

**West Chicago Park District  
Adult Softball Leagues  
Summer 2012**



**Softball League Description**

- All leagues are scheduled to begin the week of May 7, 2012
- Games are at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. (dependant on number of teams)
- 12 game regular season + double-elimination, post-season tournament
- **All games played at Reed-Keppler Park & Pioneer Park**
- League fee - \$695/resident team, \$850/non-resident team
- \$175 cash award and plaque for each league champion
- \$75 cash award and plaque for each league runners-up
- \$75 cash award and plaque for each tournament champion
- \$50 cash award and a plaque for each tournament runner-up

**Available Leagues:**

**Men's 12" Unlimited Flight**

Games played on Mondays & Wednesdays at 7pm, 8pm, or 9pm (Fridays will be used as rain out make-up dates if necessary) **we cannot accept "special" time requests.**

**Co-Rec 12" Limited Flight**

Games played on Tuesdays at 7pm, 8pm or 9pm (Thursdays will be used as rain out make-up dates if necessary) **we cannot accept "special" time requests.**

**Men's 12" and Co-Rec 12" Softball Timeline**

Friday, April 6, 2012

Last day for returning teams to secure a spot for the summer 2012 season.

**NOTE: In order for returning teams to secure a spot for the summer 2012 season, the Team Information Form must be completed and returned either by mail, fax or email to [jurban@we-goparks.org](mailto:jurban@we-goparks.org).**

Friday, April 20, 2012

Last day for new teams to secure a spot for the summer 2012 season.

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Captain's Meeting held at the West Chicago Park District Program Office at 157 W. Washington Street at 6:00 p.m. for Men's 12" Unlimited, 7:00 p.m. for Coed 12" Limited on Wednesday, April 25th.

**NOTE: All registration materials (Team Information Form; Registration Form) and league fees for both new teams and returning teams are due. If all registration materials and league fees are not received by the conclusion of the Captain's Meeting, your team will not be placed on the schedule.**

Week of May 7, 2012

Season begins.

**NOTE: Completed rosters are due prior to the first game.**



## OBJECTIVE

To provide an opportunity for interested persons to play organized softball. Fair play and sportsmanship are the responsibility of every player and captain.

## ELIGIBILITY

Players must be at least 18 years of age or older prior to participation in league play. All players must have their names, home addresses, and home phone numbers on the team roster/waiver form BEFORE they can participate in any West Chicago Park District game.

## CAPTAINS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All teams should send a captain (or other team representative) to attend the Captain's Meeting.

**NOTE: Modifications to the league, including, but not limited to rules and awards, may take place at the Captain's Meeting. Failure of a team representative to attend shall not exempt that team from any modifications that may be made.**

2. All captains are expected to inform their players concerning all rules and regulations prior to the first game and as many times thereafter as necessary to make sure that no violations will occur.
3. It is the captain's responsibility to make sure all league fees, roster and waivers, and non-resident fees are submitted and paid.
4. All captains are expected to inform their players of scheduled games, schedule changes, make-ups and standings.
5. Captains are responsible for notifying the Athletic Coordinator of a change of address and/or phone number.
6. It is the captain's responsibility to check the score each inning to insure accuracy and to check the final score which is listed on the official score sheet.
7. Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their team members and any team spectators.
8. Only team captains are to discuss a disagreement with an umpire.
9. If it is known that the captain will be unavailable during a certain period of time, it is the responsibility of that captain to call the Athletic Coordinator and submit another contact name, if other than the co-captain.

## LEAGUE ROSTER/WAIVER

1. All teams must submit an official roster/waiver. Roster/waivers must include each player's name, address, home phone number and signature, as well as verification of West Chicago/Winfield residency (i.e. driver's license, picture I.D., etc.).

2. Players must be at least 18 years of age or older prior to participation in league play. Any team found to be playing an underage player will forfeit the game(s) in which the player was used. Additionally the team could be dismissed from the league without any money being refunded.
3. Roster changes will be allowed as designated by the Park District deadline, **before the third game of the season**. Signatures are required on the official roster prior to participation in league play.
4. A player may only play on one team in each league. If a player is on more than one team's roster in a given league, he/she will be declared ineligible for that league.
5. Any team giving false information on a roster shall be dismissed from the league without any money being refunded.
8. Rosters will consist of a maximum of twenty (20) players.

