



# Town of Wake Forest

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## Church 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 16 years old.*
- *Team entry fees are \$550.00, and are due on or before May 31, 2011 (Church Co-Rec), along with a completed team roster. Team rosters must include player name and complete address, including telephone number.*
- 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.

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 June 20, and will include a season-ending tournament. All games will be played at Flaherty Park.

### 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.).*
- *Similarly-colored team jerseys are strongly recommended!*
- *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 limited to a single, with any base runners advancing one base (**only when forced**).

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- **Game Play**
  - Games will consist of seven innings, or a one-hour time limit.
  - 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.
  - A ten (10) minute grace period will be allowed for the first game **ONLY**. Teams must provide Official Scorer with lineups at least ten minutes before game time. **FOR ALL OTHER GAMES, GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!**
- **CO-REC:** Each team must have at least four (4) females in the lineup (and on the field of play) at all times. If a team is unable to place four (4) females in the lineup, the game will be forfeited.
- **CO-REC:** When a male batter, *who is followed by a female batter in the lineup*, receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the following batter (female) having the option to walk or bat.
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- Each team must have at least nine (9) players to start 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. Any player that leaves the game for any reason may not return to the game (exception: player who has left the game under the blood rule may return).
- 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.

### PROTESTS

- Protests may be made only related to the use of ineligible players and protest must be lodged at the time of the game.
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### 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.

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- 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 while suspended.**
  
- 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.

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