



City of Montgomery Parks & Recreation Department 2012 Adult League Softball Guidelines

1. Official ASA rules will govern play unless specifically changed in the by-laws. However, no league may set aside or otherwise alter the City guidelines. A team may be a member of the Montgomery Parks and Recreation League as long as they remain in good standing. Any player or team, which jeopardizes their good standing, will be eliminated from play in the City league.
2. Each league may have its own by-laws with which to govern play within the league (players' eligibility, homerun rule, etc.) with approval from the Lagoon Park Softball Administrative Office of Parks and Recreation. Lagoon Park Softball will interpret the by-laws and settle any disputes or protests. Lagoon Park Softball will have control over scheduling and any changes that become necessary as the season progresses.
3. Leagues must use umpires from the local association. That association is the Capital City Umpires Association. Lagoon Park Softball will assign scorekeepers for all league games.
4. Fees: Umpires, scorekeepers, sanctions and awards will be paid by the leagues through the Recreation Department. Note: League fees must be paid in one of the following forms: cashier's check, cash, money order, or company check. We cannot accept personal checks, no exceptions.
5. The 3rd strike foul will apply and no courtesy runners will be allowed. **In 2012 all adult slow pitch league will go to 70 feet bases.**
6. You must touch all the bases on all home runs hit over the fence. Any arguing on running out homeruns will lead to an immediate ejection and the homerun will count as an out (no runs score) and will count on the total on the home run limit.
7. Full uniforms desired, but not required. Like jerseys with at least a 6" number on the back and of a separate color (light color jersey/dark color number - dark jersey/light number) The scorekeeper must be able to see the numbers. The penalty could be a forfeit. Umpires will not allow a player to begin play that does not have a like jersey. (A red jersey and blue jersey are not alike) Teams must have at least 9 players to finish a game; otherwise, they must forfeit. Exception: if you start with 10 players and a player is ejected and you do not have a substitute, the game will be forfeited. *See coed rules.
8. All games including league tournament games will have a one-hour time limit, with no inning beginning after the deadline unless the game is tied. This will include championship game in

league tournaments. (A new inning begins as soon as the last out is made, so if time has not been called previous to that, a new inning will begin.)

9. A 10 run rule will be in effect after 5 innings, 15 after 4 innings, and 20 after 3 innings.
10. Shoes are required. Steel cleats are not allowed. Any coach/player observed by umpires/city officials wearing steel cleats will be asked to remove them. The penalty if refusal or lack of proper shoes (i.e. sneakers, rubber soled cleats) player will be disqualified.
11. Nightly starting times will be 6:30, 7:20 and 8:20 PM at Lagoon Park, Fain Park and Coliseum Blvd. Lagoon Park Administration has the option of scheduling 9:20 games when needed (i.e. rainouts, tournament, make ups). Line-ups are due in the press box at least 10 minutes before the game and your team must be ready to play. There is no grace period on the starting times. If the previous game runs over the next game will start immediately after the first game ends. There is no infield practice or warm ups on the field.
12. **Lineups must include first and last name of each player in legible writing with their position and jersey number. No slang names or abbreviations.** Lineup cards are available upon request.
13. A team will be dropped from the league (with no reimbursement of fees) after 4 forfeits have occurred. All other games scheduled will be moved up in the approximate time slots by Lagoon Park.
14. Lagoon Park Administration will be the sole judges of the playability of fields. Teams scheduled at 6:30 PM must appear – unless otherwise notified. After the first game has started the umpires assume the responsibility of calling the game due to the weather. The decision for calling the game will not usually be made until 4:00 PM of that day. Please do not call before 4:00PM. As soon as a decision is made it will be posted (during work hours) on the web site at www.lagoonparksoftball.com
15. The umpires will enforce all of the above rules and will make every effort to settle disputes on the spot. However, if there is a protest, the plate umpire and scorekeeper must be notified; then the game must continue under protest and the dispute settled at a later date. (Written or typed disputes are preferred with a phone call to Lagoon Softball Administration, they can be hand delivered or faxed to 271-7014). Disputes concerning anything else (i.e. umpires, fans etc.) must be written or typed and received by Lagoon Administration in a timely manner.
16. Rained out games will be made up if schedules permit. Weekends may be used if needed. Please check for schedule changes in the near future after a rain out has occurred. Games called due to inclement weather will not be suspended; the game will start over unless it meets requirements for completed game.
17. **A completed roster with signatures must be on file at Lagoon Softball before participating in your first game or the game will be a forfeit.** Team rosters must be kept current through the ASA Commissioner and Lagoon Administration. **A player cannot participate on more than one team within a division of play. You can participate on other teams in separate divisions of play (i.e. church, coed) but only one team in each of those divisions. Playing under an assumed name will lead to harsh suspensions and/or disbarment for coaches and/or players involved and perhaps forfeiture of games. All players must have proper identification**

onsite if a question should be raised (driver's license, etc.). Playing while under suspension can result in disbarment.

