



Adult Softball Spring

League runs: May - July

Min. teams per league: 4 teams

Max. teams per league: None

What: We offer 4 leagues during the Spring. They are a Men's Open League, Women's Open League, Co-ed Open and a Church League.

Eligibility: Ages 18 and over for the Open League. Ages 15 and over for Church League 15-16 yr olds must play in the outfield. For all leagues, you cannot be participating or have participated in the VHSL or college sport for the season.

Where/When: All games take place at the Kiwanis Park Big Field or the Harkrader Sports Complex. Games will be played on any combination of Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for both leagues. Wednesdays are a possibility for the Open League, depending on field availability.

How: Team registrations only. However, a free agent list will be kept by the Supervisor of Adult Athletics and Athletic Special Events for the Open League. All Church League teams must be made up of players that attend the church at least twice a month. Church rosters must be signed by the pastor.

To register follow these guidelines:

1. Entry form filled out and returned to the administrative office along with the fee of \$300 for Open Leagues and \$350 for the Church League. **(Game Balls are included for Church League)**
2. Appropriate methods of payment are: correct cash, check and credit card.
3. Registrations are accepted from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday at the Christiansburg Recreation Center at 1600 North Franklin Street.

League Info:

1. Players are allowed to play on 1 team.
2. If you have any other questions, contact Nick Yopp, Supervisor of Adult Athletics and Athletic Special Events @ 382-2349 x 2007.

Open Softball Rules

Games:

1. All games will be played at Kiwanis Big Field / Harkrader Sports Complex.
2. Games will consist of 7 innings if the time limit permits.
3. There is a 1 hour time limit and no inning can start after 55 minutes. Any inning in progress will be completed. There can be extra innings if the score is tied and time allows. The 5 minute grace period is included in the game time.
4. Games will start promptly at the scheduled time. There will be a 5 minute grace period. After the period, the game will be called a forfeit if one team lacks the number of players to play.
5. Captains must turn their line-ups in by game time.
6. All rosters must be turned in by the first game. No additions will be allowed after the 2nd scheduled game.
7. There will be a slaughter rule of 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings during the regular season and tournament play. The only exception is the final game of the tournament. There will be no time limit or slaughter rule.
8. Games will be played with a Classic M softball. Balls must be stamped.
9. Games that are postponed and made up will start completely even.
10. Teams may start with 8 players.
11. Participants can't be currently playing in high school baseball, college baseball or any professional level baseball.

Equipment:

1. Each team will furnish a new game ball and playable back-up balls. One ball will be used for the first half of the game, the other will be used the second half. **Balls must be clearly marked Classic M.**
2. Each team is responsible for bats and balls. We will be using ASA guidelines for bats.

Rules:

1. No metal spikes are allowed.
2. All games will be played using a 3 balls and 2 strikes count. One courtesy foul is allowed.
3. There will be a 5 homerun rule per game. Every homerun over 5 will be an out.
4. Free substitution (in the field) is allowed.
5. Home team will occupy the 1st base bench. Home team will be listed last on the schedule.
6. No smoking or drinking of alcohol products at any time while on the premises of the complex.
7. Members of other teams playing later in the night are not permitted on or near the playing area or spectator area for warm-up until the game is over.
8. No batting practice or fielding practice will be allowed before games.
9. In the case of lightning, there will be a 30 minute delay from the last bolt of lightning (Refer to the Lightning Policy).
10. The Christiansburg Department of Parks and Recreation shall have the authority to take disciplinary action against any manager or player for misconduct on or around the playing field.
11. No profane language will be allowed on or around the playing field. Team managers are responsible for the conduct of their players.
12. This is a Recreational Softball League. Therefore, intentionally trying to hurt another player and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by this Department. Spiking players, running over players, throwing bats and other unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed and will result in suspension for that player.
13. **BLOOD RULE:** *A player, coach, or umpire, who is bleeding or has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participation further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is left to the umpire's judgement.*

14. CANCELLATION LINE: Decisions will be made by 3:00pm if at all possible. To access the line, dial 382-2349. Choose option 4.

Church Softball Rules

Games:

1. All games will be played at Kiwanis Big Field / Harkrader Sports Complex.
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3. There is a 1 hour time limit and no inning can start after 55 minutes. Any inning in progress will be completed. There can be extra innings if the score is tied and time allows. The 5 minute grace period is included in the game time.
4. Games will start promptly at the scheduled time. There will be a 5 minute grace period. After the period, the game will be called a forfeit if one team lacks the number of players to play.
5. Captains must turn their line-ups in by game time.
6. All rosters must be turned in by the first game. No additions will be allowed after the 2nd scheduled game.
7. There will be a slaughter rule of 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings during the regular season and tournament play. The only exception is the final game of the tournament. There will be no time limit or slaughter rule.
8. Games will be played with a provided softballs.
9. Games that are postponed and made up will start completely even.
10. Teams may start with 8 players.
11. Participants can't be currently playing in high school baseball, college baseball or any professional level baseball.

Equipment:

1. The Recreation Center will provide game balls.
2. Each team is responsible for bats. ASA guidelines will be used for bats.

Rules:

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