

City of Tallmadge Parks and Recreation Department



Adult Softball League Rules

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CITY OF TALLMADGE ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

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Thank you for choosing to participate in our league!

The following rules will be in effect for the City of Tallmadge Adult Co-ed Softball League. The City of Tallmadge Parks and Recreation Administration reserves the right to amend or add rules during the season as needed and at their discretion. In addition to these league rules, all Park Rules must be followed when on City of Tallmadge property.

Here are some general reminders:

1. We will follow the One Nation Slowpitch rule book, with the following exceptions:

- a. There will be two (2) over-the-fence home runs allowed per team per game. Any subsequent balls over the fence will be played as singles. All runners advance one (1) base.
- b. There is a time limit of one (1) hour for all games. No new innings may start after sixty (60) minutes. Any innings in progress after one hour will be completed.

2. Umpires

- a. Umpire fees are included in the registration fee for the league and will be paid for by the City of Tallmadge.

3. Forfeit Guidelines and Fees

- a. If a team is unable to get enough players for its game, the team representative must provide notice at least four (4) hours prior to the start of their scheduled game.
- b. The forfeiting team must call the Tallmadge Recreation Center at 330-634-2349 and must ask to speak to the supervisor on duty. **DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE.** Inform the supervisor why you are forfeiting your game, your name, your team's name, your game time, and game location. The supervisor on duty will then contact the Sports and Fitness Coordinator as well as the other team to notify them of the forfeiture.
- c. Your game will not officially be canceled until you speak to the supervisor on duty or until you have been contacted by a representative from the Tallmadge Recreation Center.
- d. Failure to provide notice at least four (4) hours prior to the start of a scheduled game, will result in a \$30.00 per game fee charged to the team who forfeited. This fee **MUST** be paid at the Tallmadge Recreation Center prior to the team's next game. All scheduled games will be forfeited until payment is received.

4. Rainouts

- a. Decisions on weather-related cancellations will be made by 4:00PM. Coaches will be contacted if games are cancelled.
- b. If the weather is questionable and you have not been contacted, coaches may call the Tallmadge Recreation Center to ask about game status.
- c. Players are discouraged from contacting the Tallmadge Recreation Center about game status. Coaches should call and then inform their players.

5. Rosters

- a. Rosters must be completed and turned in before the start of the team's second scheduled game. Rosters should be submitted via email to the Sports and Fitness Coordinator at tdifrancesco@tallmadge-ohio.org
- b. Players may only be listed on one (1) roster per league.
- c. It is the responsibility of the coach to always carry a copy of his/her team's current roster. All players must be on the current roster to be eligible to play.
- d. Roster checks and challenges may be requested by coaches only. All coaches should be able to provide a copy of their current and finalized roster upon request. All players must bring photo identification to games to verify eligibility in the event of a roster challenge. In the case that a player has been identified as ineligible (not listed on the roster), that team will automatically receive a forfeit loss and the game will end immediately.

6. Suspension and Discipline Procedure

- a. The Recreation Department offers this league for the benefit and enjoyment of those who participate. Individuals who display poor sportsmanship are not welcome. Any player or coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language, fighting, touching officials, or any other reason detrimental to league play, must leave the playing field or facility immediately. Failure to do so may result in the teams' forfeiture of the game. Ejected player or coach is automatically suspended from participating in the next two (2) scheduled weeks or longer depending on each individual league rules and may not attend the game. Any player or coach ejected for fighting or any other reason determined by the League Director to be detrimental to the league ***may be subject*** to suspension for the remainder of the season or longer.

7. Discounts

- a. Teams may rent the field at a 50% discount during the season for practice once the team's registration is paid for in full. The rental fee must be paid in full at the time of reserving the field. All players must be officially listed on a roster to participate in practice and for the team to receive the discounted rental rate.