### RAIN OUTS

1. Do not assume games are canceled because of weather conditions. Every effort will be made to play the games, even in light rain. If games are determined to be playable and your team does not show, you will lose by forfeit. If there are any questions as to whether a game is canceled due to weather conditions, **information will be available by calling 630-293-6325 or by visiting the Park District's website at [www.we-goparks.org/athletics](http://www.we-goparks.org/athletics)**. Rainout and cancellation information will be available after 3:00pm. It is the captain's responsibility to contact their players.
2. The West Chicago Park District has installed a Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System in Reed Kepler and Pioneer Parks to help protect participants, spectators, and staff from the potential danger of lightning strikes. The Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System constantly monitors and analyzes conditions in the atmosphere that may be conducive to the formation of lightning.

When certain parameters indicate that the likelihood of a lightning strike within the area is high, the system will activate a horn with a single fifteen-second blast, as well as a strobe light. **At this time, all games will immediately cease and players, participants, and staff will be required to clear the fields and stands.**

**Games will not be allowed to continue until an all clear signal is sounded, indicated by a series of three short blasts from the horn.**

Staff reserves the right to stop play and clear fields due to weather conditions even if the Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System has not sounded.

3. If, during a game, weather conditions force a stoppage of play before the game is considered official, a fifteen (15) minute rain delay shall be in effect. If after fifteen (15) minutes, conditions have not improved so as to continue the game, the game shall be called off and completed at a later date.
4. In the event that weather conditions force a second stoppage of play before the game is considered official, the game shall be called off and completed at a later date.
5. If lightning is present or thunder heard, all games are immediately canceled.
6. Rainouts will be rescheduled following the regular season or as late-season doubleheaders (schedule permitting).
7. Teams will be given as much advance notice for all make up games as possible.
8. If it is questionable, call the hotline number for an exact answer at 630-293-6325.

## SCHEDULES

1. The West Chicago Park District reserves the right to modify any and all softball schedules as necessary to operate the league.
2. Anytime there are make ups, rescheduling, rain outs, playoffs, etc., they will be scheduled according to the availability of Park District facilities and staff.
3. First Draft Schedules will be emailed to Team Captains after 12:00 noon on the Friday following the Captain's Meeting. Final schedules and all updated schedules will be emailed to Team Captains and available to all team members on the Park District's website at [www.we-goparks.org/athletics](http://www.we-goparks.org/athletics).

## RULES

1. ASA rules apply except where the West Chicago Park District has made adaptations.
2. A team consists of ten players, eleven if the extra player (EP) is used. If a player is ejected for inappropriate conduct, the player's place may not be taken by anyone else, forcing a team to play short a player for the remainder of the game. An automatic out will be assessed each time that player would have batted. If an EP is designated and not present, an out will be recorded each time the EP is to bat.

Teams have the option of batting their entire roster, if desired. This must be declared prior to the start of the game. Once declared, it will be in effect for the entire game. All other rules remain in effect.

3. Game balls will be provided. The home team may keep the game ball.
4. Score books will be provided.
5. **There will be a 5 home run limit in effect for each game. Any home runs exceeding 5 shall result in a dead ball out.**

## GAME PLAY

1. Nine players are required for an official game, and teams may add a tenth at any time, subject to the following:

**Teams with less than nine players to start the game will automatically become the visiting team and will bat. Should the opposing team record three outs before the missing player has arrived, or should a position in the batting order come up in which a missing player is not present, the game shall immediately be called and declared a forfeit.**

**For purposes of this rule, the missing player must be present and accounted for within the field of play or dugout prior to the conclusion of one of the above-mentioned scenarios. A player who is "in the parking lot" shall not be considered present and accounted for, and a forfeit shall be declared.**

