

2010

**JAMESTOWN MEN'S SLOW PITCH
SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**



An affiliate of the North Dakota Amateur Softball Association

MANAGERS' HANDBOOK

2-16-10

FACILITIES

- a) The mens softball association uses the 4 diamonds at the Hillcrest Softball Complex. Games are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

FEES

- a) The sponsor fee is \$125.00 and should be paid no later than the April league meeting to guarantee a spot in the league. NDASA gets \$70.00 of each fee.
- b) Player fees are \$30.00 per player per team and goes toward operation of the league and for capital improvements.
- c) All fees must be paid before the first scheduled game or the player/team will not be permitted to play.

ROSTERS

- a) Teams will not be allowed to play any games (league or tournament) before a completed roster is submitted.
- b) Maximum number of players allowed on a roster is 20, and the minimum is 13. State rules state all teams **MUST** have 13 names on the roster.
- c) All players must be either a minimum of 18 years old any time during this calendar year or must be a minimum of 15 years old with parental consent. Otherwise, they are not eligible to play in the Jamestown association.
- d) Copies of the rosters can be obtained by request from the league representative. Add and remove forms should be available at the complex. Contact a board member if one is needed.
- e) A player is eligible for league play as soon as he is added to a roster.
- f) Player fees cannot be switched from one player to another. If one player drops off a roster and another is added, another player fee **MUST** be paid
- g) A team's most recent roster is their official roster for league and tournament play. Managers should have a copy of the roster available at all games, as rosters may be checked.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE

- a) Weather permitting, league play begins the first full week of May and will run for 14 consecutive weeks. An extra week may be added to a league night to avoid special conflicts, such as the Fourth of July.
- b) There will be 12 weeks (24 games) scheduled for each night's regular season. The last two weeks will be a playoff for each night, with games scheduled based upon their final regular season standings.
- c) Rainouts: Board members will attempt to declare a rainout as early as realistically possible for the sake of those players travelling to their games from outside of Jamestown. A decision will be announced on the league's web presence – the web site (JamestownSoftball.com), blog, Facebook and/or Twitter (all accessible from the web site) – and we will attempt to contact the radio station to make such announcements. We may also try to contact managers by

e-mail and/or text message. Makeup games to follow the regularly scheduled games on that league night as soon as possible. Less than desirable weather conditions – particularly earlier in the season – may prompt makeup games to be further postponed even if the regularly scheduled games were played. We will try to get a minimum of 24 games in for each team.

TROPHIES

- a) Trophies will be awarded for the 1st and 2nd place finishers in each league for both the regular season and league night playoffs.
- b) Trophies will be handed out immediately following the final games of the season on each league night.

BALLS

- a) The association will provide softballs for all league and tournament games

RULES

- a) Each team is required to be represented at both the March and April league meetings. That representative should preferably be the team's manager, but any and all members of the association are welcome.
- b) Managers are responsible for the conduct of their team members **ON AND OFF THE FIELD**. Managers shall also be responsible for assuring that their team members do their part in keeping the parking lots free of any debris.
- c) Neither smoking nor the use of intoxicating beverages is permitted on the diamonds or in and around the dugouts or bleachers by rostered players, coaches and managers during and between their teams' games will not be tolerated. Violation of this can be the cause of suspension or could result in the Park & Rec choosing to alter the arrangement to allow alcoholic beverages into the complex (including the parking lots).
- d) All rules in the Official Rulebook of the Amateur Softball Association of America are to be followed at all times. Each manager is strongly encouraged to read his ASA rule book. That should lead to a better understanding of the game and result in fewer arguments. The manager should also explain the rules to his players so they know what is going on when a call is made.
- e) Automatic outs will not be assessed against teams who do not put 10 players on the field. A minimum of 8 players will be required for league games.
- f) Substitutions – Any starting and any substituting players may re-enter the game one time. That is you're allowed to have starter, substitute, starter, substitute as long as they remain in the same spot in the batting order.
- g) There is a seventy-five (75) minute time limit on all games.
- h) All league games will have a home run limit of 3 for each team, with each additional home run being an out. Players hitting home runs and runners on base when a home run is hit, do not have to run the bases
- i) The home team has the official scorebook.
- j) For league games, a pickup rule will be allowed similar to that pertaining to the state's invitational tournaments. A team may pick up players up to the

classification of the highest classified team on their league night. Unlike the state rule, however, that player must be on a roster in the Jamestown association. With 10 of their own players, a team may pick up 1 player from another team. With 9 of their own, 2 players may be picked up. With 7 or 8, 3 players may be picked up but only with approval from a board member. A team may not play with fewer than 7 of their own players and, therefore, must forfeit.

