

# City of Kent Adult Softball Program

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) revised 10/10/17

### **Q: Where can I get adult sports information?**

A: Kent Commons Community Center, located at 525 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, Kent is home to Kent Parks Recreation Division. Recreation staff offers personal assistance with general information about Adult Sports Programs, answer schedule and standings questions, provide registration information, roster add/drop forms, explain league rules, and address player and manager concerns. The Recreation Division phone number is (253) 856-5000. Additional information can be found on our Web Site at [www.KentWa.gov/SportsLeagues/adultsoftball](http://www.KentWa.gov/SportsLeagues/adultsoftball).

### **Q: What do teams need to have at the time of registration?**

A: Teams will be registered to play upon receipt of appropriate fees for team and meeting all eligibility requirements for each season offered. Teams will be charged a fee to cover team registration, roster, game officials, field maintenance, field lights, game balls, association dues and league administration. Please visit our web site for more information.

### **Q: How can an individual player get on a team?**

A: A Free Agent List composed of interested players is kept current and made available to all team managers who are looking for players. The list provides basic contact information including league preference, positions played and experience. Interested managers may get a current list at the Kent Commons Community Center. Please call the Kent Parks Department at (253) 856-5000 to be added to the Free Agent List.

### **Q: Can you play on more than one team?**

A: Players can only participate on one team, per night of play. Scheduling conflicts, especially during playoffs, are the sole responsibility of the players and managers if they participate on multiple teams.

### **Q: What is the maximum number allowed on the roster for Softball?**

A: Every team registered must turn in a complete roster prior to the season. Every team must have a minimum of 10 players when submitting roster. Fees will cover up to 15 players. Additional fees may be charged for over 15 players, with a maximum of 20 players per team.

### **Q: What is the required male/female ratio for coed softball teams?**

A: Mixed (Coed) softball plays with 10 players (5 men and 5 women). Teams will be allowed to play with 9 players, 5 men and 4 women. Please refer to league rules for further information.

### **Q: Where can you get the information on approved bats?**

A: Kent Parks Softball program uses the Licensed/Approved Bats list disturbed by USSSA for all levels of play. Kent does not allow "grandfathered" softball bats from previous years. All Softball Bats must be approved by ASA/USSSA of the current play year. All Senior Level Softball Bats are not allowed within all Kent sponsored leagues/playoff games... NO EXCEPTIONS.

### **Q: Where can my team practice?**

A: Prior to each season, practice fields will be available on a limited basis. Once league play has started, City of Kent fields will not be available for practicing. Teams choosing to practice will need to make their own arrangements for practice fields.

### **Q: How often are the standings updated?**

A: Standings are updated on a daily basis. However, unforeseen circumstances may not allow us to update the next day. Every effort will be made to update as soon as time allows. Standings are posted on the City of Kent web site and on a weekly basis at Hogan Park @ Russell Road Sports Complex.

### **Q: Will our team be required to have a sponsor?**

A: No. Sponsorship is an individual team decision. However, a great percentage of our teams have some type of sponsorship.

### **Q: Do we have to wear an "official" uniform?**

A: No. Most teams, however, wear t-shirts or jerseys to identify team and/or sponsor.

### **Q: Rainout information (phone #, time it's updated, when it's rained out by official @ field, etc.)**

A: In case of inclement weather, call the rainout line at (253) 856-5020, press 1. Decisions are typically made by 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday and 3:00 pm, Sundays. If the weather conditions change after 4:00 pm (3:00 pm), teams may need to show up at the fields for decision to play. The message will be updated as soon as possible in the event of cancellations.

Please note the rainout line is only updated in the event of a cancellation of games or closure of fields. Please listen to the entire message as not all fields/games will need to be cancelled in inclement weather situations.

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