



Elizabethton Parks & Recreation

2011 Adult Coed Softball League

- Registration deadline: July 22nd
- Coach's meeting: August 4th @ 6:30
- Season Starts: August 8th
- Entrance Fee \$385.00
- All games will be played at the Billy Bob Garrison Softball Field.
- Game times will be 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **All players must be 16 years of age.** Anyone under 18 must have a parent sign a waiver.
- **For more information call 547-6440 or check it out on the web @ eprsports.com** Information packets are available online or pick one up @ the Athletic Office.





COED ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

League Guidelines

League games will be played under ASA rules & guidelines unless otherwise stated.

Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Game Times will be 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 pm

No new inning will begin after one hour of play.

Teams must have nine players in order to start a game. If you only bat nine the 10th batter is an out.

**Teams will hit their own ball. This ball must be (.44 Core, 375 Max Comp.)
No Super Duper Dots Allowed.**

Bats must be ASA approved. No titanium bats will be allowed.

No steal cleats.

In Coed Softball Division there will be a limit of 5 homeruns.

3 BALLS YOU WALK. 2 STRIKES YOU ARE OUT.

Any player that is ejected from a game may serve a two game suspension and be fined \$75.00 for their actions. This penalty can carry from season to season and effect your participation in other parks and recreation leagues.

Any player that is involved in a fighting situation will serve a five game suspension and be fined \$150.00 for their actions. This penalty can carry from season to season and effect your participation in other parks and recreation leagues.

Any team that is found practicing on the softball field when league games have been cancelled due to poor playing conditions will be fined \$100.00 for their actions.

Any Individual found hitting on the field when it has been lined for league games will be fine \$75.00.

In the Event of Bad Weather

Call 423-547-6440 or visit the web site at eprsports.com

ELIZABETHTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADULT COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

1. **All league rules are strictly ASA with the following exceptions.** Coed leagues have a 20 run rule after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 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. Coed division will play a time limit of 1 hour. Teams will finish the inning they are in, however: **a new inning will not begin after ONE hour of play.** The scorer will be the official time-keeper. If no scorer is available; the plate umpire will have the official time.

2. All protests are handled by the Parks and Recreation Athletic 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 and the Athletic Release Form.** 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.

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 team begins with 9 players, then an out will be recorded in the 10th batters spot! If a 10th player arrives, then no out will be recorded!**

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. **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. **In co-ed division you will not be allowed to add any player to your roster after the 3rd week of the regular season.** After this date no changes will be made to league rosters. You must turn your team rosters into our Athletic Office located at 300 West Mill Street in Elizabethton. 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 with the official scorer. **Under league rules**, if a player gets **hurt or moves** then only **ONCE** may you add **ONE** player to your roster.

8. If a player, coach, or manager is ejected from a game; he/she may serve a two game suspension, **and be fined \$ 75.00 for their actions.** The player is placed on probation for the remainder of the season and if ejected again; they must be reinstated by the Athletic Staff or 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 anyone 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. **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.** Protest concerning player eligibility 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 protest fee. 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. 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. **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.

13. It is recommended that all players must wear shirts of similar color with numbers on them.
14. 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.
15. The re-entry rule is defined in the current ASA Guide on page 71.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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 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).
19. 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).
22. If a team forfeits three consecutive league games; that team will be dropped from the remainder of the schedule with no refunds issued.
23. When a player or coach is placed on probation and are involved in an incident that results in an ejection from a game or a forfeit due to an infraction of a league rule; they must be reinstated by the Athletic Administrative Staff or the Athletic Board. The minimum suspension for a team or player who is on probation will be four games. The maximum suspension may be permanent.

24. Any player found guilty of altering equipment or using altered equipment will be suspended from all EPR leagues indefinitely. The team that the individual is playing for will be suspended and forfeit the remainder of the season. A league umpire may examine any bat suspected of being altered or tampered with that is used in league play. Any refusal to turn over a bat to an umpire or league official will be considered an admission of guilt and result in the previously mentioned suspensions.

25. No more than one minute may be used to deliver and 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 league play; only the bats that are listed in the bat guide along with ASA stamped approved bats will be legal. The league umpire will warn a player that is found using a bat that is not properly stamped. The scorer will make a note of this infraction and if it occurs again the player will be given a two game suspension.

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

* A ball hit into the net in right field by a female will be a homerun!

***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) after 3:30 P.M. to find out if games will be played or visit our web site at eprsports.com 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. There are absolutely no refunds of the entry fee for any reason.

30. 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.

31. Once the schedule is made up, there will absolutely be no changes.

32. THE RULE CONCERNING A PLAY AT THE PLATE!

IF A RUNNER COMES TO HOME PLATE THEN HE OR SHE MUST SLIDE OR GIVE THEMSELVES UP! YOU CAN NOT ATTEMPT TO RUN OVER THE CATCHER TO KNOCK THE BALL LOOSE, IF YOU DO YOU WILL BE CALLED OUT! IF THE CATCHER DOESN'T HAVE THE BALL THEN YOU CAN GO IN STANDING UP. (WE ARE DOING THIS BECAUSE OF THE SAFETY OF OUR CATCHERS, THEY DO NOT HAVE EQUIPMENT ON, SO PLEASE SHOW EACH TEAMS CATCHER RESPECT BY NOT RUNNING OVER THEM!

33. The rule concerning a pinch runner.

All teams are allowed one runner per inning. That runner must be the team's last out. Women will run for women and Men for Men.

1. Pick-up a player

If both teams **agree**, a team may pick-up one player to make nine if a team only has eight players. **Both teams must agree!** The player picked-up must be on the roster of a 2010 Coed team. No pick-ups will be allowed in league tournament.

34. The minimum age for a player in our coed league will be 16 years old. Any player under the age of 18 must have a parent sign the athletic release form

***The Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right 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)
VISIT THE WEB SITE AT eprsports.com**



I _____ have read and agree to abide by the rules of A.S.A. and Elizabethton Parks & Recreation Athletics Department and promise to do my best to enforce these rules within my team.

_____ Team

_____ Date

_____ Witness

_____ Date

**Please make sure each
player on your team
completes an Athletic
Waiver form**

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)

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. 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.

Player's Printed Name

Player's Signature

Phone

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