

CATOOSA COUNTY ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE INFORMATION
SPRING--2019

The Catoosa County Recreation Department is offering Adult Softball Leagues for the Spring 2019 season. The following Divisions will be offered for each League:

MEN: Church / Industrial & Open WOMEN: Church & Open COED: OPEN

*** A team will secure a spot in each Division only upon receipt of entry fee. ****Once a Division reaches its limit, a waiting list will be established from that point on. Sign-Ups are conducted on a first come, first serve basis.**

The Catoosa County Adult Softball League will allow teams to enroll according to the following terms and conditions:

1) Any team may sign up for Spring Adult Softball beginning @ **8:00 AM on Monday, February 4th, 2019.** Sign Ups will continue until the deadline of Friday, **March 15th, 2019 @ 5:00 pm.** Once you pay your entry fee, you may schedule a one hour practice at Jack Mattox Park one night per week starting the week of March 1st, 2019 as long as pre-season youth baseball / softball tournament games are not being played.

****Reminder:** This February 4th – March 15th enrollment period is for ANY team to sign up.

The following schedule will be set up for entry fee payments during the Adult Softball enrollment period:

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday, February 4 th – Friday March 15 th : | 8:00am to 5:00pm | Catoosa Co. Recreation Office | (749 Pine Grove Road) |

2) Schedules will begin forming on Monday, March 18th and teams will not be allowed to register after a division's schedule has started.

*** Please return this bottom portion along with entry fee money.*

TEAM NAME: _____ **DIVISION:** Church Industrial Open
(please circle)

WHICH LEAGUE? Men's League **or** Women's League **or** CoEd
(please circle)

HEAD COACH NAME: _____ **CELL #** _____ **WORK #** _____

Email: _____

2ND CONTACT NAME: _____ **CELL #** _____ **WORK #** _____

Email: _____

IF YOU ARE AN OPEN DIVISION TEAM, SEVERAL GAMES WILL BE SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAYS.

PAYMENT METHOD: CASH \$ _____ CHECK # _____ CHECK AMOUNT \$ _____

NOTES: _____

The following items will provide some basic information describing the structure of all Leagues:

1. This league operates under the rules and guidelines of A.S.A. Official Rules of Softball other than local rules listed within the Catoosa County Adult Softball League Rules outline.
 2. Leagues may be split into separate divisions depending on number and/or caliber of teams participating. Divisions will be determined by the Adult Softball League Coordinator.
 3. The Church / Industrial League is eligibility restricted. All Church teams must consist of players who are members or regular attendees of that Church. By rule, a regular attendee is someone who attends that Church at least twice a month. All Church rosters must be signed by the Church Pastor/Minister. All Industrial teams must consist of players who work as a bona fide, full-time employee of that company or government. Industrial teams may list a max of 3 part-time employees on their roster (minimum 15 hours / week). All Industrial rosters must be signed by the Personnel Director.
 4. The Spring 2019 season will begin play around the week of **Monday, April 8th, 2019**. League games will be scheduled on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays (Open Division only) and Thursdays. Game times will be 6:15pm, 7:30pm, and 8:40pm. All games will be played at the Jack Mattox Recreation Complex located on Pine Grove Road.
 5. Entry fee is **\$395.00** for a 8-game schedule plus an optional 3 game guaranteed post-season tournament. Any team that drops out of the League after the League Schedule has been created will receive “no refund” of entry fee money. The Spring 2019 deadline is **Friday, March 15th, 2019**. Make checks payable to: **Catoosa County Recreation Department**.
 6. The coaches meeting will be on **Monday, April 1st, 2019** @ 6:00pm @ Graysville Voting Precinct (located across the street from Graysville Elementary). The physical address is: **967 Graysville Road – Ringgold, GA 30736**
 7. **Teams must wear matching shirts/jerseys with a number on the back. There will be a 2 week Grace Period; however, beginning Monday, April 22nd, ALL players MUST have a matching or like-colored jersey with a number in order to participate. Any player who does not have a matching or like-colored jersey with a number after this date will be subject to the pick up rule guidelines.**
 8. **A 1 ball and 1 strike count** will be in effect for all batters in all divisions of play (MEN & WOMEN). If a batter hits a **FOUL BALL** on the 3rd strike, it **WILL NOT BE AN OUT**. However, the **SECOND FOUL BALL OCCURRING AFTER TWO STRIKES** will result in an out.
 9. The Church / Industrial Leagues may use a 2018 approved A.S.A. or U.S.S.S.A. bat. The Open leagues may choose to use 2018 approved A.S.A., U.S.S.S.A. or N.S.A. approved bats. The approved bat list for each organization can be found at websites www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-usa-softball/, www.usssa.com, or www.playnsa.com.
- In addition:**
- a) All **MEN & COED Males** will use the A.S.A. **375** Compression, **44** core, **YELLOW** 12-inch softball.
 - b) All **WOMEN & COED Females** will use the A.S.A. **375** Compression, **44** core, **YELLOW** 11-inch softball.
 - c) **ONLY YELLOW** cover softballs are permissible per A.S.A. rules. Softballs (X-Rock & Evil Ball) can be purchased through the Rec. Dept for \$60 / dozen or \$5 / ball either at the office or concession on game days.
10. Base distance for the Men & Coed Divisions is *70 feet*. Base distance for the Women’s division is 65 feet. Pitching distance for Men / Coed Divisions is 53 feet. Pitching distance for Women Divisions will be 50–53 ft with a floating pitching rubber / box
 11. Age requirement is 15 yrs of age and older. **No Exceptions!** Players must turn 15 before playing in a League game. Any player under the age of 18 **MUST** have their parent/legal guardian come by the Recreation Office at 749 Pine Grove Road, Ringgold and sign a Notarized Waiver of Liability in order to be eligible to participate in this league.
 12. **PRACTICE:** Once your Entry Fee has been paid in full, your team will be allowed to schedule a practice time for one hour each week on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday night. Call the Recreation Dept. at **706.891.4199** to schedule a weekly practice. Preferred practice times will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. **Practice Will Begin March 1st** (except on days youth pre-season tournament games are played).



