

2021 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION AND SHARE IT WITH YOUR TEAM.

AMONG OTHER ITEMS, IT CONTAINS GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE STATE OF OHIO TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. A COMPLETE LIST OF THE MANDATORY AND RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES FROM THE STATE IS AVAILABLE ON THE PARMA SOFTBALL WEBSITE.

- Please check your schedules for proper number of home/away games. Schedules are available on the softball website at www.parmasoftball-baseball.com
- It is the manager's responsibility to keep us informed of any changes that relate to contacting your team. (i.e. changes in your email contact, phone number, or contact person) Send these changes via email to parmasoftballbaseball@gmail.com.
- Make sure you check the website, www.parmasoftball-baseball.com **homepage** often to receive any updated information. Last minute changes and forfeits are posted as we receive them.
- It is the manager's responsibility to be informed of any and all rescheduled games...check the website and memo board at Day Park
- Make sure you carry your roster with you in case any player eligibility issues arise
- For this season, team rosters must be turned into the office. When rosters are turned in you will then receive your softballs for the upcoming season. A blank roster sheet is available on the softball website. They will be validated and returned to you. All non-resident fees (\$20) must be included or that player(s) will be removed from the roster. A late fee may be deducted from your forfeit fee refund if a valid roster is not on file.

- Practice permits are available starting Monday morning for that week and can be obtained by calling the Parma Recreation Office at 440-885-8148
- Do not sign up any player who is on the Parma Recreation Department suspension list.
- For home run limits, all leagues will be classified as D1 and allowed 4 home runs per game
- If you cannot field a team for a given game, you can give us advance notice (7 days) and we will contact the opposing team and game officials. You will not be charged any forfeit fees but will be credited with a loss. Once we receive your request for cancellation it cannot be revoked; if the scheduled game was rained out you will still be credited with a loss.
- Any bats must meet the standards of the ASA. Bat requirements can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Play-ASA/Certified-ASA-Equipment.aspx> or by going to the Adult Softball page on the Parma Softball website and clicking on the ASA logo. Bats must meet the 1.20 bat performance factor (bpf) rating.
- The schedules found on the Adult Softball page of the website are updated daily with the winners of the previous night's games highlighted. Standings are updated each Monday.
- No ejection penalty can be amended by game officials (umpires or scorers)
- Games called prior to an official conclusion will require a refund of one half of the game fees. Please check with the scorekeeper at that time to receive your refund.
- Call the rain out answering service (440-962-0200) after 4:00 pm for diamond conditions for the evening games. In case rain occurs after 4:00 pm, the message will be updated by the umpire-in-chief. *Listen to the complete message which may also include conditions for certain youth leagues.*

- Please report any problems/concerns you may have in a timely manner, so we may promptly address them. Do not wait until the season is over.
- Any suggestions you may have with regards to the leagues are always welcome. Further additions to our offerings (such as a one-pitch league) are under discussion and we welcome your feedback. Please respond to any emails that may ask for your opinions.
- The best way to contact the softball staff is by using the following email account: parmasoftballbaseball@gmail.com It will be checked daily and you should receive a timely response.

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE IN EFFECT WITH REGARDS TO THE NORMAL PARMA SOFTBALL RULES. A COPY OF THE PARMA ADULT RULE BOOK IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

- The uniform rule will return to the one previously used in 2019.
- Game fees should be exchanged with the scorer in an envelope and with the exact change. Men's fees: \$23.50 and \$7.50; Coed fees: \$14.50 and \$7.50.
- **The deadline for adding players is July 1st.**

THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OHIO GUIDELINES AND NEED TO BE FOLLOWED.

- Game balls should be picked up beginning April 14th at the Rec office. Ohio guidelines require that each team must use their designated team ball while playing defense—in theory only your team members will be having contact with that ball. This will require you to mark each of your game balls with your team name and have at least two ball available (one new and one used).
- Social distancing and the wearing of face masks are addressed in the Ohio Guidelines and must be followed.

- In the event COVID-19 symptoms are detected in any of our participants, the city is required to have a list of participants at each game. It is, therefore, imperative that **first and last names appear on each scoresheet.**
- The wooden extension plate used in 2020 will not be used this season.
- We will be using the ASA extension plate.
- A pitched ball hitting home plate will be called a ball.
- A pitched ball hitting the rubber extension will be called a strike.