

2024

BOPARC SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**MANDATORY MANAGERS MEETING TBD
Packets & Fee Deadline – March 29, 2024**

SEASON WILL START MAY 13, 2024

(10 games)

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**Sign up at [Onecallnow.com](https://www.onecallnow.com) for an instant text of cancellations or
click the link at [BOPARC.ORG](https://www.boparc.org) at the bottom of the page.**

Team Fee- \$400.00

Important Dates and Information

- The Senior League is open to any individual who is at least 49 years of age at the beginning who turns 50 years old during the calendar year.
- **Friday, March 29, 2024:** On this date the completed team **APPLICATION FORM, INCLUDING TOTAL TEAM PARTICIPATION FEE** and **TEAM ROSTER** must be submitted to the Ice Arena **before 3:00pm**.
- **TBD**– Mandatory Managers Meeting
- Dates requested off and specials times needed if possible, must be submitted in writing with application.
- **PLEASE NOTE: ALL ROSTER CHANGES AFTER MARCH 29, 2024 MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR. No additional roster changes after June 1st 2024.**
- **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. 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. One Nation does offer insurance for teams.
- **Schedules:** Schedules will be given/ Emailed 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.

BOPARC SLOW PITCH SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE LOCAL RULES

RULE 1 – ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL RULES

The following rules will apply to all participants of the Board of Park and Recreation Slow Pitch Senior Softball League and shall be known as Local Rules. These rules shall be in effect immediately and shall continue until amended by post-dated Local Rules. This league shall also play under the Official One Nation Slowpitch rules, except when such rules are amended by Local Rules.

1. UNLIMITED HOME RUNS
2. UNLIMITED COURTESY RUNNERS
3. DOUBLE HOME PLATE – CATCHER PLAYS ON ORIGINAL HOME PLATE, PLAYER RUNS TO ALTERNATE HOME PLATE
4. COMMITMENT LINE BETWEEN THIRD BASE AND HOME PLATE, ONCE RUNNER HAS CROSSED THIS LINE, HE OR SHE MUST CONTINUE HOME
5. 5 RUNS PER INNINGS, 7TH INNING IS OPEN
6. THERE WILL BE AN L SCREEN USED TO PROTECT PITCHERS. BALLS THAT HIT THE SCREEN WILL BE CALLED DEAD.
7. ALL PLAYERS WILL USE THEIR OWN BATS
8. A COURTESY FOUL WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH BATTER.

RULE 2 – PROCEDURES

Section 1 - Paperwork

1. The Participation Fee & Roster form must be turned in to BOPARC on or before 3:00 pm, Friday, MARCH 29, 2024 at the BOPARC Marilla CENTER. Payments can be made by cash, credit card or check payable to BOPARC.

Section 2- Scheduling

1. Special requests for specific days or weeks off should be submitted with packet.
2. Specific league days and times are final and cannot be adjusted.
3. SCHEDULING CHANGES REQUIRE (2) TWO WEEKS NOTICE FOR CONSIDERATION.
4. Teams forfeiting 4 games during any season will be removed from the schedule.

RULE 3 – EQUIPMENT

Section 1 - Bats and Balls

BOPARC will supply all game balls. All bats used will be the responsibility of the teams. Each bat will have to be tested and stamped prior to play.

******All leagues will provide their own bats for the 2024 season. Each bat must be tested and stamped prior to use during a game. Each bat must pass 220 compression and have one of the following stamps below. ASA bats will NOT be approved for play. ******



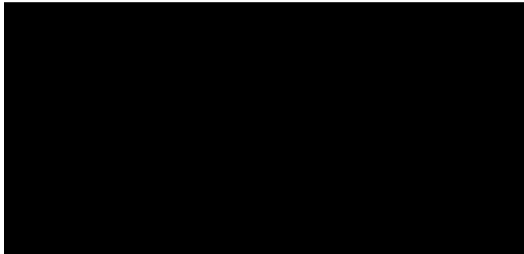
Old USSSA Stamp: Now Legal Indefinitely!