8. Playoffs

- a. The top four (4) teams will advance to the playoffs.
- b. Playoff seeding is determined by the overall win-loss record of the teams. If a tie occurs with the win-loss record, the following tiebreaker steps will take place:
- c. Tie Breakers for playoffs are as follows:
 - i. Head-to-head
 - ii. Lowest runs allowed for all games for the entire season {reward defense}
 - iii. Point differential all games for entire season max 10 runs per game.
 - iv. Points scored.
- d. If a scenario occurs where a forfeited game determines a playoff team or a potential playoff team the following steps will take place:
 - i. An average of all total points allowed will be used for the forfeited game score.
 - ii. An average of all total points scored will be used for the forfeited game score.
 - iii. Example: An eight-game season with only seven games played. Team A gave up 280 points, therefore the average total points allowed of those seven games is 40 points. We will add 40 points for the eighth game that was forfeited. Team A's new total points allowed is 320 points.
 - iv. The same rule will apply when calculating total points scored.

Park Rules for the City of Tallmadge

1. The City of Tallmadge parks and park facilities are open for public use on a first-come basis except for areas that require entrance fees or areas that have been reserved.
2. Parks are open daily from 6 am until dusk, except for Lions Park Ballfield and Mack Burseson Ballfields, which are open until 11:00PM during the playing season.
3. The playing season for baseball and softball fields is mid-April through mid-October, weather permitting.
4. Restrooms at park facilities will be open seasonally, mid-April through mid-October, weather permitting. Restrooms at Lions Park and outside the Ritchie Memorial Shelter House are heated and available throughout the year.
5. Parking lots and parking stalls are reserved for park users only (Summit Metro Parks Freedom Trail is included). Any other use of the parking lots and stalls must receive written permission from the City of Tallmadge Parks and Recreation Department.
6. The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, drugs or other illegal substances is strictly prohibited.
7. The use, cultivation, dispensing and/or processing of adult use cannabis is not permitted on park property.
8. Use of tobacco products, including cigarettes, chewing tobacco and electronic smoking devices, are prohibited in city parks within 150 feet of playgrounds, shelters, ballfields, tennis courts, basketball courts or other structures.
9. Pets are permitted in all parks but must be on a leash and under control of their owner. Pet owners must clean up after their pets.
10. Hunting, trapping, or molesting of the wildlife is prohibited.
11. Fireworks or explosives of any kind are prohibited in all city parks and facilities.
12. Weapons are only permitted in accordance with state law in all city parks and facilities.
13. No person shall engage in gambling activities within a city park or facility.
14. No person shall disrupt the quiet enjoyment of the park through noise-making devices or loud or offensive music.
15. No person shall post any signs or messages in any city park without the expressed written consent of the City of Tallmadge.
16. No person shall participate in any form of organized league game or practice on any field in any city park without prior authorization from the parks and recreation department.
17. No person shall hit golf balls or use any projectile (slingshots, rocks, lawn darts, etc.) on park property.
18. No person shall operate a drone in any city park without expressed written consent from the City of Tallmadge except as allowed by Federal Aviation Law.
19. No person shall purposely, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently destroy, damage or remove any park property including trees, flowers, shrubs, grasses, playground equipment, benches, tables or other structures.
20. Use of metal detectors is prohibited in all city parks.
21. The burial of anyone or anything including geocaching and the spreading or depositing of remains on park property is strictly prohibited.
22. The use of mopeds, motorcycles, or motorbikes is permitted only on hard paved surfaces of the entrance drive and parking lot.
23. The use of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles on the park property is strictly prohibited.
24. No person shall abandon a vehicle or other personal property in any park.

25. Camping and overnight use of parks is prohibited.
26. No person shall loiter in and around any park or facility.
27. No person shall solicit, sell or offer for sale any item or service in a park without prior written consent from the City of Tallmadge.
28. Fires are only permitted in charcoal grills provided and maintained by the City of Tallmadge. No person shall deposit or scatter hot coals or ash in any area of the park except in receptacles provided for such use.
29. The City of Tallmadge assumes no responsibility or obligation for damage to any vehicle or any other personal property owned by users of any of the park property.
30. The City of Tallmadge assumes no responsibility or obligation for injury that may occur on park premises or while using park facilities.