

# 2015 Adult Softball Leagues



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## Adult League Organizational Meeting

**Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Over 50 League Organizational Meeting

**Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m.**

Both meetings held at the Portage Senior Center, located at 320 Library Lane. All team managers (or other team representatives) should attend this meeting to gather information on the registration process, rule highlights and updates, meet the softball coordinator and ask any questions.

## 2015 Spring/Summer Leagues

All leagues subject to availability and minimum number of teams. Teams are accepted by date of registration and division placement is at the discretion of department staff.

Monday ..... Co-Ed League

Tuesday ..... Co-Ed, Over 50 leagues

Wednesday ..... Men's League

Thursday ..... Men's and Doubleheader Leagues

Friday ..... Men's, Co-Ed, Church leagues

## Team Registration for All Leagues

**Deadline: Wednesday, March 25**

## Player Registration

**Deadline: Wednesday, April 10**

Teams may register at <http://portagemisoftball.leaguetoobox.com>, beginning February 18.

**Manager Instructions:** Team manager must register the TEAM online and submit payment by credit card (online only) or check/cash (at the parks office) by March 25. Managers can then invite players to register with this TEAM. Players are not considered to be on the roster until their registration is complete.

**Player Instructions:** Once your TEAM is registered by the Team Manager, you may receive an email inviting you to join the TEAM (if you don't receive an invite, just visit the website above to register). Next, simply follow the prompts and submit any applicable fees to be added to the Team roster and complete registration. All players must register online and pay by credit card. (If applicable)

Fees: Co-Ed, Men's and Church team, 13 game season	\$540 plus \$20/non-resident player
Non-Resident TEAM option (see below)	\$680

If at any point in the season, your team may have 7 or more non-resident players, this option is most cost effective. This option is only available if paid by check or cash (no credit cards) in the Parks Office by March 13, no exceptions. Team will be manually registered online by the Softball Coordinator. Following that, all players will be required to register online by the Player Registration date.

Over 50 team, 12 game season plus tournament for top finishers	\$660*
Doubleheader team, 24 game season	\$1,050*

\*Not subject to player fees

League fees include all ASA approved game balls, umpires, field preparation, Michigan Amateur Softball Association team registration fee, trophies & awards, score books and ASA rule books.

## Late Registration

**Deadline: Friday, April 3**

Teams registering late will be assigned to leagues/nights as spots are available. A \$40 late fee applies.

**Reserved Practice Period****Saturday, April 11 through Sunday, April 26**

All registered teams will have an opportunity to **phone-in reservations beginning Tuesday, April 7** for the period from April 11 through April 26. Practices are free to Portage Adult Softball teams and each team is permitted one weekday and one weekend practice each week. A master schedule of practices will be kept in the Parks & Recreation office and posted at South Westnedge Park and Ramona Park on the restroom buildings. Each team is expected to practice only during their reserved time to avoid field conflicts. Four reservations are available per team: 2 weekday and 2 weekend.

Field reservations will be available at:  
South Westnedge Park 1-6  
Ramona Park 1 & 2  
Lakeview Park

Weeknights: 5:15 p.m. / 6:45 p.m.

Weekends: 9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m. / 12:00 p.m. / 1:30 p.m. / 3:00 p.m. / 4:30 p.m. / 6:00 p.m.

**Start of the Regular Season****Monday, April 27**

The 13-game regular season will continue through early August followed by the City Tournament of Champions on August 8 and 9. Regular season make-up games could be scheduled through August 7. League standings will be updated weekly and posted online.

**League Schedules, Game Cancellations, Postponements and Make-Up Dates**

<http://portagemisoftball.leaguetoobox.com>

League schedules will be posted online by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22. Additional updates throughout the season, cancellations and make-up games will also be announced on this web page. Once the schedule is posted, changes to game times and dates will not be accommodated unless field overlap is discovered. Therefore, any requests for special circumstances must be submitted by the registration deadline. Requests are not a guarantee and will be considered on a case by case basis.

Games will not be cancelled prior to 4:00 p.m. Managers and players may call the **softball hotline at 329-4523** for a recorded message with current rain-out information. The Parks and Recreation Department will make every effort to reschedule rain-out games in a timely manor. Make-ups may require multiple games on league nights, weekend games or games on nights other than a teams regular league night.

