

Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Department
Church Softball Meeting 6:00 pm
Open Softball Meeting 6:30 pm

March 29, 2011
AGENDA

I. League Information

A. Start Date: 4/4/11

B. The deadline for league fees and rosters is March 3/24/11.

Rosters must be turned in to my office with league fees before your team will be scheduled for league games.

The City of Elizabethton accepts commercial checks and cash only as payment for league fees.

C. All Leagues will play A.S.A.

D. Umpires

E. Bats / Balls

II. Softball League Rules

Age of Players Must be 16

Time Limit Rule (No new inning after 1 hour of play) TIME CLOCK

TURN IN PLAYERS FULL NAME, POSITION AND NUMBER

BEFORE MARCH 24th.

Each team must turn in Athletic Waiver for each player on the team.

Anyone not filing a waiver will not be eligible to play in any Parks & Rec. League. Waivers must be turned in to the athletic office before season begins.

F. PICK UPS

III. Bad Weather

A. The Sun Comes Out At 5:30

B. Call 547-6440 after 3:00

C. Always read bulletin board in dugouts.

D. Or visit our web site at eprsports.com

ELIZABETHTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADULT SOFTBALL CHURCH LEAGUE RULES

1. All league rules are strictly ASA with the following exceptions. All leagues have a 20 run rule after 3 innings, a 15 run rule after 4 innings and a 10 run rule after 5 innings. All leagues must have 9 players to start a game. If starting a game with nine players; when and if another player arrives that player must be inserted in the line-up in the ninth or tenth batting position depending on the vacant spot when alternating sexes in co-ed. All divisions will play a time limit of 1 hour and 10 minutes. Teams will finish the inning they are in, how ever: **No new inning will begin after 1 hour of play!** The scorer will be the official time-keeper WITH THE OFFICIAL CLOCK. If no scorer is available; the plate umpire will have the official time.

2. All protests are handled by the Parks and Recreation Athletic Board and/or Administrative Staff. When filing protest; you must refer to the ASA Guide to ensure that proper procedure is met, otherwise; the protest will not be considered. All recreation leagues are governed by the current ASA Guide unless specified in this set of rules.

3. Every player in the recreation leagues must sign the player Roster/Release. Church and Open team rosters are due **BEFORE** your team's **first game**. If your roster is not on file in the Athletic Office; your team **will not** be allowed to play. A **forfeit** will be recorded. It is the responsibility of the coach to submit the team's roster. The Church league roster must be signed by the proper church authority (Minister). After a roster is submitted to the Athletic Office: the Church will be called or visited for verification. All Open and Church League rosters will be frozen after the 3rd week of the season, prior to the 3rd week you are allowed to add or take away players if needed. **Church league will be allowed 3 pick-ups; those players have to be noted on the roster.** A player must attend the Church they are playing for or be a noted pick-up player on the roster. The age limit to participate is 16 years of age, with an adult signing the release form for the minor.

4. If a team begins play with the required number of players, that team may continue a game with one less player than it started with, whenever a player leaves a game for any reason other than ejection. If a player leaving the game is a runner or batter, he/she shall be declared out. Note: Whenever the player who has left the game under this exception is scheduled to bat, an out will be declared for each turn at bat. Note: An inning or the game can end on an automatic out. The player who has left the game under this exception cannot return to the lineup. If a player is picked up in order to give a team enough players to participate, he or she must play for one of the teams in the league. (No Outsiders) If a

player shows up for the team that was short handed then the pick-up player has to come out of the game and be replaced by the original team player.

