



## Registration Packet- Adult Softball Spring 2021

### ADULT ATHLETIC ROSTER

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CAPTAIN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE SIGNING

*The GENEVA PARK DISTRICT is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in the safest manner possible and holds the safety of participants in the highest possible regard. Participants and parents, registering their child in recreation programs, must recognize; however, that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreational activities. The GENEVA PARK DISTRICT continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions which have been designed to protect the participant's safety. Please recognize the GENEVA PARK DISTRICT does not carry medical accident insurance for injuries sustained in its programs. The cost of such would make program fees prohibitive. Therefore, each person registering themselves or a family member for a recreation program should review their own health insurance policy for coverage. It must be noted that the absence of health insurance coverage does not make the GENEVA PARK DISTRICT automatically responsible for the payment of medical expenses.*

*Due to difficulty and high cost of obtaining liability insurance, the agency providing liability coverage for the District requires the execution of the following Waiver and Release. Your cooperation in filling out the reverse is greatly appreciated.*

#### WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

*Please read this form carefully and be aware in signing up and participating in this program you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you might sustain arising out of this program.*

PROGRAM: Adult Softball PROGRAM DATES: May - October 2021

*As a participant in the program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, (including death), damages or loss which I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with such programs.*

*I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have as a result of participating in the program against the District and its officers, agents, servants and employees.*

*I do hereby fully release and discharge the District and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims from injuries, (including death), damage or loss which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of participation in the program.*

*I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the District and its officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, (including death), damages and losses sustained by me or arising out of or connected with, ore in any way associated with the activities of the program.*

*In the event of any emergency, I authorize District officials to secure from any licensed hospital, physician, and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for my immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered.*

*I have read and fully understand the above Program Details, Waiver and Release of All claims and Permission to Secure Treatment. By completing the following page and signing my name, I agree to all terms described above.*



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### Adult Softball Team Roster

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## GENEVA PARK DISTRICT

## 12" MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES 2021

**A. GENERAL**

1. Team managers are responsible for their team's actions. ONLY managers may confer with umpires and the league supervisor.
2. All league fees are non-refundable.
3. Insurance is not provided by the Geneva Park District. Players participate at their own risk.
4. A team **may** be dropped from the league after three (3) forfeits.
5. Both teams are encouraged to keep a scorebook. The home team will check the score with the umpire each half inning. The umpire will keep a scorecard for each game.
6. A player cannot be rostered on more than one team within the same league.

**B. ROSTER/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. Roster limit is 20 players. All players must no longer be attending high school and at least 18 years of age. Take advantage of these 20 roster spots so that injuries don't hamper your team.
2. A completed roster must be submitted to the Athletic Supervisor by the second playing date. Addresses, phone numbers and signatures must be on the roster before a player can participate in their first game.
3. Rosters may be changed before a team's 3rd playing date. Players can be removed or added by the team manager only. All changes must be done in writing and submitted to the Athletic Supervisor. Rosters may be changed after a team's third playing date only when circumstances such as injury hamper a manager's ability to field a team. All changes must be approved by the Athletic Supervisor.
4. Any individual playing under an assumed name or is not on the roster will be suspended from all season play. The team for which the player performed will forfeit all games in question.
5. New players may play at any time after being added to the roster. Rosters are not complete unless all addresses and phone numbers are included. All players must have signed the roster before they will be allowed to play.

**C. TEAM CONDUCT**

1. The Geneva Park District adult softball leagues are designed to promote physical fitness and recreation. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. League umpires may eject any player, coach and/or spectator for such behavior. The Athletic Supervisor may suspend any player or team for conduct detrimental to the league.
2. Ejected players must leave the game site. If they do not leave, the game will be forfeited.
3. Players or teams drinking or under the influence of alcohol before, during or after a game at the park will be suspended.
4. Only a team manager may discuss a call or rule with umpires or the league official. Other players attempting to confer with or comment on umpires risk ejection.
5. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the playing fields or in the dugout areas.
6. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators.
7. Managers are solely responsible and will be held accountable for the actions of their players.
8. No player shall be considered justified who takes the offensive in a fight under the pretext of defending himself.
9. Anyone that is not part of the playing team will not be allowed in the dugout at anytime.
10. This is a men's league, please do not include any women on your roster.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER/MAKE-UPS**