Catoosa County Parks & Recreation

Catoosa County Adult Softball League Entry Fee Contract

I, _____, representing _____,
Team Representative **Team Name**

acknowledge that I have received the 2019 Adult Softball Spring League Information Packet. I also acknowledge that I have read and understood Item 5 in the Information Packet which states: “Any team that drops out of the League after the ‘League Schedule’ has been created will receive “no refund” of entry fee money.” Entry Fee checks will be deposited the day after they are received & league schedules will begin forming on **Monday, March 18th, 2019**. This date will serve as the deadline and the last day any team can withdraw from the Catoosa County Adult Softball League without penalty and forfeiture of their entry fee.

Signature

Date

DIVISION/CLASS: _____

CATOOSA COUNTY AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
PLAYER ROSTER

I hereby agree to play with the _____ Softball Team of the Catoosa County Amateur Softball Association for the season SPRING - 2019 subject to the rules and regulations. I have not signed a roster with any other team nor will I sign another roster until I am properly released from this roster. To be valid all information requested on this roster must be stated hereon.

I do not receive remuneration, either directly or indirectly, for playing softball, but play solely for pleasure and for the physical, mental, social and moral benefits to be derived therefrom.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

We, the players, coaches and manager of _____ Softball Team with the intention of binding ourselves, our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, do hereby release discharge and covenant never to institute any suit against the CATOOSA COUNTY A.S.A., or any agent or employee of said City/County, be reason of any claim I may hereafter acquire relating to any injury or damage that may occur as a result of using premises and property owned, leased, maintained, or operated by said A.S.A. during the SPRING - 2018 softball season.

We hereby assume all risk of any injuries that may occur to us on the above said premises, including but not limited to, any claim that may arise from the negligent acts of omissions of agent or employees of said A.S.A. or from the condition of said premises.

I further expressly agree to defend and indemnify said A.S.A. against loss from any and all claims, demands, or actions that may hereafter be brought against said A.S.A. or its agents or employees by any person whatsoever if said claim is based in whole or in part upon any acts or omissions by us in the use of said premises.

PLAYERS SIGNATURE

PLAYERS NAME

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**** Each person must print and sign their own name.**

Team Coach: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

**** Pastor's or Personnel Manager's signature approving roster: X _____**