- k) Umpires will turn in game scores. If it is determined that an incorrect score has been submitted, contact a board member immediately and the proper parties will be contacted to confirm the information.
- l) Obscene language on the diamonds or in and around the dugout will not be tolerated.
- m) Each player must carry a picture ID with signature to all tournaments. If a player cannot produce a picture ID within 5 minutes of being asked, the player is ineligible. The team may replace the ineligible player if they have legal substitutes. A team roster must also be made available at tournaments.
- n) Only complete games will be used for league standings. Five innings are required for a complete game, unless the home team is leading after 4 ½ innings.
- o) 10-Run Rule after 5 innings, 15-Run Rule after 4 innings, and 20 runs after 3 innings will be used for all league play.
- p) Uniforms: After Week 4 of the league season, players will be required to be wearing shirts with 6" numbers on the back. It is recommended that those shorts be similar in style and color.
- q) For all games, the batter will start with a 1-1 count with NO courtesy foul.

CLASSIFICATION

- a) Classifications are B, C, D, Rec I, Rec II, Rec III, and Rec IV. Classes B, C & D will be divided into Divisions I, II and III for state tournaments.
- b) Some teams have moved up a class because of placing or winning some games in last years state tournaments. All other teams will start the season at the equivalent classification it had at the end of the previous year, unless roster changes warrant a re-classification. Those changes will be handled though the league representative. New teams should check with one of the board members if they are unsure of their classification.
- c) Teams that challenge up for State Tournaments and win 2 games at the State Tournament (not including wins via forfeit) must remain the class they challenged up to.
- d) New teams created with 4 or more players from an old team will be classified at a minimum classification as the old team's classification.
- e) Any team with 4 or more players from another team's roster on their roster will be classified, at a minimum, the highest classification of the 2 teams.
- f) Teams who have 2 or more players two or more classification higher will have their classification raised a minimum of one class (until this scenario no longer exists)
- g) No Class B, C or D rostered players will be allowed to play on a Rec IV team.

PLAYER EJECTION & GAME PROTESTS

- a) A player ejected from a game is out of play for the rest of the night. If the ejection occurs in the second game of play, the person **MUST** sit out his team's next game, whether it is a weekend tournament game or the next game of league.
- b) If a player is ejected, the team manager **MUST** sign a statement indicating they understand the ejection rule and that the player in question will not play in the team's next game.
- c) **NOTE OF WARNING...** In the event of a dispute on the playing field, only the manager, coach or field captain will discuss it with the umpire. Umpires will not put up with harassment...they will issue one warning to the team manager and then the offending player will be ejected if he persists.

GAME TIME AND PLAYERS NEEDED

- a) A team must have 8 players to start league games. The game can be finished with 8 players...but anything less will be a forfeit. League play starts at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLICITY

- a) The Jamestown Mens Softball Association has a website (JamestownSoftball.com) operational during the season and throughout the year with league schedules, standings and upcoming meetings, along with other important information. From that site, visitors may also access the association's blog, Twitter and Facebook pages.
- b) Along with the JSA website, we still plan for league standings to be published in the "Jamestown Sun" weekly. Local radio station KQDJ AM 1400 also announces results during their "Softball Report" at 5:15 p.m. every weekday during the season.
- c) Mandatory managers' meetings will also be announced on JamestownSoftball.com, the blog, Twitter, Facebook, in the "Jamestown Sun" and on radio station KQDJ AM 1400.

FIELD USAGE

- a) **USE COMMON SENSE WHEN GETTING ON THE DIAMONDS!** Under no circumstances should the diamonds be used if games have been postponed due to weather. Teams caught on wet diamonds will be penalized.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- b) Players may be on more than one slow pitch roster if they wish. A multiple roster player may play on either team for all tournaments, except the state tournament. If a multiple roster player has two state tournaments on the same weekend, he must play on the highest ranking team. Make sure you understand the rules if you have a player on more than one roster.
- c) The final date for roster changes in 12:00 NOON, June 12, 2010. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- d) Masters teams must declare classification and pay state tournament fees by June 30th. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please use the attached State Tournament Registration sheet. The fee for the Masters 35 and Masters 40 divisions is \$70.00. For Masters 50 and Masters 60, it is \$20.00.
- e) Teams wishing to participate in state tournaments must have submitted their checks to the League Representative by 7:00 PM on June 30th, or bring them to the classification meeting. Fees are \$130.00.

RESCHEDULING LEAGUE GAMES

- a) Games shall be played on their scheduled league nights or the games will be forfeit. There will be **NO** rescheduling games, except for rainouts.
- b) If you need to forfeit your games, contact a board member immediately so he can arrange to have the umpire notified.