2. Games are scheduled for seven innings or one hour. In case of rain, a four inning game will be official (three and one-half innings if the home team is winning).
3. A ten run slaughter rule will be in effect after the fifth inning (four and one-half if the home team is ahead).
4. A new inning may not begin after the start of the next regularly scheduled game. If the score is tied after one hour, the remainder of the game will be completed at a later date (if necessary). Due to the nature of the game and that no inning will be comparable to another, umpires and West Chicago Park District staff reserve the right to announce time or last at bats depending on a given situation.
5. Metal or detachable cleats are not allowed.
6. The infield fly rule applies.
7. Players must avoid contact. If a player fails to avoid contact and there is substantial physical contact in the judgment of the umpire, the runner shall be declared out and immediately ejected.
8. To appeal a play for a missed base - ask the umpire BEFORE the next pitch.
9. Fake tags will NOT be tolerated.

10. Player Conduct - Players must respect the umpire, West Chicago Park District officials, and other players. Player's behavior is the responsibility of the player and captain of that team. Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will be automatically suspended for a MINIMUM of two additional games at the Athletic Coordinator's discretion. In addition, that team's pitcher shall be ejected for the remainder of the game. Further unsportsmanlike conduct may result in forfeiture of games and/or suspensions.

### BATTING

1. Each batter will begin with a 1-1 count.
2. Batter is out if he throws the bat.
3. Bunting is not allowed. Players must take a full swing at the ball.
4. A batter is out if he hits one foul ball after two strikes.
5. All bats must be ASA approved. Use of an illegal bat shall result in an ejection and an automatic suspension for two additional games.
6. Bats must be covered with a non-slip tape or other approved material (minimum of ten inches).
7. The batter's box will not be marked off; however, the batter may not cross the imaginary plane of the base until the ball is contacted. For the safety of the batters and catcher, the batter may be required to move up in the batter's box.
8. In all games in which a double first base is used, the batter-runner shall automatically be declared out if, on a play on the infield, he/she touches only the white portion of the base.

### BASE RUNNING

1. No stealing.
2. No lead-offs. Base runners may leave the base if the pitched ball hits the ground, is short, or is hit.

### PITCHING

1. The pitcher shall take a position with both feet on the ground with one or both feet in contact with the pitching rubber. The ball shall be held in one or both hands in front of the body. The pitching rubber shall be at a distance of 50 feet from home plate.
2. The ball must be delivered to the batter at a height of at least six feet from the ground.

### TIE-BREAKER POLICY

In order to determine a league champion, the tie-breaker will be based on 1) league standing during the regular season then 2) head-to-head competition followed by 3) record against common opponents.

### FORFEITS

1. Game time is forfeit time!! If a team fails to have enough rostered players by game time (pursuant to Game Play Rule #1), the game will be awarded to the opposing team. Once an umpire declares a game forfeited, the game cannot be played. If a team forfeits 3 games, they will be declared ineligible for the post-season tournament. Forfeiture of a doubleheader, if needed, will be counted as one forfeit. **Please carry enough rostered players so as to not forfeit during the season.**
2. Grace Period – There will be a ten-minute grace period for all 7:00pm games only. Should a team fail to have the minimum number of players required to begin the game upon conclusion of the grace period, the game shall be declared a forfeit and awarded to the opposing team. In addition, the grace period is considered a part of the one-hour time limit for the game.

## PROTESTS

The umpire and site supervisor must be notified at the time of the protest in order to gather pertinent information (i.e. score, inning, time elapsed, etc.). **In addition, the captain must submit any protest in writing, along with a \$50 cash fee, within 24 hours of the game in question.** Judgment calls cannot be protested. If the protest is valid, the protest fee will be returned. If the protest is not allowed, the protest fee will not be returned. Rule protests will not be allowed in any post-season tournaments.

