

Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Department

**Women's A.S.A. Softball Meeting
Church
May 19, 2011
6:00pm
Bring Information Packet With You!**

AGENDA

- I. Future of League**
 - A. Visit our web site at eprsports.com**
 - B. Season will begin 6/6/2011**

- II. League Information**
 - A. Rosters**
 - B. Umpires ASA**

- III. Softball League Rules**
 - A. Combining Churches to Make a Team.**
 - B. Age of Players Must be at least 16 years old**
 - C. Time Limit Rule (No new inning after 60 minutes of play.)**

- V. Bad Weather**
 - D. The Sun Comes Out At 5:30**
 - E. Call 547-6440 after 4:00**

ELIZABETHTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

1. All league rules are strictly ASA with the following exceptions. A 20 run rule after 3 innings, 15 run rule after 4 innings and a 10 run rule after 5 innings applies all games. **All Women's 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 tenth batting position depending on the vacant spot. All women's church & Open Leagues will play a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes during the regular season and ending tournament. Teams will finish the inning they are in, however: **A new inning will not begin after 1 hour and five minutes of play!** The scorer will be the official time-keeper. If no scorer is available; the plate umpire will have the official time. **(The umpire will be the clock keeper in Women's softball Leagues.)**
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/Release if a player's name is printed on the roster then the person who filled out the roster becomes liable. If your roster is not on file in the Athletic Office; your team **will not** be allowed to play. A **forfeit** can 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 authorities (Minister). After a roster is submitted to the Athletic Office the Church may be called or visited for verification. A player must attend the Church she plays for. All players must be at least 16 years of age, with an adult signing the release form for the minor. All Open and Church League rosters will be frozen after the third week of the season, prior to the third week you are allowed to add or take away players if needed.
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.
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 Women's 11"ASA 44.0 375 max compression 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.
7. Deadline for church league rosters will be before their first game. In open and church divisions you will not be allowed to add any player to your roster after the 3rd game 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.
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. 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. If the umpire 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 3:30pm, Monday through Friday along with your protest fee of \$25.00. 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.
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. **The Home Team is the official score keeper**, but we also advise the visiting team to keep a score book. The umpire will ask the home team after each inning the score and report it to the visiting team in order to see if there is a scoring difference. **A written legible line-up must be submitted to the Home Team 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. It is required that after each night of play that the Home Team call the Athletic Office (5476440) with the game score and leave it on the answering machine.**

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 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).

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.

20. 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).

21. 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 and / or Administrative Staff or the Church Athletic Board. The minimum suspension for a team or player who is on probation will be four games. The maximum suspension may be permanent.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. **When bad weather occurs: Teams are asked to call the Athletic Office at the Elizabethton Recreation Center at (547-6440) after 3:00 P.M. to find out if games will be played. No decisions will likely be made until 3:00 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.
25. 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.
26. The Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Department will establish all league fees. The administrative staff of this Department will create a budget for the cost to operate this league.
If a team chooses not to participate after they have made a deposit for league play they will automatically forfeit half of their deposit fee. **All league fees must be paid by the deadline date of May 8th 3:00 p.m.** Teams that have not paid by this deadline date will forfeit their right to participate in the 2009 softball leagues.
27. **There are absolutely no refunds of the entry fee for any reason.**
28. **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.**
29. Make sure to read the bulletin boards in the dugouts, they may contain valuable Information about make-ups or changes.
30. **Once the schedule is made up, there will absolutely be no changes.**

31. **The home team for the 9:00pm game is also responsible for cutting off the lights to the field.**

32. **THE RULE CONCERNING A PINCH RUNNER!**

ONLY 3 PLAYERS MAY USE PINCH RUNNERS, THESE PLAYERS HAVE TO BE NOTIED WITH A STAR PLACED BESIDE THERE NAMES IN THE HOME SCORE BOOK BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS. (IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STAR YOU CAN'T GET A RUNNER.)

IF YOU'RE A HITTER WHO IS GOING TO GET A PINCH RUNNER, YOU CAN ONLY ADVANCE TO FIRST BASE!

THE PINCH RUNNER (WHO WAS THE LAST OUT WILL ASSUME THE PINCH RUNNING ROLE) THEN HAS TO TAKE THE HITTERS SPOT ON FIRST BASE.

*****IF THE BATTER HITS A HOME RUN, GROUND RULE DOUBLE OR ADVANCES TO SECOND BASE BECAUSE OF A THROWING ERROR, THEN THE LAST OUT MAY TAKE THERE SPOT ON THAT BASE!**

***** THE ONLY TIME THE LAST OUT IS NOT A PINCH RUNNER IS WHEN SHE IS ON DECK TO HIT NEXT, THEN IT WILL REVERT BACK TO THE PLAYER WHO MADE THE OUT BEFORE HER EVEN IF WE HAVE TO GO TO THE PREVIOUS INNING.**

33. **Eligibility Requirements**

*** All players must present the Athletic Office with a roster signed by the player and the pastor signifying the church they attend.**

*** Play in at least half of the regular season games to be eligible for the tournament.**

34. **Rule 34 Exceptions**

*** Illness**

*** Just moved into area and attends church she wants to play for.**

*** Coming back home from college and attends church she wants to play for.**

35. **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.**

36. **ALL BATS THAT ARE BEING USED IN BOTH CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL, HAVE TO BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CORRECT ASA LOGO ON THEM!**

IF YOU OR ANY ONE ON YOUR TEAM IS USING ANY BAT THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED IN ANY WAY, THAT BAT WILL BECOME ILLIGEAL AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE IN ANY GAME!

******SAMPLE 1: SOMEONE THAT HAS TAKEN SAND PAPER AND SANDED AWAY ANY PART OF A LOGO. ****THIS WILL BE A BAD BAT!**

***SAMPLE 2: PAINTING PART OF THE BAT THAT COVERS THE ASA LOGO OR MAKE AND MODEL. ***THIS WILL BE A BAD BAT!

FIRST OFFENSE:

IF YOU DO GET CAUGHT USING A BAD BAT THEN YOU WILL BE OUT IN THE SPOT THAT YOU JUST HIT AND BE PUT ON PROBATION!

SECOND OFFENSE:

IF YOU DO GET CAUGHT USING A BAD BAT FOR THE SECOND TIME, THEN YOU WILL BE OUT IN THE SPOT THAT YOU JUST HIT AND BE SUSPENDED FOR 2 GAMES. YOUR TEAM WILL BE ON SUSPENSION.

THIRD OFFENSE:

IF YOU DO GET CAUGHT USING A BAD BAT FOR THE THIRD TIME, THEN YOU WILL BE OUT IN THE SPOT THAT YOU JUST HIT AND BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON ALONG WITH THE TOURNAMENT. YOUR TEAM WILL FORFEIT THERE NEXT 2 GAMES!

FOURTH OFFENSE:

IF YOUR TEAM HAS 2 OR MORE PLAYERS THAT GET CAUGHT USING A BAD BAT, NOT ONLY WILL THE PLAYERS SERVE THERE SUSPENSION BUT THE TEAM WILL RECEIVE A 5 GAME SUSPENSION!

IF INJURY OCCURS FROM A BUSTED OR BROKEN BAT:

IF AN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS FROM A BROKEN OR BUSTED BAT THE UMPIRE OR SCORE KEEPER WILL COLLECT THE BAT AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO OUR OFFICE FOR REVIEW. THE BAT CAN BE SUBJECT TO THE MANUFACTUR INSPECTING OR TESTING. IF THIS OCCURS THEN THE BATTER WILL PAY ALL COST TO HAVE THE INSPECTION DONE. IF THE BAT HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH OR (**SHAVED**) THEN THE BATTER WILL BE SUBJECT TO PAY FOR ALL MEDICAL BILLS OR LAWSUITS THAT MAY OCCUR FROM THE INJURY.

37. No player from another team will be allowed to play for any team during tournament play! You can only play for the team that your name is on the roster. If this happens then a forfeit will occur.

- **Each team will be allowed three players to have a pinch runner run for them. This must be noted in the home book before the**

- game begins. A star must be placed by the player's name. *If don't have a star you don't get a runner.*
- You may use extra players from bench as a pinch runner. If you only have ten, then the player who made the last out is the pinch runner.
 - A batter, who receives a pinch runner, may advance to first base only.
 - If the batter hits a homerun, ground rule double or advances on a throwing error then the pinch runner takes the batter's spot on the appropriate base.
 - If the last out is on deck to hit next, then the player who made the out before her will be the runner.
 - The homerun limit is five. Any homerun hit after five will be recorded as an out.
 - A ball hit into the right field net will be recorded as a ground rule double.
 - The home team is the official scorekeeper and the umpire is the official time keeper. Visiting team, please check your book with the official book after each inning.

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)**

Elizabethton Parks & Recreation

All Leagues

Rules concerning Ejections And Fighting

1. Any player that is ejected form 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

ELIZABETHTON PARKS & RECREATION CHURCH LEAGUE ROSTER

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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CHURCH/PASTOR SIGNATURE

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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