PICKUP RULES FOR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- a) The pickup rule is intended to be used when you are short of players for a tournament and might have to cancel out of the event. Teams may pick up players to the highest classification of the tournament bracket they are playing in. Example: if the classification of the tournament is Rec I and below, a Rec III team will be allowed to pick up a Rec I player. Pickup players may come from any North Dakota Association. The player must be on a NDASA roster. A multiple roster players' highest-ranking team is used as his classification for the pickup player rule.
- b) There will be no pickups if a team has 12 of their own players available. With 11, you may pickup one; with 10, you may pickup two. With 8 or 9, a team may pick up 3 players. Present the permission slip to the tournament director. If any team that a player is rostered on is entered in a tournament, then that player cannot be a pickup player on a different team.
- c) **PICKUP PLAYERS SHOULD WEAR THEIR OWN TEAM'S UNIFORM.**
- d) Once a tournament starts, a team is not allowed to add any additional players. They must play with the players they had intended to use during the tournament. This means if a team has picked up a player and another player should get hurt, they are not allowed to add an additional player once the tournament starts. If they have picked up two players to start the tournament, giving them a total of 12 players, the team may not bring in an additional member of their own team later in the tournament.
- e) Two-Day Pickup Rule: Teams may pick up players to play for them on Saturday. If the team's regular players are available for Sunday, the regular members may play for the team, but the pickups cannot play on Sunday. Likewise, teams may pick up players to play for them on Sunday. If the team's regular players are available for Saturday, the regular members may play for the team, but the pickups cannot play on Saturday.
- f) Team managers must report all pickup players to the Tournament Director before playing their first game. In a two-day tournament, the team manager must report

all pickups before the first game on the first day, and any changes planned for Sunday.

g) When the team manager reports to the Tournament Director Saturday, the team manager must tell the Tournament Director if regular team members will play on Sunday, and which pickups will be dropped to conform to the 12 total rule.

h) **NO PERSON MAY PLAY WITH MORE THAN ONE TEAM IN ANY TOURNAMENT!**

i) Once a team has been eliminated from a tournament, the players are not eligible to play as pickup players in any other tournament. If a team has been defeated in this tournament, no other team may use one of their members as a pickup player, as this would be an addition during the tournament. The same thing occurs if a team that is using a pickup player is eliminated from the tournament; the pickup player is not eligible to compete with another team as he did not start the tournament with that team.

j) A REMINDER: NO PICKUPS ARE ALLOWED FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS!

MENS SLOWPITCH 2010 STATE TOURNAMENTS

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| July 17-18 | Masters 60 | Fargo |
| | Masters 40, Division 1 | Fargo |
| | Masters 40, Division 2 | Fargo |
| July 24-25 | Masters 50 | Mandan |
| | Masters 35, Division 1 | Mandan |
| | Masters 35, Division 2 | Mandan |
| | Masters 35, Division 3 & Division 4 | Mandan |
| July 31-August 1 | Division I | Fargo |
| | Division II | Fargo |
| | Division III | Fargo |
| | Rec I | JAMESTOWN |
| | Rec II - East | Fargo |
| | Rec II - West | Williston |
| August 7-8 | Rec III - East | Grand Forks |
| | Rec III - West | Bismarck |
| | Masters 50 Wood Bat | Mandan |
| August 14-15 | Rec IV - East | Fargo |
| | Rec IV - West | Dickinson |

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

Tournament DirectorRyan Mikkelson 320-6262

BOARD MEMBERS

President.....Kevin Gebhardt..... 320-0301
 Vice PresidentRC Courtright..... 658-9337
 Secretary/TreasurerRyan Mikkelson 320-6262
 At-LargeSteve Brown 320-3105
 At -LargeLevi Serfoss..... 269-8741

If you have any questions that deal with softball, please contact one of the board members. They will have the answers or they will try to get them for you.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE AND UMPIRE COORDINATOR

League RepresentativeKevin Gebhardt..... 320-0301
 Umpire CoordinatorLevi Serfoss..... 269-8741

The Umpire Coordinator will assign an umpire-in-chief for each league night each week. If an umpire fails to show, contact the umpire-in-chief and he will get an umpire for you. If no umpire is available, ump your own game and complete the scoresheet in the umpire's room. Also, contact the Secretary/Treasurer for umpire pay. The Umpire Coordinator also needs to be aware if scheduled umpires are not showing up for games.

2010 STATE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

TEAM NAME:

MANAGER'S NAME:

PHONE:(H)

(W)

E-MAIL:

(C)

TEAM CLASSIFICATION (CIRCLE ONE)

B

C

D

REC I

REC II

REC III

REC IV

STATE TOURNAMENT DESIRED (CIRCLE ONE)

DIV I

DIV II

DIV III

REC I

REC II

REC III

REC IV

(IF REC II, III OR IV, PLEASE SPECIFY EAST OR WEST)

MASTERS 35

MASTERS 40

MASTERS 50

MASTERS 60

ATTACH APPROPRIATE ENTRY FEE

DIV I – III, REC I – IV\$130

MASTERS 35, MASTERS 40\$70

MASTERS 50, MASTERS 60\$20

Please make checks payable to Jamestown Softball Association