

Petaluma Softball

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Season Begins:	late April / early May
Location of Games:	Prince Park and Casa Grande High School
Number of Games:	12 game schedule/post season City Tournament

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

1. All teams must submit a completed roster (minimum 12 players) signed by all participants.
2. All Men’s Teams must pay registration fee of \$675.00 (payable to “City of Petaluma”).
Over-40 teams and Co-Rec team fees are \$592.00 (payable to “City of Petaluma”).
3. All teams must complete roster and pay fees in full by the deadline or will not be accepted for league play.
4. Team Registration must be completed by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2011. Mail or deliver your completed roster and fee to: Petaluma Parks and Recreation, 320 N. McDowell, 94954.

No returning team is guaranteed to play in the same league or the same night that it played in the previous year(s). Teams that finish at the top or bottom of league standings should be prepared to move to higher or lower leagues respectively the following year. Other teams may only change leagues if space is available to accommodate them.

TEAM & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to play you must:

- Be 18 years old by May 1, 2011.
- Not be in High School any time during the season.
- Read the release and liability statements on the roster or roster change form.
- Sign the roster or roster change form.

TEAM ROSTERS

After preliminary rosters are turned in, they may not be changed until after May 1, 2011. After May 1, 2011 any team making roster additions will be charged \$5 per addition. No roster changes are allowed after 5pm on Thursday, June 9, 2011.

All players added to the roster must sign the roster change form 48 hours prior to the team's next game time, accompanied by all appropriate fees. Any player(s) removed from the roster after April 25, 2011 are ineligible for the remainder of the season and may not be added to another team's roster.

MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Managers are responsible for submitting a line-up card to the scorekeeper (Prince Park) or umpire (Casa) at least 10 minutes before game time, keeping the roster up-to-date and informing the Recreation Supervisor of any problems or complaints. The conduct of a team's players and spectators is the responsibility of team manager. **Managers must designate a roster player (with phone number and e-mail) to act as team contact should manager be unavailable.**

Managers must keep players from interfering with scorekeeper's preparation of field or field may not be properly prepared for start of game.

In the event of rain, managers should call the department office (778-4380) between 3:30 and 5:00 on the day of the game to find out if fields are playable for that evening. For Sunday games, call between 7:30 and 11am Sunday.



Friend us on Facebook at 'Petaluma Recreation' and to receive the Rain Out Notices.

MAKE UP GAMES

Manager will be notified about times and dates for make-up games postponed by rain or other causes. An effort will be made to make up all games. **The night assigned to the teams for make-up games may vary from their usual league night.**

TIE BREAKING CRITERIA

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| (2 teams) | 1. Head to Head; 2. Runs scored against each other; 3. Play-off game |
| (3 or more teams) | 1. Head to Head vs all tied teams; 2. Run total vs tied teams |

INSURANCE

Persons or players participating in City of Petaluma softball leagues are not covered in any way for personal liability or property damage. Players are competing in softball leagues at their own risk and are strongly urged to obtain their own insurance. A.S.A. (Amateur Softball Association) Team Insurance information is available at the Recreation Services Office.

PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

A.S.A. rules govern play with the exception of Petaluma House Rules

HOUSE RULES

- No batting practice is allowed in field of play
- No playing soft toss near or against any fences or backstops.
- Dugouts will be assigned on a first come – first served basis.
- **Lineup cards must have first & last names and must be turned into scorekeeper 10 min. prior to game time.**
- Infield practice is only allowed if more than 10 minutes remain before the next game time, after field prep or previous game has finished. Each team is allowed equal time for infield practice.
- Teams must have 8 players in order to start or continue a game or they will forfeit game.
- There will be no automatic outs for teams playing shorthanded. There is no automatic out for spaces left in the lineup due to ejected players.
- **Game time is forfeit time.** If a team is not ready to take the field at umpire's request, a forfeit shall be declared.
- Umpires are not able to answer questions regarding City policies. Any questions should be directed to the Recreation Supervisor.
- Co-Rec and Over-40 leagues will have one umpire assigned to games.
- Two umpires will be assigned for all Men's league games (except over 40 leagues).
- If there is only one umpire (when two are assigned), the game will still be played and be considered official.
- All games will have a 70 minute time limit. **If there is any time remaining in the 70 minutes the inning will be started. Once an inning starts it will be completed unless the home team is at bat and leading at the time of expiration.**
- The tie breaker rule will be invoked for all extra inning games: the last batter due up (not always the last out) will start at second base. All ties will be played out at all fields.
- Any inning after the time limit expires is considered an extra inning. There is no 'mercy' rule (ie: 12 run rule)
- A team may bat all its roster players. Any player who plays defense must be in the batting lineup.
- Players arriving late may join the game, without delay, at any time. These players must be added to the end of the batting order.
- Defensive positions may be substituted freely as long as the lineup remains the same. The extra hitter(s) do(es) not have to play defense.
- Courtesy runners should be the last recorded out.
 - Pitching height limits are as follows: 6 foot minimum and 12 foot maximum.