These were made from 2012 to 2020 and meet the 220 lb compression testing. Manufacturers can make bats to meet the 220 lb compression standard but they can no longer have the USSSA Stamp.



Beginning with 2021 models USSSA is using the new 240 lb compression standard with the NTS stamp (Left). Moving forward 240 lb Bats are all that can be approved to have a USSSA Stamp on them.



Rule 4 - PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES

Section 1- Roster

Each Senior team shall be permitted a maximum of thirty (30) eligible players. Addition: Manager or Asst. Manager are not counted.

Section 2: Playoff Eligibility

To be eligible for playoff competition, a player must be officially on the roster by June 1, 2024.

Section 3: Transfer

Players may not transfer from one team to another once they have played for one team.

Section 4: Lineups

Starting lineup with positions must be turned in to the scorekeeper prior to the first pitch.

Rule 5 - USE OF AN ILLEGAL PLAYER

Section 1: Illegal Player(s)

Use of an illegal player, if detected and challenged by the offended team within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game, shall result in automatic forfeiture of the game in which the illegal player was used. The illegal player will also be penalized. An illegal player shall be:

1. A player who participates but is not on the official roster.
2. A suspended player who has not been re-admitted to league play
3. A player who does not meet playoff eligibility requirements (in playoffs only), as in Rule 4, Section 2.

Section 1A- Regular Season

A player who plays illegally will miss the next one (1) regularly scheduled games for his actual team. A repeat violation will result in expulsion for the remainder of the season.

It is therefore imperative that each team list all players on their official roster. Teams should monitor players being used by other teams.

Section 1B-Playoffs

During playoffs all protests concerning an illegal player must be made before completion of the game. All players involved in playoff competition must be able to supply some type of identification at game time.

RULE 6 – TIME OF GAMES AND MAKE-UP GAMES

Section 1: Start Time

The first game of the day shall begin at exactly the time scheduled for that game as determined by the plate umpire (**6:00 pm at all fields**). STRICTLY ENFORCED! THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD! All games following the first contest of the day shall begin at exactly the time scheduled for that game, or a reasonable time deemed appropriate by the plate umpire following the completion of the previous game. **All teams after the 6 p.m. game should be ready to play a minimum of 15 minutes before their scheduled start time in the event of a game ending early or a forfeit. This allows extra time for your game and helps keep all games on schedule.** The plate umpire shall keep the official time.

Section 2: Makeup Games

All games postponed or called due to uncontrollable conditions, or replayed as a result of a valid protest, shall be played on a designated make-up date in a manner covered by the Official Rules. All postponed or called games shall be replayed before the completion of the regular league schedule. The league director will attempt to notify each manager or asst. manager at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the designated make-up contest by phone or will be posted on the www.boparc.org web site. **One Call Now** will also be used for notification.

Section 3: Duration of Game

Games will be played with a modified time limit. No new inning shall be started after 65 minutes have passed from the start of the game. The home team shall record the starting time of the game (as declared by the umpire) on the scorebook. This does not mean a game must be over in 65 minutes; only that new inning may not start after this limit.

Section 3A- Tied Games

Tied games will be played out until an inning is completed with one team ahead.

Section 4: Complete Games

Any game called by the umpire, during regular season play or playoffs, which cannot be resumed within 30 minutes, and which has completed four (4) innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead), will be a valid contest.

RULE 7 – SCOREKEEPING

Section 1: Designation of Home Team

The home team will be designated on the league schedule. Scorekeeping will be the responsibility of the HOME TEAM. They are required to provide a scorekeeper who will keep the scorebook in the manner that allows for outs and runs to be reflected correctly. If the home team refuses or has no one to keep the book, it shall forfeit home team privileges to the opposing team. It is intended that all games be played and that teams not manipulate these provisions in such a way as to cause forfeits.

Section 2: Official Scorebook

Official scorebooks and report forms will be provided by the Umpires and returned to them at the end of the game. Umpires will be instructed to have the score announced at the beginning of each inning or as needed. It will be the responsibility of both teams to keep the score in the event of a protest. The scorebook and its records are final.