5. No more than two coaches may be on the field, and only one coach and the team captain may confer with the Umpire.
6. Each team must present a playable ball (determined by the Umpire) with **ASA 44 core 375 Max Comp.** stamped on it along with the ASA logo. Both the Men and the Women will use this ball. If the Umpire questions the safety of the ball or throws it out of the game, you must present another ball. In Co-Ed play; the men hit the 12-inch ball and the Women hit the 11-inch.
7. Deadline for church league rosters will be before their first game. After the third week of season play the roster will be frozen and no changes will be allowed unless it is a rule 3 exception. The roster will immediately be sent to your minister for proper authorization. In open league and co-ed divisions you will not be allowed to add any player to your roster after the 3rd week of the regular season. After this no changes will be made to league rosters except for rule 3 exception. You must turn your team rosters into our Athletic Office located at 300 West Mill Street in Elizabethton or give them to the official scorer. A team that is found guilty of playing any ineligible player will lose the game in which the player participated in by forfeit. When you add a player to your roster, that player must come in the Athletic Office and sign the roster or do it at the field with the official score keeper.
8. If a player, coach, or manager is ejected from a game; he/she will draw a two game suspension, **and be fined \$ 75.00 for their actions.** They are placed on probation for the remainder of the season and if ejected again; they must be reinstated by the Athletic Staff or Church Athletic Board. A suspension may be carried over to the following season and can affect other activities operated by the Parks and Recreation Department.
9. **When someone is ejected from a game; he/she must leave the entire Park. If they do not leave the entire Park in a reasonable amount of time (as determined by the umpire), the game may be forfeited.**
10. All players in the Adult Leagues cannot wear steel cleats in League play. If the Umpire discovers this; he will ask the player to remove them or leave the game. Some type of athletic shoe must be worn in order to play.
11. No infield will be permitted before any game. Note: Please instruct your players not to hit any balls against the fencing at any Park.
12. **ASA Church League, Protest concerning non roster player must be done before the first pitch in the second inning, otherwise the player will be deemed an eligible player for that game. If a player comes in another inning besides the first then you have 1 complete inning to question that player.**

A \$25.00 cash or check protest fee must be given score keeper. The score keeper will then check the copy rosters to make sure the player is legal. The Official hand signed roster will be kept in the Athletic Director's office; this copy will over rule all photo copies of the original rosters. (This is if the rule 3 exception comes into play.) If a new player is put into the game he or she can be questioned before the first pitch of a new inning after the player has come in, otherwise the will be an eligible player. If the player in question is found guilty then the fee will be given back to the team and that team will be awarded the win by protest. If the player in question is found on the roster then the protesting team will lose there protest fee and the game will continue. If the protest concerns a player playing under an assumed name; the protest must be filed immediately and the player in question must show photo ID promptly or the game will be forfeited. All players are required to have photo ID during all games in which they participate. If you cannot prove by photo ID who you are you will not be allowed to play. If the player was playing under a false name and found guilty that player will serve a one year suspension in all Elizabethton Parks and Recreation leagues.

13. A protested game must be filed in writing with the Athletic Coordinator within 24 hours of the game in question. An Umpire's decision cannot be protested. When filing protest; you must notify the Umpire of your intent to protest and if it concerns rule interpretations; you must do so before the next pitch is thrown. You must give the Scorer a written protest and the \$25.00 cash or check protest fee. If the score keeper tells you to contact our office to file your protest, you may do so the next business day. Your protest must be in writing and turned into our office from 7:30am till 4:30pm, Monday through Friday along with your protest fee. Your protest is void if not done in this manner. If the protest is upheld; your fee is returned. If the protest is denied; you forfeit the fee. Protests must be filed in accordance with the information needed as listed in the current ASA Guide. **RULE 12 EXCEPTION**, If the score keeper knows the player and the player has played in previous games the score keeper may over rule if a player does not have a photo ID with them.

14. It is recommended that all players must wear shirts of similar color with numbers on them.

15. Cursing or any type of foul language will not be permitted. The practice known as talking trash will not be allowed in any recreation league. Talking trash is defined as the tactic of unnerving opponents by challenging them with the use of insults. Any person who uses the tactic of taunting opponents by "talking trash" either directly or indirectly is subject to ejection and suspension for a minimum of two games. Suspended players will be placed on probation for one calendar year. Managers/Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. Teams that fail to comply could be dropped from the league, forfeiting all fees and future registration priorities. Remember: This rule also pertains to the use of profanity. Any player(s) who are suspended for these rules **will be** suspended for two additional games.

