



## **Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Fall Coed Softball Leagues**

### General Program Description

- ◆ The Fall Coed Softball League plays Mondays or Wednesdays August 28 – October 9, 2023, with each team playing a double-header each night. **No games on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Places will be awarded according to number of teams in each league.
- ◆ Fees: Sponsor fee is \$150.00 and player fee is \$40/player by August 11. The roster has a 13 player minimum. Fall Coed Softball team/player roster registration begins July 2.
- ◆ Leagues play on Mondays or Wednesdays at Clem Kelley Softball Complex.
- ◆ First session games start at **6:30pm** and second session games start at **8:30pm**.
- ◆ The League Tournament will be held Saturday, September 23<sup>th</sup>. **A \$25.00 entry fee is required and is non-refundable.** The registration deadline is Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.
- ◆ There is a 16 team limit to **each** league night due to diamond availability. First come, first served.
- ◆ **Fall Adult Coed Softball Manager's Meeting** will be on **Monday, August 21 at 5:30pm**  
Location: Frances Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex 1810 Schafer St. (just off I-94, Exit 157, north of Bismarck State College Campus) in the downstairs Community Room.

### General League Rules

1. The league will follow the rules set forth by USA Softball. Umpires will be assigned to games as much as possible, depending on fall umpire availability.
2. Players may only play on one team on a given night.
3. **Players must be 18, out of high school** and on the team roster prior to participating.
4. Teams will toss a coin to determine the home team for the first game.
5. Each team will need at least 8 players ready for play to begin the game. Forfeit time for the first-round games is 6:45 pm. Forfeit time for the second-round games is 15 minutes after that game is scheduled to begin (8:45).
6. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. each evening. Please do your throwing and stretching prior to getting on the diamond.
7. Any walk to a male batter will result in a two-base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. **Exception: With two outs, the female has the option to walk or to bat.**
8. **For League and League Tournament Play:** Teams will use a 12" softball when a male batter is at the plate and an 11" softball when a female batter is at the plate.
9. **Batters will start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count with NO courtesy foul.**
10. **If playing with LESS than 10 players:** If a team is playing with 9 players they will take an out in the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot of the batting order. If they are playing with 8 players they will take outs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> spots in the batting order. This rule may be waived only if both teams agree.

11. If a team uses the EP rule, both EP players (one male and one female) must bat, but only a maximum of 10 players may play on defense. These 12 players may move around defensively but the BATTING ORDER MUST REMAIN UNCHANGED. **League Rule:** If a team would like to bat 11 or 12 players, this EP (when batting 11) may be a female or (when batting 12 with two female EP's) they may both be female, but these EP's may not both be males.
12. The batter order must alternate (male/female or female/male) whenever possible and MUST REMAIN UNCHANGED THROUGHOUT THE GAME. Exception: See rule #11.
13. There is not a rule as to a male making a play in the place of a female player. (i.e., a male pitcher making a play at home plate in front of a female catcher).
14. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED ON PARK PROPERTY. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO PARK DISTRICT ORDINANCES. Please help keep our parks clean and safe for all to use and enjoy. **Drinking alcoholic beverages during league play is not allowed.** Please save your drinking until after your games. Any player that is under the influence of alcohol during a game will face expulsion from further league play.
15. Any team forfeiting 2 league nights may be subject to removal from league play.
16. Children are not allowed anywhere on the playing field. This includes the dugouts. Please keep your children off the field to avoid them being injured.
17. INCLEMENT WEATHER – The Bismarck Parks & Recreation District Office provides an information line that will have information about the cancellation of league play. Please call 222-6479 after 4:00 p.m., check the BPRD Facebook page, or the BPRD website alert bar at [www.bisparks.org](http://www.bisparks.org). Remember that only cancellation information will be placed on the information line. Please do not call the Park District Office. There are no make-up dates.
18. **Bat Restrictions: Wood bats are provided by BPRD.** These must be picked up from the shack before the 6:30 doubleheaders and returned to the shack after the 8:30 doubleheaders. Teams may use ASA approved personal wood bats ONLY IF they allow the opposing team access to the same bats (BPRD and personal bats) being used. No team, individual, or BPRD shall be responsible for damage to a team's personal bat. Exception: If a player damages a bat in anger or behavior other than the act of batting/swinging, the offending player could be held responsible. BPRD bats must be returned to the shack at the end of the last round of games.
19. Score cards will be provided and must be returned to the shack after the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of your doubleheader. Scorebooks are not provided.
20. Any team disregarding or violating the rules and policies set forth by this league may be suspended from further league play.

#### Staffing

- ◆ This program is directed by Ethan Eberle, Recreation Specialist ([eeberle@bisparks.org](mailto:eeberle@bisparks.org)).
- ◆ There is also a Site Supervisor at the complex each league night.

#### Schedules

Schedules will be online at [www.bisparks.org](http://www.bisparks.org) August 23<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm.