



# Town of Wake Forest

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## Adult Softball League Rules and Regulations

### LEAGUE OBJECTIVE

To provide an organized softball league for citizens of the Wake Forest area in which participation and sportsmanship are the prime objectives.

### ELIGIBILITY

- All teams must be registered with the Wake Forest Parks and Recreation Department, and *all players must be at least 18 years old.*
- *Team entry fees are \$550.00, and are due on or before February 29, 2012, along with a completed team roster. Team rosters must include player name, complete address, telephone number, and signature*
- A team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players on its roster. Players may be added/deleted until the team has played its first game.
- Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participates.
- League is limited to teams/players no higher than "E" league level as determined by ASA.

Each team must designate a "team manager/coach" who will be responsible for registering the team, and notifying the team as to game schedule, cancellations, make-up games, rules, and other information.

### LEAGUE PLAY

The number of games, league divisions, and length of the season will be determined by the number of teams participating. The season will begin the week of March 12, and will include a season-ending tournament. All games will be played at Flaherty Park, primarily on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

### LEAGUE RULES

Official ASA (Amateur Softball Association) rules will govern play, along with the following local rules being observed.

- Game balls will be provided by the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department (ASA .44 C.O.R.).
- ***Numbered team jerseys will be required.***

- ***Home Run Rule***  
Each team will be allowed two (2) home runs per game (out of the field of play). Following the second home run, batter will be ruled **out**.
  
- ***Game Play***
  - Games will consist of seven innings, or a one-hour time limit (**exceptions: tie games will be played until a winner is determined, no time limit on tournament championship game.**)
  - If, after five (5) innings (4 ½ if the home team is winning), a team has a lead of ten (10) or more runs, the game will be ended.
  - No “grace period” will be allowed for the first game- ***FOR ALL GAMES, GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!*** Teams must provide Official Scorer with lineups at least ten minutes before game time.
  
- Each team must have at least nine (9) players to start ***and finish*** the game. A tenth player may be added to the tenth position any time before the end of the game. Any team that starts a game with ten or eleven players may drop to the minimum of nine players to finish the game. All vacant spot(s) in the lineup will be declared an out every time that lineup position is due to bat. **If a player is ejected, the ejected player’s team must have a substitute available to replace the ejected player or that team will forfeit the game.** If a team starts the game with nine or ten players they are not allowed to add the eleventh player at a later time.
  
- Teams forfeiting three (3) games will be removed from the League schedule, with ***no refund*** of entry fee. Any team forfeiting a game during the tournament will be removed from the schedule and will **NOT** continue play.
  
- ***COURTESY RUNNER:*** Courtesy will be the last player to have been put out. Limit of one courtesy runner per half-inning.

## PROTESTS

- ***Protests may be made only related to the use of ineligible players, and must be made at the time the player in question takes position in the batters’ box (or field).***
  
- Protests must be submitted to the Wake Forest Parks and Recreation Department (in writing) within twenty-four (24) hours of the game being protested. Protest fee of \$50.00 will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.
  
- Proper procedure must be followed in protesting games. ***Improper protest procedure will void protests!***

## CODE OF CONDUCT

All players, coaches, and spectators are expected to abide by the code of conduct. Good sportsmanship and fellowship are prime objectives of the leagues.

- No player or coach shall refuse to abide by an Official's decision.
- No player or coach shall be guilty of verbal or physical abuse on any player, coach, spectator, or Official.
- No player, other than the team captain (or manager/coach), shall discuss with the Officials any decision made by Officials.
- **No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are allowed at or near game site.** Player(s) and/or coach(es) will not be allowed to participate if judged by an Official to be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Player or coach ejected from a game must leave the park (facility) within three (3) minutes, or a forfeit will be declared. Game will not resume until player/coach has left the park.
- Player or coach ejected from a game will be subject to the following penalties:
  - First offense: two (2) game suspension.
  - Second offense: suspension for remainder of season (including tournament).

**NOTE: Player/coach serving suspension(s) cannot attend his team's games.**

- The Wake Forest Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend players/coaches from future participation (beyond stated ejection penalties), depending on the severity of conduct.

## AWARDS

T-shirts will be given to each member of the regular season and tournament championship teams, along with team trophies for regular season and tournament championship teams.