

Adult Summer Softball - 2019

Men's 12", Women's 14" & Coed Leagues



City of Evanston
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department
2100 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

The Evanston Recreation Division offers **adult recreation softball leagues**. We are looking for teams with members who enjoy playing the game, who are looking to have some fun and who can keep winning and losing in perspective. Most of our leagues are a mix of good, fair and poor teams.

<u>Leagues</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Possible Game Times</u>	<u>League Dates</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Women's 14"	Sunday Night	6:00/7:00pm	April 28 – July 07*	\$600
Coed 14" Mush	Monday Night	6:45/7:45/8:45/9:45pm	April 22 – July 01*	\$600
Men's 12"	Wednesday Night	7:45/8:45/9:45pm	April 24 – June 26	\$600

****No games will be held on Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day), Sunday, May 26 & Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)****

FIELDS

Due to construction at Robert Crown we will be unable to use the fields there. This upcoming season games will be played at the following locations:

- Women's 14" (Sunday Night) 2 fields at James Park, at the corner of Dodge Ave. and Mulford St.
- Coed 14" Mush (Monday Night) Foster Park, at the corner of Simpson St. and Ashland Ave.
- Men's 12" (Wednesday Night) 2 fields at James Park & 1 field at Foster Park (James Park, at the corner of Dodge Ave. and Mulford St. & Foster Park, at the corner of Simpson St. and Ashland Ave.)

LEAGUE FORMAT & INFORMATION

Game Schedule, Rainouts & Make-ups:

- All leagues will play a regular season schedule of 10 games, followed by a single-elimination tournament.
 - The league dates above are based on no rainouts.
- **Games canceled due to weather will be rescheduled at the end of the season. Please note there is little flexibility to add games on at the end of the season for make-ups. Every attempt will be made to complete all games, however, the Evanston Recreation Department reserves the right to manage the softball program as it deems appropriate. This will be based primarily on the availability of facilities/staff and the number of rainouts/cancellations in any season.**
- If we have more rainouts than available make up dates, the league will be shortened and refunds will NOT be given.
- Once the league schedule is printed, no changes will be made except in extremely limited circumstances.
- Double headers may also be used in original schedule (to ensure league ends on time) or for make-up games.
- All games will be played on the date, time and field assigned by the Recreation Division.

Gloves or NO Gloves:

- Women's League: a hard 14" ball will be used; gloves are necessary.
- Coed 14" mush ball: gloves are optional for women, not allowed for men.

- Gloves are used in all Men's 12" leagues.

AWARDS

- Regular Season: The first & second place teams will receive a team trophy.
- Tournament: The first & second place teams will receive a team trophy.

REGISTRATION DEFINITIONS

- **Returning Team:** Any team that participated in the league last summer. At least 75% of the players appearing on this year's roster must be repeat players from last summer's roster. Last year's fall teams are not considered returning summer teams.
- **New Team:** Any team that did not play last summer or teams that played last year but have less than 75% repeat players from last summer's roster.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN REGISTERING YOUR TEAM

- At the time of registration, you must submit a completed registration form along with the entire league fee (no deposits).
- Please follow the timetable (see next section). Early registration will not be accepted.
- All your paperwork must be complete and LEGIBLE. Failure to submit legible paperwork may nullify your registration.

****IMPORTANT DATES (REGISTRATION TIMETABLE)****

- **February 25 – March 22:** Returning teams ONLY may begin registering.
- **March 25 – April 5:** Registrations will be accepted from ALL teams, returning and new, on a first-come, first-served basis until all leagues are full.
- **April 8:** Any leagues that do not have enough teams will be canceled and a full refund will be issued.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM

- Mail-in registrations will be accepted for all leagues. Mail all required paperwork along with full league fee to: Chandler-Newberger Community Center, ATTN: Michelle Bush 1028 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201.
- Walk-in registrations may be hand-delivered Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm at Chandler-Newberger Community Center, 1028 Central Street.
- Emailed registrations will also be accepted. You can email your registration to Michelle Bush at mbush@cityofevanston.org. You MUST have all required credit card information or your team will NOT be registered.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION?

- **Registration form** - this form must be printed legibly or typed. All information must be filled out completely (city, zip code, phone numbers, email address, etc.).
- **Registration fee** - your registration must include payment for the complete league fee. Payment may be by cash, check or credit card.
- **Code of Ethics** - the Code of Ethics Pledge must be signed and dated.
- To save paper, most of the communication between the softball coordinator and teams is done via e-mail. Please include your e-mail address when registering (your e-mail will not be shared without prior consent).

NEW THIS YEAR: TEAMSIDELINE

- We will be using a new program this year for scheduling and standings. This will allow teams to access all information online and will be updated weekly. More information regarding this will be sent at a later date.

**Evanston Recreation Division - Adult Softball
Team Registration Form & Code of Ethics Pledge
PLEASE PRINT – Form must be legible**

SECTION 1: TEAM INFORMATION

Team Name: _____

Captain's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Fax _____

*E-mail _____ Secondary E-Mail _____

Did your team play last year? Please check one: Summer _____ Fall _____ NO, we are a new team _____

Team Name (if different) _____ League Name _____

SECTION 2: Evanston Recreation Division Adult Softball Leagues - Code of Ethics - League Policy - Team Agreement

- Evanston Recreation Leagues are organized for adults wishing to participate in fun recreation leagues with friendly competition. All teams, players and fans must remember this fact.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior, such as foul language, yelling/arguing with the umpire, other players, fans or staff will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the current game and/or the next scheduled game.
- Threatening another player, an umpire or league official will result in an immediate ejection.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on City of Evanston park grounds.
- No smoking is permitted on the field or in the dugouts.
- Players and fans must keep in mind the rights of the park neighbors. Congregating on lawns or in front of private property, drinking, playing loud music or loud/abusive language in and around this area will not be tolerated.
- Players and fans must observe the posted parking regulations. Illegally parked cars are subject to a ticket and tow at the owner's expense.
- The City of Evanston is NOT responsible for a hit or thrown ball that strikes a person or vehicle. In such cases, the person who hit or threw the ball is the responsible party.
- Players and fans MUST pick up their trash/litter after their game. Let's keep our parks clean!
- Players and fans from other organizations such as Little League may use the fields prior to your game. Do not enter the bench area until the children have moved out; do not warm up in an area where a stray ball might strike a child or spectator.

As the manager or team representative for my team, I have read, fully understand and pledge my team will follow the codes, policies and agreements set forth in this document. Should my team, its players or fans fail to abide by this agreement, we fully understand that our future participation in a City of Evanston league could be affected for the rest of the season and in the future.

Date: _____ Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

SECTION 3: LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Please select the league(s) for which you would like to register. Indicate your first choice (1) and a second choice (2) **if you have one.**

Men's 12" Wed. Night _____ Women's 14" _____ Coed _____

SECTION 4: PAYMENT

If paying by Check: Please make checks payable to: Evanston Recreation Division

If paying by Credit: Please check: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____ American Express _____

Name as it appears on card: _____ Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security # (on back) _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____