11. Games may be postponed due to inclement weather or its effects. Always assume, however, a scheduled game(s) will be played unless postponed by the Park District.
12. Rain-out information is available through software called Rainout Line. You can download a free app: rainoutline.com, follow this link: <https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/6302061174>, go to the weather corner portion of the Geneva Park District website, or call this number: 630-206-1174
13. If any game is halted due to rain, minimum wait of ten minutes is required before the game can be called.
14. A game called by the umpire shall be **considered complete** if 4 or more innings are finished or if the home team is ahead in their half of the 4th. If less than 4 innings were played, the game will be made up depending on availability of rain dates.
15. Umpires may call a game at any time because of adverse weather conditions, **including lightning**, high winds or rain. If lightning is spotted ANYWHERE in the sky, the game will be suspended for AT LEAST 30 minutes. Players should wait until a final decision is made.
16. Teams leaving before a game is officially called will forfeit if play can be resumed.
17. There will be a limited amount of rain make-up dates for the season. If there are more cancelled games vs. available rain make-up dates then you will lose out on those cancelled games without a refund for those games.

**D. EQUIPMENT**

1. Only USSSA regulation “official softball” bats may be used. Maximum 34”, 38 oz., 2 1/4” diameter, BPF 1.2 or less (BPF: Bat Performance Factor).
2. Players may wear soft or hard rubber softball or multi-purpose cleats. **Metal spikes are not allowed.**
3. An official USSSA, 12” ball will be used for each game.

**E. UMPIRES**

1. The Geneva Park District will assign one USSSA certified umpire for each game.
2. Tournament games **may** include two umpires.

**F. PLAYING RULES**

1. USSSA rules and regulations will be followed except where otherwise noted. Team captains are expected to inform players of rules and regulations prior to the first game.
2. MINIMUM PLAYER RULE
  - a) Nine (9) players on a team are required to start a game. If a team has less than 9 players at game time, that team will become the visitors, and the game will begin. The game is forfeited when 3 outs are made before the Ninth player shows or they are unable to bat 9 different players whichever comes first. **You must have a minimum of 9 players in the field at all times.**
  - b) If a player is injured, ejected or leaves prior to the end of the game and no substitute is available, the batting slot for that player will be declared an “out” each time the player would have batted. If a team cannot field/bat 9 players a forfeit will be declared.
  - c) The umpire has the authority to allow a “non-legal, substitute” to re-enter the game in a batting position he did not originally occupy, for an injured, ejected or player who leaves prior to the game ending. This exception will only be granted if there is no “legal, substitute” available.
  - d) A 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> player may be added upon arrival. On offense the players will be slotted in the appropriate 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> slot in the batting order. On defense the player may enter the *field ONLY during a “dead ball” situation.*
3. Games consist of 7 innings

4. Game time is considered forfeit time.
5. Infield practice is not allowed before games.
6. A typical game is played with 10 players in the field. Up to 12 players can bat.
7. **COURTESY RUNNER:** One person per game per team will be allowed a courtesy runner at any time during that game. The courtesy runner should be used for an injured player only. The courtesy runner must be selected in the following order:
  - 1) Any player not in the current line-up
  - 2) The first available player preceding the “injured” player in the batting order.
8. **SLAUGHTER RULE:** 18 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, and 10 runs after 5 innings.  
**FLIP-FLOP RULE:** The Home team and Visiting team will switch after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning of play when the initial Home team is trailing by 10 or more runs at the completion of four innings of play. The new Home team will remain in the field and bat in the bottom of the inning.
9. **OBSTRUCTION RULE:** A fielder may NOT block any base without possession of the ball. Obstruction will be called in this situation.
10. **FOUL BALL:** If a player in the field catches a foul ball with the batter having a 1 strike count, runners may tag up and advance at their own risk. If a player catches a foul ball with a 2 strike count, the ball is dead and the batter is out and runners cannot advance. If a “live” ball is carried into a dead ball area, the ball is dead -- base runners will be awarded one base.
11. **BATTING RULES:**
  - A. The batter will start with a 1 and 1 count when stepping into the batter’s box.
  - B. Batter is out on his second strike. The batter is awarded first base on his third ball.
  - C. The batter is out if he hits a foul ball with 2 strikes on him. The ball is considered dead.
  - D. A strike mat will be used. A strike will be called if the ball hits any part of the mat OR home plate.
12. **BASERUNNING RULES:**
  - A. NO leading off is allowed. A base runner will be called out if he fails to keep contact with the base until a pitched ball has hit the ground at or near home plate or the ball has been batted.
  - B. A base runner that remains on his feet and attempts to jar the ball loose from a fielder, rather than sliding, in an attempt to avoid being tagged will be declared out. If the umpire interprets this action to be flagrant, the runner will be ejected from the game.
  - C. NO stealing.
13. **PITCHING RULES:**
  - A. Ball must be delivered underhand with a minimum arc of 5’ from the ground and a maximum arc of 10’ from the ground. Flat or high pitches will not be called by the umpire until after it hits the ground. These pitches will then be called a ball or any illegal pitch will be called a ball.
  - B. A pitcher may pitch from the pitchers mound or up to 6 feet directly behind the mound. This area is called the pitchers area.
14. **EXTRA PLAYER RULE:**
  - A. The “EPs” (Extra Players) may be entered into the batting order anytime.
  - B. “EPs” are optional--if it is used, however, the person(s) will only bat.
  - C. The “EPs” must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game.
  - D. If “EPs” are used, all eleven (or twelve) must bat and any ten can play defense. Defensive positions can be changed, but the batting order must remain the same.
  - E. The “EPs” may be substituted for at any time, either by a pinch-runner or pinch-hitter, who then becomes the “EP”. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting “EPs” can re-enter.
15. **GAME TIME LIMIT:** No new inning will begin after 55 minutes from the start of the game for all regular season games. No time limit will be held for the Championship game.

16. **NO INFIELD/WARM-UP PITCHES:** In an effort to keep games on schedule, no infield ball and only one warm-up pitch will be allowed **AFTER** the first inning.
17. **INTERNATIONAL RULE (EXTRA INNINGS):** At the start of each extra inning, the team at bat shall place a runner at second base. This runner is the player who precedes (in the batting order) *the lead-off batter that inning. Legal substitutes will be allowed for the base runner.*
18. **HOME RUN LIMIT – Modification.** Teams will be allowed 3 Home Runs (over the fence) per game, period. The 4<sup>th</sup> and any proceeding Homerun (over the fence) after will be considered an out.
  - a. *The player or team that hit the home run, will be asked to try and retrieve it.*
19. **FORFEITS:** If a team forfeits, the winning team will receive a score of 7-0 for receiving the forfeit. A team may be dropped after three (3) forfeits.

#### G. SUSPENSIONS

*Any player or manager involved in the following:*

1. **Threatening Umpire or Supervisor:** Any player or manager who pushes, strikes, or touches an umpire or supervisor will be automatically suspended from all leagues.
2. **Under the influence of drugs/alcohol:** 2 game suspension of player.
3. **Fighting:** first offense: minimum 4 game suspension of player; maximum season suspension  
second offense: one calendar year suspension
4. **Foul language:** first offense during game: team warning  
second offense during game: player ejection
5. **Bat throwing:** ejection from game

#### H. AWARDS/STANDINGS/TOURNAMENTS

1. Team awards will be awarded to the first and second place teams for the end of season tournament.
2. Standings will be determined by the following criteria:
  - a) Most wins (or winning percentage if teams didn't play equal amount of games)
  - b) Head-to-head competition.
  - c) Head to Head (Group)*If teams are still tied, a coin toss will be used to for standings and seeding for the tournament.*
3. A post-season, double-elimination tournament will be held during the summer season and a single-elimination tournament during the fall season and Friday only leagues. Modifications could be made to tournaments on field availability
4. A coin flip will determine the home team for all REGULAR SEASON games. When playing double headers against the same team, the team that was home for the first game will then be visitors for the second game.
5. **FOR TOURNAMENT GAMES,** the better seed will be the home team. When playing the championship, the team from the winner's bracket will be home and the team from the loser's bracket  
*will be visitors. If the "if game" game is played, then a coin flip will determine home team.*



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### **I. BLOOD/OPEN WOUND REGULATION AND FIRST AID**

1. Any player, manager, coach, trainer, bat boy, or umpire who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until the bleeding is stopped and the wound covered.
2. If treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual would not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is based on the judgment of the umpire.
3. If excessive time is involved, the re-entry rule would apply to players.
4. If there is excessive amount of blood on the uniform or if a bandage becomes blood soaked, in the judgment of the umpire, the uniform/bandage must be changed before the person may participate.
5. Limited first-aid supplies will be located at the field in the green box. The umpire and Park District staff are the only individuals authorized to disperse these materials.

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***THE SPORTS SPOT:*** Standings and other information can be located by going to [www.genevaparks.org](http://www.genevaparks.org) and clicking under the sports spot section.