

*BOPARC's FALL SLOW-PITCH
SOFTBALL PACKETS*

*SEPT 1, 2010-FORFEIT FEE/
LEAGUE FEE/ROSTER*

League Fees---\$425.00

Forfeit Fees-- 50.00

Total Due \$475.00

SEASON - SEPT 7-OCT. 21

PLAY-OFFS- OCT. 25-NOV. 4

Please send/drop-off all rosters and money to the

Athletic Office/Ice Arena

1001 Mississippi Street

Morgantown, WV 26501

Gordon Shilling

Manager of Athletics

292-6865

The attached packet represents information for teams interested in competing in softball league competition sponsored by the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners of Morgantown. This information applies to both the co-ed's and men's softball leagues.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday September 1, 2010:** On this date the completed team **APPLICATION FORM** and **TEAM ROSTER** must be submitted to the Boparc Main office at Marilla Park or the Athletic Office at the Morgantown Ice Arena on or before closing at 4:30pm along with the **\$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE SCHEDULING/FORFEIT FEE AND \$425.00 LEAGUE/ADMINISTRATION FEE. Total due \$475.00**

A Review Of the Forms In This Packet Follows:

- **LOCAL RULES:** Due to the large number of teams and local prevailing conditions, it is essential that local rules be established. To ensure that each team understands the manner in which the local league operates, it is essential that all persons be familiar with local rules and understands them. **These should be discussed with each member of the team by the team manager.** I call particular attention to Attachments to the Local Rules, which relates to policies of BOPARC pursuant to roster restrictions, eligibility requirements for participants, and policy for unsportsmanlike conduct. Team managers will be held accountable for the actions of their players.
- **Team Application for Admission in Slow-Pitch Softball League.**
This application must be completed and turned in with the \$50.00 fee and roster on or before **4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 1, 2010.**
- **Official Softball Team Roster:** A completed roster of at least ten (10) players along with the \$50.00 scheduling/forfeit fee and registration form must be completed and turned in to the BOPARC Office on or before Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010. A roster with less than 10 players will not be accepted. It is suggested that teams consider having a full roster of 20 players so that absences on the part of an individual player will not result in a forfeit of a scheduled game. Teams may add players to their roster or transfer players from one team to another after the registration date, **Wednesday, September 1, 2010.** However, once a player has participated in a game for one team he/she may not transfer to another team.
E-MAIL: AT LEAST ONE E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL BE REQUIRED ON EACH ROSTER. IF MANAGER OR ASSISTANT MANAGER DOES NOT HAVE E-MAIL, ONE OF A RESPONSIBLE ROSTERED PLAYER IS PERMITTED. THIS IS REQUIRED TO PROPERLY NOTIFY TEAMS AS TO CHANGES, RAIN MAKE-UPS, ETC.

Official Team Protest Form: This form shall be kept by the team manager or captain and must be utilized when making a protest under Rule 13 of the Local Rules.

Insurance: It is to be understood that engaging in activities such as softball results in an assumption of some degree of risk on the part of the person participating and as such there exists likelihood for injury incidental to the playing of the game. The Board Of Park and Recreation Commissioners of Morgantown **does not** carry participation accidental insurance because many of the participants on the teams elect to have such coverage on their own, and secondly, to do so would only result in higher fees of the teams playing in the league. It is for these reasons we encourage each team to secure insurance on their own through a local insurance agent. It is understood that local insurance agents may undertake the writing of an insurance policy for teams or individual participants thereof at the discretion of the individuals involved. USSSA does not offer insurance for teams through the national office. Teams may contact USSSA State Director Carl Pate for more information.

Participation Costs: Costs per team include only those actual game expenses and do not include all game costs for field maintenance personnel. The cost as assessed to the teams includes umpires, employment taxes, balls, scorebooks, trophies, grooming equipment materials, bases, lighting, playoffs, and league director fees. Per game cost is \$33.33 per game for men's and women's leagues, plus a \$25.00 administrative fee. **Please note: forfeit/scheduling fee is only \$50.00 and is non-refundable if team does not play.**

At this time, it is not possible to determine exactly what league participation fees will be as these are assessed on the basis of the number of teams involved in the league and number of games after a logical schedule has been determined. A basic guideline would be approximately 12 games and, if so, the fee would be 12 x \$33.33 = \$400.00 per team, plus a \$25.00 administrative fee & forfeit, total fees \$475.00 (***Fall Softball Fee***). Following assignment in the flights, all fees must be in by designated time and date. (Refer to information page)

Schedules: Summer or Fall schedules will be given to each team manager, and is the duty of the individual team manager to contact his/her team concerning times and dates of games. BOPARC will not release scheduling information over the phone. Summer schedules for OPEN FLIGHT teams will not be scheduled for Saturday or Sunday for regular season games, except for make-up games. **Fall schedules will have only a Men's (20 teams) play on Monday/Wednesday and Co-ed (16 teams Gold/8 teams Blue) play on Tuesday/Thursday with mix league players. First teams paid will be in: league size limited due to short season.**

RULE 1 – PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES

Sec. #1

Each men's team shall be permitted a maximum of twenty (20) eligible players on a roster and co-ed teams are permitted a maximum of thirty (30) eligible players. Addition: Manager or Asst. Manager is not counted unless active participant.

Sec. #2

A team must have nine (9) players to start or to continue a game but the 10th position is an out until that position is filled. If injuries occur and there is no substitute available when only 9 players are playing, the game is forfeited. A 10th player will be permitted in the line up anytime during the game. If game starts with 9 only a 10th player maybe added and not a 11 or 12th.

Sec. #3

To be eligible for playoff competition, a player must be verifiable as having played in 1/3 (4 games) of regular season games. An ineligible player will be treated as an illegal roster player with the same penalties applying. Coed must play in a third (4 games) of the schedule games.

Sec. #4

Starting lineup with positions must be turned in to the scorekeeper prior to the scheduled start of the game.

Sec. #5

All players in all leagues must be 16 years old before the start of regular season and have a signed consent from a parent.

- a. A player that turns a 16 year old during the season may be added to a roster with the permission of the league director and a signed consent form from parent.
- b. Must not be playing on a school team in any sport.

Sec. #6

All players under the age of 18 must have a consent form signed by a parent.

RULE 2 – PROTESTS

Sec. #1

Only the manager or assistant manager may protest. **The protest must be announced by the manager of the protesting team to the plate umpire immediately and before the next pitch, legal or illegal, is made to the batter.** A complete Official Protest Form must be presented to the Protest Committee via the BOPARC Office within twenty-four (24) hours following the time of the protest. All pertinent information shall be recorded in the official book and on the game report form. A protest fee of seventy five dollars (\$75) must be presented at the BOPARC office before the end of the next business day. This fee is refundable by the Protest Committee if the protest is found valid; other wise, it shall be retained.

Sec. #2

The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) members; 2 League Directors, Manager of Athletics, Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Assistant Director.

Sec. #3

The “challenge” of an illegal player (as in Local Rule #4, Section 6) is not a protest, and no protest fee is required.

RULE 3 – UMPIRES

Sec. #1

The umpires shall be assigned by the League Director, and shall have complete control of the game.

Sec. #2

There is one umpire required for all men’s & coed leagues.

RULE 5 – UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Sec. #1

Any player, manager, or team representative shall be suspended from league competition under the following conditions:

1. Continued unsportsmanlike behavior, such as, but not limited to, profanity, harassment of game officials, failure to comply with instructions of league director, or other acts which disrupt the orderly and sportsmanlike operation of the game. (Minimum suspension of one to three games; reinstatement thereafter by decision of the Director of Park and Recreation or majority vote of the Board).
2. Striking, shoving, or any physical contact directed toward a league official, or initiating or continuing aggressive physical contact toward another player beyond that action incidental to the game shall result in the immediate suspension for a period of at least (1) year, and thereafter, until the Board by majority vote rescinds the suspension.

Sec. #2

The Director of Park and Recreation shall have authority to impose reasonable conditions for reinstatement for those persons suspended under the above conditions, after the minimal suspension period is completed.

Sec. #3

A person suspended from any sport for action under Sec. #1 above may not participate in any BOPARC sponsored league during the suspension period.

RULE 6 – ZERO TOLERANCE UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

In light of increased profane and unsportsmanlike behavior directed toward umpires, the following rule will be implemented by BOPARC. In the event of profanity, obscene gestures, and/or other unsportsmanlike conduct directed toward the umpires, opponents, teammates, or fans, game officials will invoke the following procedure:

1. Umpire may deliver a verbal warning for the action (s).
2. If the action(s) are extreme, loud or abusive or they continue, there will be an immediate ejection of the player or players in question.
3. If unsportsmanlike behavior still continues, player or players may be suspended one to three games in accordance with the unsportsmanlike conduct policy set forth above.
4. In the event of suspension, reinstatement will be determined by the BOPARC Director, Asst. Director, Athletic Director and Softball League Director.

RULE 7 – CITY ORDINANCE ON ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Sec. #1

In accordance with the Morgantown City Ordinance prohibiting consumption of alcohol on city streets, etc., no alcoholic beverages may be consumed within the confines of White Park. The only exception to this ordinance is that beer may be consumed in conjunction with a picnic at the pavilion or picnic tables with proper permit.

Sec. #2

If teams do not abide by this ordinance, the Morgantown Police Department will be forced to begin issuing citations that could result in an \$80 fine.

Sec. #3

Absolutely **NO** alcoholic beverages in any form may be in the area of the team bench for any reason. Discovery of a violation of this rule could result in forfeiture of the game, and subject the team to further discipline by the BOPARC Director, Asst. Director, or Softball League Director.

FIELD RENTAL POLICY

TEAM PRACTICE

The Liberatore, Whiston, Ogden and Pam Berry Fields will be available for practice beginning Monday, August 30th, weather permitting. Reservation will be accepted as follows:

Pre-season Rental Format- Teams registered in BOPARC leagues **ONLY** may make reservations beginning Mondays for current seven-day period (Monday thru Sunday, inclusive) at \$25 per team per one-hour sessions starting at 5 pm.

Non-league teams may make reservations on Thursdays or Fridays only for the current four-day period (Thursday thru Sunday, inclusive) at \$30 per one-hour session.

NOTE: Persons reserving a field must have a permit on the premises to validate their claim to the field.

Week-end field rental is \$100 a day per field for league teams and \$125 a day per field for non-league teams. Up All Night Tournaments field rental is \$150 a night per field for league teams and \$200 a night per field for non-league teams. All rentals paid in advance.

All week-end rentals will also require a refundable \$50 a field trash clean-up deposit. The \$50 deposit will be refunded after inspection of the field maintenance director following the tournament.

**** Men's Fall –**

1. Men's league will be permitted four (4) homeruns per game in innings 1-7.* Any additional homeruns will be recorded as outs. **No home runs allowed in extra innings.**
2. Must have 9 men players to start and play the game.
3. No inning will start after 65 minutes from starting time.
4. No titanium or Miken Ultra bats permitted but can use multi-walls bats.
5. A player can only play on one men's team.
6. Top 8 teams will play a single elimination playoff.

Fall Coed League/ (Gold)Liberatore, Whiston, & (Blue)Pam Berry Fields

- A. **Gold**/Homeruns: Men-Women- UNLIMITED
Blue/Homeruns- All homeruns are outs and out every time that batter is up and it is an inning ending out.
- B. Bats: Men-Bat must be **WOODEN OFFICIAL SOFTBALL BAT with the barrel maximum size of 2 ¼"**. Women-No titanium or Miken Ultra bats permitted but can use multi-walls bats. Blue- Can only use single wall bat.
- C. Sliding: Must avoid contact and sliding is permitted to avoid contact.
- D. **Fielding: NO** fielder may run in front of a position fielder to make a play. This rule is for outfielders, infielders and especially at home plate (catcher must make the play at home plate). Also must have a minimum of 3 women in the infield and 2 in the outfield at all times if playing with 10 fielders. If only playing with 9 players(5 must be women), must have minimum of 3 women in the infield and 1 in the outfield.
- E. **NO** outfielder can try to throw the batter/runner out at 1st base. Any throws made by the outfielder, the batter will be awarded 2nd base as a penalty.
- F. Walks: **Gold**-Men, if a man is walked, he is awarded 2nd base and the women can choose to bat or go to 1st base. Women, if walked, only go to 1st base. **Blue** Men & Women only go to 1st base.
- G. Balls: Men- 12" Core "40" "green" ball. Women-11" Core "44" "green or white" ball.
- H. Runners: Courtesy Runners for men and women may have 1 courtesy runner per inning (last man for man/woman for woman out in the last inning except for the 1st).
- I. Batting: Must not have a man, man batting but can have a woman, woman batting.
- J. Designated Hitter (DH): Can bat 11 or 12. Can bat 12, man & woman or 2 women not 2 men.
- K. Minimum Players to start game: Must have 9 players to start game present at field and the 10th position is an out. Must at least have 5 women to start the game to play field or bat!
- L. Third Base Coach: The batting team must supply a third base coach to switch balls as needed for the player batting.
- M. **Players are permitted to play on one coed team only.**
- N. Top 8 teams will play a single elimination play-off.

SOFTBALL OFFICAL PROTEST FORM

IMPORTANT: REFER TO RULE 8 OF LOCAL RULES PRIOR TO INITIATING A PROTEST

SECTION 1: (To be filled out by Manager of team making protest)

Name of Team: _____ Team Category (Fall Men/Coed) _____

Name of () Manager () Asst. Manager _____

Name of Opposing Team _____

Time/Date _____ Location _____ Inning _____

Team at Bat _____ Person at Bat _____

Balls _____ Strikes _____ Outs _____ The following players were on base:

1st Base _____ 2nd Base _____ 3rd Base _____

Plate Umpire _____ Scorer _____ Other Umpires: _____

This protest is made in reference to Rule _____, Section _____ of the () Official () Local Rules.

The decision in question was made by _____

The decision of this official was:

I feel this decision should have been:

This form must be completed to this point and signed by the manager or asst. manager of the protesting team and be delivered in person to the Morgantown Ice Arena by noon of the next business day. A \$75 protest fee must accompany the submission of this form.