16. The re-entry rule is defined in the current ASA Guide.

17. A written legible line-up must be submitted to the scorer 10 minutes prior to game-time. A team captain must be designated on the line-up sheet with an asterisk beside their name. Changes may be made till game time. No line-ups will be accepted without first and last names listed for each player.

18. The batter must take his/her position in the batter's box within 10 seconds after being directed to by the umpire. The penalty for this is: the umpire will call a strike. No pitch is to be thrown and the ball is dead.

19. Any person found guilty of gross and willful misconduct at any activity sponsored by the Elizabethton Parks and Recreation will be barred from further activities sponsored by the Recreation Department, however; such person shall be entitled to a hearing on the charges against him before the Athletic and/or Administrative Staff or the Church Athletic Board. (Any person who pushes, strikes, or threatens an employee of the Parks & Recreation will be suspended from participation in any activity held at any facility of Parks and Recreation Department). Assault charges will be placed against such person(s).

20. If a player fails to remove exposed jewelry when asked to do so by the Umpire, he/she will be ejected from the game.

21. All league, tournament, and make-up games are scheduled at the discretion of the Recreation Department. Coaches are responsible for getting their league, tournament, and make-up schedules and their team letters (if shown on schedules) Schedules, tournament games and make-up schedules will be on the leagues web site..

22. If a team forfeits three consecutive league games; the team will be contacted and could be dropped from the remainder of the schedule with no refunds issued.

23. When a player or coach is ejected from a game, that player or coach must be reinstated by the Athletic and / or Administrative Staff or the Church Athletic Board.

24. Any team found guilty of tampering with equipment must forfeit that game. The team is also placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

25. No more than one minute may be used to deliver no more than three warm up pitches to the catcher. The penalty for excessive warm up pitching will be a ball to the batter for each pitch in excess of three.

26. ***In all E.P.R. league play; only the bats that are listed on the ASA GOOD bat guide along with ASA stamped approved bats will be legal. A list of BAD BATS can be found at the A.S.A. website.**

FIRST OFFENSE: The league umpire will warn a batter that is found using an illegal bat and that player will be recorded as an out in the spot that you just hit. The scorer will make a note of this infraction.

SECOND OFFENSE:

The batter will be recorded as an out in the spot that he/she just batted and will serve a two game suspension. The team the batter is playing for will be placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

THIRD OFFENSE:

The batter will be recorded as an out in the spot that he/she just batted and will be suspended the remainder of the season, including season tournament. The team the batter is playing for will forfeit its next two games.

*In Church Division play there will be a limit of four homeruns.

*In Open Division there will be a limit of five homeruns.

*When a team reaches their homerun limit any additional homeruns will be considered as an automatic out.

* In co-ed division; 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 batter has the option to walk or bat.

27. **When bad weather occurs: Teams are asked to call the Athletic Office at the Elizabethton Recreation Center at (547-6440) or visit our web site at eprsports.com after 3:00 P.M. to find out if games will be played. No decisions will likely be made until 3 PM, so please; do not call before this time.** If rain occurs after closing time or if you do not get an answer, report to the field where the umpire will make a decision. If a game is called due to weather, at any field; all games scheduled for that field from that point on will be canceled that night. In the event of rain during a game, it is the team's responsibility to make sure the umpire has officially called the game before they leave the Park. **Rainouts will be made up at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Department. Rainouts will be re-scheduled when possible.**

28. Anyone knowingly violating any of these rules will be disqualified from participation in any Parks & Recreation activities. This suspension can include the use of any Recreation facility.