**Trophies and Awards**

Team trophies will be awarded to the division winners of each regular league. Individual awards (up to 15 players) will be presented to the Upper Division or overall league winners.

**City Tournament of Champions****August 8 and 9**

Interested or eligible teams should set aside this weekend now to avoid scheduling conflicts. Qualifying teams will be notified ASAP upon completion of league play. A \$50 refundable deposit will be required from each participating team in the tournament.

**Uniform Recommendations**

Team shirts with numbers are recommended as they benefit players and umpires. Each team member should be clothed in the uniform as supplied by their sponsor. If sponsored uniforms are not available, t-shirts of the same color with 6" Arabic numeral on the back are recommended.

## General "Game" Reminders

- ASA bat restrictions are in effect for all leagues and tournaments.
- Each team should confirm the score with the umpire after each inning and at the end of the game.
- Please remind all team members and fans that parking for softball games is not allowed on Parkland Terrace, the first street north of the fields at South Westnedge Park – violators are subject to tickets and fines. Please use West Lake Nature Preserve and the skate park area for over flow parking.
- Each team is expected to keep benches, bleachers and park grounds free of litter and all beverage containers.
- Profanity will not be tolerated while on park property.
- Umpires have the right to ask all jewelry be removed as a safety precaution.
- All leagues start with a 1-1 count on the batter with a free foul. Pitching arc is 6 to 10 feet.
- Home Run Rule for Men's, Co-ed, and Church recreational level leagues: 2 home run limit per gender. For Men's and Co-Ed Division 1 level leagues: 3 home runs and 1 up limit per gender. Additional home runs do not count and are ruled an out for all leagues.
- Mercy rule- game is considered complete if a team is leading by 15 runs or more after 5 innings
- Children are not allowed in the dugout.
- Game injury medical coverage and ambulance transport is the responsibility of each participant.

## Conduct and Eligibility Policy

**Failure to comply with the following specific policies will result in a \$20 violation fee which is due prior to the next scheduled game and possible removal from the Team roster and/or suspension.**

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

- a player not meeting the minimum age requirement (15 years old as of May 1 of the current year)
- a player who is not listed on the roster or sub card or pay the appropriate fee prior to playing
- a player who cannot prove identity when requested by an Umpire or other league official
- a player who has been removed from a roster or suspended for that game

**FALSIFIED INFORMATION:** Any roster containing falsified information regarding residency of players is illegal.

**ALCOHOL:** Prohibited in Ramona Park. At South Westnedge Park, alcohol may be consumed after a game only in grass areas. Alcohol is prohibited in parking lots, bleachers and bench areas.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, EJECTIONS and SUSPENSIONS:** The Umpires have the authority to eject any Player, Coach or Manager from a game for what they deem unsportsmanlike conduct including profanity. Physical violence between players or physical contact with Umpires or other staff will result in immediate suspension in addition to violation fees and further disciplinary action as determined by Parks management staff.

**FORFEITS:** Failure to call in a forfeit by 2pm on game day.

## General Portage Park Rules and Regulations

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Prohibited in Ramona Park, Westfield Park and in **ALL** parking areas

**PETS:** Pets allowed except where posted. Pets must be restrained on a six-foot leash. Persons in charge of or in control of pets on park property shall be responsible for clean up and removal of excrement deposited by pet.

### **IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:**

- Destroy park property
- Have fires except in fireplaces or designated areas
- Peddle or solicit in park lands without an official permit
- Drive or park motorized vehicles except in designated areas
- Use or discard tobacco products on Ramona Park beach
- Operate bicycles in park lands except on entry roads, parking lots, or designated bikeways
- Engage in any activity which, as part of that activity, includes the hitting of golf balls
- Leave vehicles unattended either overnight or in non-designated parking area. Violators may be towed.
- Hunt or trap in park lands
- Litter or pollute any park land or waterway
- Cut or remove wood or flora
- Play any musical device loudly
- Loiter in parking areas

**POLICE OFFICERS OR PARKS STAFF MAY REQUEST ANY PERSON TO LEAVE FOR CAUSE .  
VIOLATION OF PARK RULES IS A VIOLATION OF LAW PUNISHABLE BY FINES AND COSTS (ORD.1062.11).**