

Bogalusa Softball League Rules

LEAGUE STRUCTURE: The Co-ed and Mens softball season consists of 8 games over 8 weeks and begins with a league tournament on Saturday July 21. Regular season will begin on Tuesday July 24 at 6 p.m.

- Games will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both leagues between 6 and 9 P.M

Byes may be scheduled depending on the number of teams in the league.

LEAGUE FEE: Payment must be made at the time of registration.

Co-Ed and Men's League: \$300 (8 games and Playoffs)

League Tournament: \$100

Total: \$400

REGISTRATION START DATES:

1. June 18- July 13

REQUIRED FORMS:

1. Registration Form –
2. Team Roster – Must be submitted to the Recreation Department by July 13

ROSTERS:

- Team rosters may have a maximum of 15 players and must include the name, full address, and phone number(s) for each player.
- Additional players may be added to the team roster, but a player must be on the team roster before they compete in a game. Also a player must play in at least 50% of league games to be eligible for the playoffs.
- Players must be added to the team roster by the Team Manager.
- Game schedules will not be distributed to a team until a team roster has been submitted and approved.

GAME SCHEDULES: League schedules will be emailed to Team Managers the third week of July. The team's roster must be received before the team's schedule will be sent. Games that are rained out may be rescheduled on Wednesdays.

WEATHER HOTLINE: In the case of inclement weather team managers will be notified and , The Parks and Recreation Facebook Page will have all updates www.facebook.com/BogalusaParksAndRecreation

PLAYOFFS:

Playoffs will begin following the final regular season game, all teams will compete in playoffs. Seeding will be determined by record. Playoffs will be a double elimination tournament following the conclusion of the regular season.

CONDUCT VIOLATION POLICY: The following incidents will be assessed a \$20 per violation fee:

1. Unannounced Forfeit – To avoid a fee, forfeits must be reported to Ann Davy, Program Manager, by phone Shay (985 516-1739) Or Landon (985-516-3870) or email (Landon.tims@gmail.com) by 3 p.m. the day of game.

2. Player Ejection

3. Unrostered Player

Players will be notified by Recreation Department if they have been assessed a conduct violation fee. Payment of the violation fee must be made by the team's next game.

EQUIPMENT: teams will be Responsible for their own equipment and the Home Team will be responsible for providing the official scorekeeper.

. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Participants must have completed their freshman year in high school to be eligible for any adult softball league.
2. Players who are currently suspended from participating in other sports communities are ineligible to compete in Bogalusa Recreation.
3. The participation of an unrostered player in any league or playoff game will result in forfeiting that game to the opposing team. The Program Managers shall determine whether other games the player participated in shall be forfeited also.
4. Opposing managers, as well as Recreation Services, may initiate checks on eligibility. Showing proof of a player's identity by photo id may be required at game time.
5. An individual may participate on one co-ed and one mens team providing that they play at different times.

LEAGUE RULES:

1. A minimum of nine players are required to play a league game. Games will start precisely as scheduled when a team has nine players. A 5-minute grace period will be granted to teams playing in the first scheduled game of the night. All other games will start as scheduled with no grace period. A player must be on the field ready to play at the scheduled game time to be considered one of the eight players or the game will be ruled a forfeit. In the case that a team does not have the minimum number of players needed to start the game, they must inform the umpire that they will be forfeiting but will be permitted to pick up players in order to play a scrimmage. The scheduled umpire will be the game official. An umpire will not officiate a game forfeited due to the ejection of a player.
2. Games are limited to 1 hour in length. Tie games will be played through the 7th inning after which the game will become a pitch game. A minimum of 4 innings or 40 minutes is required for a regulation game. Games not of regulation length due to interruptions by rain will be rescheduled and continued from the time of interruption. Teams must make their best effort to field the same team as the original game.
3. **Run Rules:** Games will be automatically terminated when a team is 10 or more runs ahead after 5 innings, 12 or more runs ahead after 4 innings, and 15 or more runs ahead after 3 innings.
4. Co- ed teams may be 6 men 4 women. Men and women must alternate in the batting order.
5. All leagues will come to bat with one strike and one ball count with one courtesy foul (dead ball) for league games.
6. When a male batter is walked, The female batter who follows has the option to bat or receive an automatic walk.