Signature of Manager or Asst. Manager Making Protest

SECTION II (to be filled out by the Chair of the Protest Committee)

It is the decision of the Committee that this protest be ruled () VALID () INVALID

The following action should be taken by the League Director _____

Signatures of the Protest Committee Members: _____,

CHAIR MEMBERS: _____

If the protest is ruled valid, the \$75 protest fee is refunded. If the protest is ruled invalid, the fee is retained and used to defray operational costs. X _____

League Director

Date

BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS OF MORGANTOWN
TEAM APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION IN SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE
2010

PRINT All Information () Coed () Men's Team

Name of Team _____

Flight Preference: Men's Fall () OR Coed Fall Gold () or Coed Fall Blue ()

Name of Team Manager _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of Asst. Manager _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of Sponsor _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

**IF MANAGER OR ASS'T MANGER DOES NOT HAVE E-MAIL, PLEASE LIST ROSTER
PLAYER WHO MAY RECEIVE E-MAIL FOR TEAM NOTIFICATION**

NOTE: TEAM MANAGER'S & ASST MANAGER'S NAMES MUST BE DIFFERENT

If, at the end of the season, all or part of the scheduling/forfeit fee is to be refunded, check will be made payable to the mailed to the above named sponsor. If this refund check is NOT to be mailed to the sponsor, please indicate below the person to whom check is payable and mailing address.

Name _____ Address _____

I hereby certify that I have received a copy of the Slow-Pitch Softball Local Rules for 2010; including information for softball team registration for 2010 and that these Rules and Information have been discussed with all members of our team. I agree to these game and registration rules and will make every effort to ensure that all members of our team comply with them. I understand that I am responsible for the actions of my team members.

Date _____ Signature of Team Manager _____

This form and the fifty dollar (\$50) Forfeit Fee, \$425.00 Participation Fee, Completed Team Roster (include names, addresses, phone numbers, former team) and all applicable individual player fees must be turned in at the Ice Arena office of BOPARC prior to 4:30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, September 1, 2010. Make all checks payable to BOPARC. **Total due \$450.00**

-----DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-----

Dates: \$50 Scheduling/Forfeit Fee received _____ By _____

League Participation Fee received _____ By _____

1st Forfeit Date _____ vs. _____

2nd Forfeit Date _____ vs. _____

Total Refund Due: \$ _____ Check # _____ Date Mailed: _____

ROSTER

NOTE: Minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 players allowed on men/women's roster and **a maximum of 30 players for coed.** ALL ROSTERS MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT WITH PROPER ADDRESSES (NOT P.O. BOX) AND PHONE NUMBERS.

NAME	ADDRESS	FORMER TEAM	PHONE
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I hereby certify that all names and addresses contained on this roster are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date _____ Team _____

Manager Signature _____

BOPARC PROGRAM/ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM
BOPARC – 1001 Mississippi St – MORGANTOWN, WV 26501

PLEASE PRINT

Program/Activity BOPARC's Fall Men's/Coed Softball Leagues/2010 Birth Date _____

Team: _____ Grade: _____

_____ F _ M _
Last Name First Name MI Phone Number

Address City State Zip Code

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS:

Mother's/Guardian's Name Father's/Guardian's Name

Phone (Home) Phone (Work) Phone (Home) Phone(Work)

Phone (Cell) Phone (Cell)

I, the above named participant, parent, guardian or legal representative of participant, do hereby give my approval to my/his/her participation in any and all activities of the above mentioned program, and hereby certify that:

1. Participant is physically able to participate in the program and knows of no physical/medical limitation that would prevent participation.
2. Participant will abide by the decisions of the program leader with regard to all aspects of the activity. BOPARC and/or its instructors reserve the right to terminate participation in the activity if participant is in violation
3. I, the participant/parent/legal guardian of participant release BOPARC, its agents, commissioners, employees and the City of Morgantown from all claims, including the institution of a lawsuit against BOPARC, its agents, commissioners, employees or the City of Morgantown for injuries or losses sustained by me/my child/my dependents as a result of my/his/her participation in the program.
4. I give permission for the use, without fee, of my/my child's/dependent's picture in any broadcast, telecast, or print media account of this program for promotional and publicity purposes.
5. In the event of need for emergency medical service, I authorize and consent to such services being provided to the above named participant (if a minor).
6. I have read and understand the following REFUND POLICY: It is the assumption of all parties concerned that the person registering him/her or another for this activity intends to take part in the activity and will assume the space allocated for an individual participant. Registration is non-refundable unless a paid substitution is made.

NOTE: Each participant is responsible for his/her own accidental injury medical/dental insurance.

Date _____

Manager: _____