18. Team managers are responsible to have their players abide by all umpires' decision. Any legitimate complaints need to be called into Lagoon Administration and accompanied by written or typed details. Lagoon Administration based upon the seriousness of the offence will punish players guilty of any misconduct. Please note that any player ejected from a game may be suspended for a future game if Lagoon Administration deems misconduct was present. Scorekeepers are not to be harassed or verbally abused in any way.
19. The Lagoon Park Administrative staff will preside over all protests, disciplinary decisions, or misconduct hearings.
20. ASA approved balls are required in tournament and league play. The men and coed male must use a 12" cor .44 375.0 compression. The women and coed female must use an 11" cor .44 375.0 compression. Softball must be yellow optic in color.
21. The clock and/or scoreboards at Lagoon Park and Fain Park will be the official time for all fields. The umpires will check with the scorekeepers, and then announce game time. The scorekeeper will document the official game time. The official scorekeeper book is final.
22. **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at Montgomery Parks and Recreation facilities. No loitering, grilling or loud music is allowed in the parking lots. Everyone is expected to be inside the complex or leaving the parking lot. The Police Department will be present, has arrest powers and is charged with enforcement of these rules and other City Park ordinances. We do not provide trash receptacles in the parking lot but do have them all around the facility. Please do not drop or dump your trash in the parking lot. Littering in the Parking lot will not be tolerated and persons doing so may be prosecuted.**
23. In the men's and women's divisions players may not switch teams within their division or lower.
24. The tiebreaker rule is as follows where applicable:
 1. Head to head
 2. Best record among three or more teams (games between each other)
 3. Least number of runs allowed between tied teams' games
 4. Least number of runs allowed in all games played
 5. Coin Toss
25. **Profanity will not be tolerated on City of Montgomery Parks and Recreation Facilities.** The Adult softball leagues are a family oriented recreational activity. Please be aware of your language and conduct at all times.
26. **All players must be 18 years of age to participate in adult spring and fall softball leagues at Lagoon and Fain Parks.**
27. **Any illegal or altered bat discovered during a league game will result in an immediate forfeit of that game and could result in disciplinary action from Lagoon administration towards the player currently hitting with discovered bat and manager of that team.**

28. **There is no smoking on any City of Montgomery property including inside the ballpark and parking lots.**

29. The official web site of Lagoon & Fain Park Softball including all league play is www.lagoonparksoftball.com

Inquiries may be made to:

Lagoon Park Administration Ph: 271-7016 Fax:271-7014

E-mail:nnorman@montgomeryal.gov / jatkins@montgomeryal.gov

Does not apply to Fall Leagues:

PRACTICE FIELD RESERVATION GUIDE

- I. Permits will be issued beginning on Monday March 05 @ 9am to participating Adult League Teams.
 - a. Reservations will be made by calling Lagoon Park (271-7016). Please do not call the Parks and Recreation Department main office concerning anything related to softball. All adult league matters will be handled through Lagoon Park.
 - b. Please do not come to Lagoon Park to reserve a practice field. Fields will be reserved by telephone only. No exceptions.
 - c. Reservations by phone must be made each Monday beginning at 9am. Fields will be issued for 1-½ hours per permit. No call will be answered before 9:00 AM. Your permit is only good for the one time and date specified.
 - d. Fields for weekday (Monday-Friday) permits will be allowed beginning March 05 through April 08th at Exchange Park and Sheridan Heights.
 - e. Fields for weekend practice permits will be allowed beginning March 05 through April 08 for all fields (Lagoon, Exchange Park, Fain, and Sheridan Heights).
 - f. Permits will not be given out except for approved special events after April 08.
 - g. There will be night practices allowed March 12-15 / 19-22 / 26-29 April 2-5.
 - h. Only one permit per team (exception, see Rule III below).
 - i. When calling Lagoon, you should have in mind a day, field, and time desired with at least two alternate times ready.

- II. Permits must be picked up at Lagoon Park for Col Blvd and Sheridan Hts.
 Permits for Lagoon and Fain do not need to be picked up. Master schedules of reservations will be at both parks. If your team reserves a practice time for Coliseum Boulevard or Sheridan Heights, then you must pick up your permit at Lagoon Park. Permits must be picked up on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 8:30 AM – Noon or 1:30 – 4:30. We do not fax permits.

- III. If a team has already secured a permit and wished to have another one (or if a team did not receive one on Monday) they may call Lagoon at 9am on Thursday to see if any permits have not been picked up or if any practice slots are still available. These new permits must be picked up on the day called.

- IV. Individuals may not make a reservation for another team. Only one field per call will be given out.

NOTE: ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN THE TEAM LOSING THEIR RIGHT TO A PRACTICE PERMIT.