## RULE VIOLATIONS (CONDUCT)

1. Players or captains in violation of the following shall be ejected from the game in which they are participating, as well as a minimum of two additional games:
  - A. Use of excessive foul language
  - B. Possession and/or consumption of alcohol/drugs while on park property
  - C. Use of an illegal bat
  - D. Throwing bat or other equipment
  - E. Use of tobacco products on the field or in the dugout
2. If a player is ejected from a contest, that team's pitcher shall also be ejected from the remainder of the contest.
3. Active participation in any type of disorderly conduct (fighting, etc.) will result in expulsion from the league for a minimum of one (1) full year, beginning the day of the incident, for the player and possibly the team.
4. We ask that you respect the rights of the umpires and Park District Staff. If, for any reason, an umpire or Park District Staff is verbally threatened, physically threatened, or struck by a player or captain before, during or after a game, that person will be expelled from participation in any adult leagues indefinitely.
5. Use of excessive foul language by spectators, or spectators in possession of alcohol on park property, must be policed by their respective team members. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game.
6. Use of an unrostered (illegal) player will result in the forfeiture of the game in which he is caught illegally playing.

In the event that a team suspects that the opposing team is using an unrostered (illegal) player, a roster check may be requested. At that time all players from **both** teams will be required to produce photo identification.

Should the roster check occur prior to the beginning of the game, all players without photo identification will not be allowed to play. Should the roster check occur during the game, the game shall immediately

be stopped and photo identification of all players from **both** teams will be checked. Any players unable to produce photo identification at that time shall be declared an unrostered (illegal) player.

**NOTE: Roster checks must be called prior to the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning of play.**

In either situation, applicable forfeit rules apply, including the possibility of a double forfeit. In addition, the time taken to complete the roster check shall be considered as part of the one-hour time limit.

### Co-Rec Additional Rules

1. You need to alternate positions with a male and female. (ex. Third base is female, shortstop is male, second base is female, first base is male.)
2. Batting order must be opposite with male, female or female, male. If a team is short with one sex, then they will take an automatic out where there would be two players of the same sex back to back.

### TOURNAMENTS

1. A double elimination tournament is conducted at the end of league play. League standings determine the seeding of each team in the tournament.
2. Tournament play has separate awards from league play.
3. Several games may be played in succession, which is common in tournament play.
4. Tournament rules will be the same as regular season rules, with the exception that games tied at the conclusion of seven innings or one hour, will be played until one team is ahead at the end of an inning.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. If you have any questions regarding the league, please contact Joe Urban, Athletic Coordinator at 630-231-9474.
2. Teams are reminded that the West Chicago Park District does not carry medical insurance covering injuries incurred while participating in the West Chicago Park District Softball League.
4. League information, including schedules, standings, and rainout information will be available at [www.we-go.org/athletics](http://www.we-go.org/athletics).
5. The West Chicago Park District reserves the right to modify any and all league rules, regulations, and procedures as necessary.

## West Chicago Park District – Roster

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (W): \_\_\_\_\_

League: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing this roster, you will be waiving and releasing all claims that you may sustain arising out of the above program.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in the above program and I agree to assume the full risk of any such injuries, damages or loss regardless of severity, which I may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected or associated with any such program. I waive and relinquish all claims I may have against the West Chicago Park District and its officers, agents, servants and employees as a result in participating in the above program. I hereby fully release and discharge the West Chicago Park District and its agents, officers, servants and employees from any and all claims from injuries, damages or loss which I may have or which may accrue me on account of my participation in the above program. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Park District and its officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages and losses sustained by me, and arising out, connected with, or in any way associated with the activity of any program(s). I understand that I may be photographed or videotaped while participating in the above program. I give permission for photos and videotape of me to be used to promote the Park District and that such photos and video will be the property of the West Chicago Park District.

I have read and fully understand the above waiver and release of all claims. Before registration in this program is valid, this Waiver and Release of All Claims must be signed by all team participants.

Name / Age	Address	Phone	Signature
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## West Chicago Park District – Roster

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League: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEST CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
SUMMER 2012**



**TEAM REGISTRATION FORM**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ League: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this information form along with league fees, and registration form to secure a spot in the summer 2012 12" Softball Leagues. Returning teams have until April 6, 2012 to secure a spot in the league. After April 6th, teams will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until April 13, 2012. Drop-off or mail to: West Chicago Park District, Attn: Joe Urban, 157 W. Washington Street, West Chicago, IL 60185; Fax to: 630-231-2352; Email to: [jurban@we-goparks.org](mailto:jurban@we-goparks.org). If you have any questions, please call Joe Urban, Athletic Supervisor, at 630-231-9474.