

# **NOVI PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES**

## **Adult Softball Program Details**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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### ***What kind of leagues are offered and what nights do they take place?***

The Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) Adult Softball leagues feature three nights of Men's and two nights of Co-Ed Leagues. Men's leagues take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Co-Ed Leagues take place on Thursdays and Fridays. Teams choose their night based on what works best for their schedule, and feature D and E league options. All leagues feature double headers with timeslots of 6:30, 7:35, 8:40, 9:45 pm with teams playing in back to back timeslots when the schedule allows.

**D Leagues** are for teams who want to play competitive ball and have players who are somewhat skilled in the area of softball. Teams featuring players who play some tournament ball, or have been who can play the game at a high level, are perfect for this designation. **E Leagues** are for teams who purely play for the recreational benefits of the game. Teams created amongst a group of friends or from a business who want to do something outside of work or a group of people who are looking for something fun outside to do, should mark this designation. **Please note: Final league designations are made by the PRCS office. If a team selects a division the office does not believe fits for the team based on past records, a change would be made.**

### ***What is included with your team fee and are there any additional costs?***

Team fees include 12' softballs at all games, league administration including scheduling and standings updates, scorebooks, rulebooks, access to a concession stand, and properly maintained fields. We also have a site supervisor on-site in case there are any disputes. The additional cost for teams is a \$15 per game fee, cash at the field, given to our USA Softball Certified umpires.

### ***How long is a season and when can I register my team?***

Seasons are currently broken down into a Spring, Summer, and Fall session. The Spring and Summer seasons are 12 games each (6 weeks) with an additional single elimination playoff week (weather permitting). The Fall season is shorter to avoid cooler temperatures, and runs for 8 games (4 weeks) with an additional playoff week (weather permitting). Spring begins in April, Summer in June/July immediately following the Spring season, and Fall begins in late August, early September following the Summer Season.

Teams can begin registering at the Novi Civic Center or [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) for each season around these dates:

- Spring- Returning teams from the previous Spring have priority from the beginning of January until the end of February. New teams can then register until the end of March.
- Summer- Returning teams from the previous Summer have priority from the end of March until the beginning of May. New teams can then register until the end of May.

- Fall – Returning teams from the previous Fall have priority from the end of May until the end of June. New teams can then register until the end of July.

### ***What are some rules I should know as a team manager when getting started?***

1. Team Roster/waiver forms are required before the start of your first game, and are to be given to the site supervisor. The initial team roster/waiver form must have at **least 10 players**. Managers will receive a blank roster when registering. Rosters will be at the fields each week, and if a new player/sub needs to be added they must sign the roster/waiver for the particular team they are playing on. Only players who have played in at least one week and are on the waivers will be eligible for playoffs.
2. A team must have the required number of players (8) present in the dugout or team area to start the game. A starting player shall be official when the lineup is inspected and approved by the plate umpire and team manager at the pre-game meeting. After the first pitch of the game, any player(s) not in the lineup may only be used as substitute players, unless your team started the game with 8 or 9 players.
3. In cases of inclement/threatening weather and/or poor field conditions; Novi PRCS will have the right to postpone or cancel scheduled games. Status reports on pending games can be obtained by calling the **Novi PRCS HOTLINE at 248-347-0473**. When games can be called before 4:30 pm, this is your best contact for game cancellation confirmation. After 4:30 pm, all postponing or cancellation of games will be determined at the field.
4. Cancelled games will be rescheduled by PRCS and are typically moved to the week before the playoffs for rain-outs. The Department will reschedule cancelled games on league nights when possible. Weekends may be used if necessary.
5. If you have to forfeit for any reason, please call 248-735-5646 before 5 pm if you know early on. A thirty dollar (\$30) forfeit fee must be submitted to the PRCS Field Supervisor or the Parks Office before the start of their next scheduled game in order to play in that game. If the forfeit happens at the end of the season, \$30 could be added to your account and will need to be paid for the following season. Forfeit fees will not be covered by the City. Keep in mind we do have a Free Agent List if you are short players, so email Greg Morris at [gmorris@cityofnovi.org](mailto:gmorris@cityofnovi.org) and he will send it to you.
6. **CO-ED:** The batting order for coed shall alternate the genders. A team must have 8 players to start (4 males and 4 females). A team may bat an unlimited number of players. A team may bat 9 players (5 male and 4 female players), with an out recorded between the back to back male players. If the fifth female shows she is to be inserted into the lineup between the back to back male players. There is no penalty when batting extra females.
7. **CO-ED:** Co-ed games will have 5 females and 5 males in the field defensively. There are no restrictions on the placement of these players.

*For a complete listing of all the PRCS Adult Softball rules, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).*

***Are there prizes for the winners?***

YES! The division winners will receive a t-shirt showing the year they won. Playoff winners will receive a trophy as well as an opportunity to select apparel or specialty items for their team. Order forms for the division and playoffs will be sent to the manager within 48 hours of their title, and the manager will have a week to submit them to Greg Morris at [gmorris@cityofnovi.org](mailto:gmorris@cityofnovi.org). All items will then be shipped directly to the manager, and they should receive them in 3-4 weeks.

***Where can I find more information about Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services programs?***

For more information on this league as well as other programs offered, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org), call 248-347-0400, or stop in to the Novi Civic Center from 8 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday. You can also go to our social media outlets, and information is sent out through our Engage Magazine. We hope to see you at a program soon!



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