players (3 F & 8 M) the team batting must take an out in the 12th hole.
No outs will be taken if a team has 11 players, but is batting more than 3 girls.
- d) If the pitcher is a man, then the catcher must be a woman or vice versa. There are no other limitations on what positions men or women play in the field.
- e) If a man walks, he goes directly to second base if the next batter is a female; the female has her choice of walking or hitting the ball.
- f) If a male runner chooses to slide, they must slide head first into a base covered by a female. Failure to do so will result in the base runner being called out.

8) GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

- a) Home team is determined by the toss of a coin.
- b) RAINOUTS – The decision to cancel games will be determined at 3:00pm on game day. It is the coach/captain's responsibility to call the Parks and Recreation office at 524-5779 to determine if games have been cancelled. Players also have the option to text 427-0852 to check on rainouts.
- c) Substituting players from another team to avoid a forfeit is not allowed. Teams may only use the players listed on their rosters. Teams caught using non-roster players will take a forfeit for the game.
- d) Line-ups must be turned in 10 minutes before game time to the scorekeeper.
- e) Home Run Rule: Four homeruns over the fence per team per game. Any home runs over the allotted number results in the team taking an out.
- f) Each batter will start with a 1 and 1 count and there is not an extra foul given.
- g) Tournament championship game will be played with the run rule, but no time limit.
- h) The use of alcohol in or around the playing fields, bleachers, etc. will not be tolerated. Any league participant caught with alcohol will be ejected from the league.

2017 SOFTBALL ROSTER SIGN-UP

LEAGUE: _____ Men's Competitive _____ Coed 5&5 _____ Coed 7&3

TEAM NAME: _____

COACHES INFO: Full Name: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Email: _____

ROSTER: Player's Name Signature

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of acceptance into the adult softball league for 2017, I hereby waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against the City of Siloam Springs, La-Z-Boy Field, or any of its affiliates, agents, servants, officers, and employees, for injury or illness which may directly or indirectly result from my participation. I further agree to save and hold said parties harmless and agree to indemnify each of said parties of property, which, may arise by virtue of undersigned engaging in the league. I further state that I am in proper physical condition to participate in this league.

Player's Name

Signature

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