7. All leagues will be allowed to use limited free substitution. Any player substituted for may re-enter the game, and only for the person who replaced them. Removed players must remain out of the game for at least one inning (6 outs). A player may also re-enter the game if, due to an injury, a team would otherwise have fewer than 10 players.
8. If a team is forced to play with less than 10 players as a result of the ejection of a player for unsportsmanlike conduct, the ejected player will be considered an out when it becomes their turn in the batting order. A team will not be penalized if they have a legal substitute for this player, or if the player is forced to leave a game due to injury or other circumstance.
9. Courtesy runners will be allowed (men for men, women for women). This must be the person of the same gender who has made the team's last out.
10. Teams are limited to Five home runs per game (on fenced fields). Home runs over the limit are considered an out.
11. Teams that hit homeruns or foul balls over the fence must send a player to retrieve the ball and return it to play.
12. The pitcher still must present the ball and pause before making their delivery.
13. Only rostered players and managers, as well as one bat person and one scorekeeper, are allowed on a team's bench during the game. No pets allowed.
14. It is the responsibility of the home team to supply a ball and keep the official score. The visiting team must supply a good ball for each game. .
15. If a player develops bleeding during a game, the player must be removed from play until bleeding is controlled and dressed. In this case, the player may leave the game and return without penalty. Game time will not be stopped for injuries. It is the responsibility of the teams to bring first aid supplies to the field.
16. Umpires will determine if a player's physical condition and attire will enable them to be allowed to participate in a league game.
17. Should an umpire not show up for a game, teams should appoint a volunteer umpire, if possible. The volunteer umpire will be paid and the game will count. In this case, the game results must be phoned into the Program Manager along with the name and phone number of the volunteer.
18. Smoking is allowed on city property, however it is not allowed on the playing field or in the dugouts.
19. If a team withdraws from the league their past record will be canceled and will not count toward their opponent's record.
20. Teams forfeiting a game are assessed a \$20 forfeit fee if the forfeit is not reported to the Program Manager by 3 p.m. on the day of the game. If a fee is assessed to a team, the team's manager will be notified and payment must be made to the Recreation Services office by 12 p.m. on the team's next game day. Failure to pay by this time results in another forfeit. Any team with three forfeits will be dropped from the league.
21. League scores and standings will be updated and posted weekly on the city of Bogalusa's facebook page **www.facebook.com/BogalusaParksAndRecreation**

PLAYER CONDUCT:

1. Alcohol/Beer: There shall be no alcoholic beverages, including beer, at any City of Bogalusa Park

2. The conduct of teams playing in A Parks and Recreation Recreation league must be above satisfactory. Managers must set examples of fair play and sportsmanship for their players. Bogalusa Parks and Recreation Player Code of Conduct is as follows: "At no time shall any person lay a hand on, shove, strike, use abusive language, or threaten an official of the Bogalusa Recreation Department on park or property." Such incidents will require persons to be suspended until the League Manager considers the case. Maximum penalty shall be suspension from local league play for one season or up to suspension for life. The umpire's authority at a game shall not be questioned. They have been instructed to enforce the league rules. The umpire has the authority to remove a player, coach, or manager from the game for violation of the rules. Players removed from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed to compete in the following game and a \$20 conduct violation fee will be assessed. A second ejection from a game by any one player will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.

3. Profanity on or around the playing field, even casual profanity, is not permitted. It is sufficient grounds for expulsion from the premises. Casual profanity pertains to expletives not necessarily directed towards an umpire or player, but made out of frustration for a bad play.

4. Please be respectful of the game facilities and remove all litter from your team's bench and the surrounding area before leaving the game site.

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