29. **All league fees must be paid by the deadline date of MARCH 24 @ 3:00 p.m.**
Teams that have not paid by this deadline date will forfeit their right to participate in the 2011 softball leagues.
30. **There are absolutely no refunds of the entry fee for any reason.**
31. Any arguing on the judgment of balls and strikes will constitute a team warning. Any repeat offense shall result in the ejection of that team member.
32. Make sure to read the information posted on the bulletin boards in the dugouts.
These contain schedule changes and make-ups.
33. **Once the schedule is made there will absolutely be no changes.**

League Roster Exception

For rule 3, under league rules, if a player gets hurt or moves then only **ONCE** may you add **ONE** player to your roster. In Church league if a new person joins the church you may add him or her. Only **ONCE** may you add **ONE** new member. In order to do this you have to come into the office or the head coach can call it in, and take the player who got injured or moved off of your roster, which makes them an ineligible player. Then the player you added has to sit out your next game before they become eligible to participate in our league.

Church league coaches, if the player you are adding is a new member then the **pastor** has to come into the office and add his or hers name to the team roster verifying that so and so has become a new member, and will be representing your church in our softball league. The new member still has to sit out your next game before they become eligible to participate.

*The Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Department reserves the rights to add, delete, or modify any league rules that are in the best interest of the recreation leagues. Should such change occur; the change will be listed on the master rules list on file in the Athletic Office and every effort will be made to notify each coach as quickly as possible. . **Also the Parks and Recreation has the right to use your name, team name and any photos taken to promote the good of any leagues!**

ELIZABETHTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
300 WEST MILL STREET, ELIZABETHTON TENNESSEE 37643
OFFICE PHONE (547-6440) FAX LINE (547-6442)
ATHLETIC HOT-LINE (547-6440)
Web Site eprsports.com

Elizabethton Parks & Recreation All Leagues

Rules concerning Ejections And Fighting

1. Any player that is ejected from a game will serve a **two game suspension** and will be fined **\$75.00** for their actions.

2. Any player ejected for fighting will serve a **five game suspension** and be fined **\$150.00** for their actions

DIRECTLY BELOW PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ALL THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL BE REPRESENTING YOUR CHURCH IN OUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

CHURCH PLAYERS

CHURCH PLAYERS

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PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____

ELIZABETHTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
LEAGUE ROSTER

TEAM _____ DATE _____

LEAGUE _____ COACH _____ PHONE _____

I, the undersigned, wish to participate in the Park and Recreation Sports Programs of the City of Elizabethton, Tennessee and do hereby release the City of Elizabethton, Tennessee, the Park and Recreation Department, its supervisors, agents, servants, and employees and all persons involved with the sports programs from any and all responsibility for any injury or other loss or damage which I may sustain, while participating in any sports program sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department or any activity sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. If I participate and I'm under the age of 18 then a parent will sign beside my name. I further agree that I will never, individually, institute any action at law or in equity against the City of Elizabethton, its agents, servants or employees, on account of any injury or other loss or damage sustained or that may be sustained by me and I hereby expressly agree to indemnify the City of Elizabethton, its agents, servants, and employees, against loss from any and all claims, demands, or actions that may hereafter be brought by anyone in my behalf arising out of my participation in the activities of the Park and Recreation Department of the City of Elizabethton, Tennessee.

<u>Player's Printed Name</u>	<u>Player's Signature</u>	<u>Email Add.</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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Elizabethton Parks & Recreation Athletic League Waiver and Release

The Participant does hereby, permanently and completely, waive and release any and all claims and causes of action for personal injuries or property damage which Participant might have or hereafter acquire against The City of Elizabethton arising as a result of participation in athletic events.

Participant shall not hold The City of Elizabethton responsible for the condition of any altered property, the condition of equipment, the conduct of participants, coaches, officials, spectators or any other cause which might give rise to injury or damage to Participant.

Participant acknowledges that League activities may be physically hazardous and voluntarily assumes the risk of such injury or death.

If participant is a minor or under legal disability, this Waiver and Release is executed on behalf of Participant by Participant's custodial parent or legal guardian.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 2011.

(Participant Name)

(Name of Team)

(Participant Signature)

Participant's Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian)

(Witness)