ADDITIONAL CO-REC RULES

- There must be two men and two women in both the infield and the outfield, and one man and one woman as pitcher/or catcher until the ball is hit.
- There can never be more men than women on the field.
- If a team is playing shorthanded other than pitcher and catcher a male and female may play other defensive positions as they choose.
- **MEN CAN ONLY USE WOOD SOFTBALL BATS.**
- Batting order must alternate between sexes whenever possible. Men may never bat consecutively.
- A team may only bat as many men as there are women in the lineup.
- Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award. The next batter (female) will bat. Exception: with two outs a female has the option to bat or walk.
- If a female's departure from the game or a late arriving male leaves two consecutive male batters, there will be an automatic out between male batters.
- Courtesy runners for Co-Rec games must be the same sex as the runner being replaced.

GROUND RULES

- Bases are 65 feet apart at Casa Grande High School and Prince Park.
- Out of play areas are bounded by fences and/or light stanchions.
- All light stanchions are out of play.
- No equipment shall be left on the playing field during games, either in fair or foul territory.
- Team members/coaches not on field playing defense or batting/coaching bases (offense) must stay in dugout.
- A double first base will be used at Casa Grande High School and Prince Park.

EQUIPMENT

- In order to determine if a bat is legal go to asasoftware.com (certified equipment).
- Metal cleats are strictly prohibited.
- No jewelry is allowed.
- A mask and protective cup are recommended for every catcher.
- Matching hats and numbered jerseys are recommended for all team members.

PROTESTS

- Protests must be made immediately upon notice of the alleged infraction and announced to the umpire, opposing team manager, and scorekeeper prior to the next pitch.
- Any official protest made for any reason during the game must be written and submitted to the Recreation Services Division on the "Protest Form". (within 48 hours of protested game)
- Teams using ineligible players may be subject to forfeiture of all league games played with the ineligible player.

FORFEITS

- Game time is forfeit time. The home plate umpire is keeper of the official time. A team may begin or continue a game with 8 players, two of which must be pitcher and catcher. No stalling will be allowed in order to reach a time limit. No team shall employ tactics noticeably designed to delay, hasten or make a travesty of the game.
- Any player ejected from a game will be automatically suspended from his/her next game. This includes the City Tournament.
- Any ineligible player that plays will be automatically suspended from play for the season and all games in which he/she participated in will be forfeited.
- In the event of a forfeit, both teams may share field use for 35 minutes from the games scheduled starting time with the exception of the last game.
- In the event of a double forfeit both teams receive a loss.
- Teams forfeiting two games may be dropped from league play without a refund and will automatically lose their returning team status, if any.
- A team may cancel a game if they notify the Recreation Supervisor at least 24 hours prior to the game. An attempt will be made to reschedule the game. If a reschedule is not possible the cancelling team will receive a loss and the opponent will receive a win.

AWARDS

- First place teams will receive individual awards for each roster player.

LEAGUE FORMAT

Men’s Leagues: Tuesday (two leagues: B & C)
 Wednesday (two leagues: B & C)
 Friday (two leagues: B & C)
 Sunday AM (Over 40)

Co-Rec Leagues: Sunday afternoon
 Thursday (two leagues: competitive and recreational)
 Sunday AM (over 40)

OVER 40 LEAGUES

- Over-40 Men’s and Co-Rec leagues will be played at Prince Park on Sundays. The registration fee is \$592 for 12 games with one official.
- Each first place team will receive individual awards.
- There will be post-season tournaments for Over-40 leagues.
- **Men participating in either of the Over-40 leagues will be required to use a wooden softball bat.** All aluminum bats are banned (for men) with no exceptions.

Please make checks Payable to **“City of Petaluma”**

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER

March 24th, 5:00pmRegistration Deadline

Late April – Early May League Play Begins

June 9th, 5:00pmRoster Change Deadline

Following End of SeasonMen’s and Co-Rec Tournaments

Following End of Season Over 40 Tournaments

(All tournament dates will be noted on league schedules)

Alcoholic Beverages are not permitted at Casa Grande High School. This is a State Law.

Glass containers are not allowed at Prince Park or Casa Grande.

Please pick up all trash and leave dugouts clean.