RULE 8 – GROUND RULES

Any batted ball touching any part of the backstop, no matter where it lands, will be a foul ball.

LIBERATORE FIELD – Out-of-Play line will be from the end of the chain-link fence along the first base side to the wing of chain link fence in right field.

WHISTON FIELD – There are no additional ground rules for Whiston Field, as the field is completely fenced in.

OGDEN FIELD – There are no additional ground rules for the Ogden Field, as the field is completely fenced in.

PAM BERRY FIELD – There are no additional ground rules for the Pam Berry Field, as the field is completely fenced in.

ELLIS FIELD - Any ball that rolls past the fence or over the hill after landing in fair territory is ruled out of play and a ground rule double.

RULE 9 – PROTESTS

Section 1: Official Protest

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 Administrative 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 MARILLA OFFICE before the end of the next business day. This fee is refundable by the Protest Committee if the protest is found valid; otherwise, it shall be retained. The “challenge” of an illegal player is not a protest, and no protest fee is required. Notify the umpire about an illegal player before the end of the game that persons ID can be checked at that time and will have a better outcome on the decision of an illegal player.

Section 2: Protest Committee

The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) members; Coordinator of Recreational Facilities and Athletics, Manager of Community Recreational Facilities, Activities & Programs, and the Associate Director.

RULE 10– UMPIRES

Section 1: Assignment of Umpires

The umpires shall be assigned by the Coordinator of Recreational Facilities and Athletics and shall have complete control of the game. They may remove players or fans from a game per One Nation rules.

Section 2: Number of Umpires

There is one umpire per field per game for all leagues.

RULE 11 – CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND MANAGERS

Section 1- Umpire Authority

The umpire shall issue a warning to any offending player, which, if not responded to in a positive and sportsmanlike manner, shall result in the immediate forfeiture of the contest on the part of his/her team for the following acts.

- A. Smoking on the playing field
- B. Under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- C. Use of profanity
- D. Other acts contributing to the ill-will among participants

Section 2- Ejections/Suspensions

Section 2A: Physical Violence

Any player initiating or continuing an act of physical violence (including shoving or pushing) toward another player or league official shall be immediately suspended from the game, and upon further investigation by the Director of Parks and Recreation may be suspended from competition in all BOPARC sponsored athletic leagues for up to a period of at least (1) year, and indefinitely thereafter. Any player ejected from a game must leave the entire confines of White Park within ** (5) minutes following his/her ejection or the game will be declared as forfeiting to the non-offending team. "Entire confines" is defined as beyond the signed boundaries of the park. Merely retreating to the street areas within the park is not sufficient. Similarly, any player under suspension for disciplinary reasons may not be allowed in the vicinity of the park during any games played by his/her team while the suspension is in effect.

Section 2B: Unsportsmanlike Conduct

In light of increased profane and unsportsmanlike behavior directed toward umpires, the following rule will be implemented by BOPARC.

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

1. Striking, shoving, or any physical contact directed toward a league official.
2. Initiating or continuing aggressive physical contact toward another player beyond that action incidental to the game.
3. Continued unsportsmanlike behavior, such as, but not limited to, profanity, harassment of game officials, failure to comply with instructions of the league director, or other acts which disrupt the orderly and sportsmanlike operation of the game. Note: The length of the suspension will be determined by the severity of the individual(s) actions under the sole discretion of the league director.

Section 3: Refunds due to Ejection/Suspensions

No league fees shall be refunded to any team unable to participate in league play due to the suspension of the team, or when suspension of a player or players results in their being unable to participate.

RULE 12 – CITY ORDINANCE ON ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Section 1: Fines/Discipline

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. If teams do not abide by this ordinance, the Morgantown Police Department will be forced to begin issuing citations that could result in a fine. 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 the Coordinator of Recreational Facilities and Athletics.

SOFTBALL OFFICIAL PROTEST FORM

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

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

Name of Team: _____

Name of () Manager () Asst. Manager _____

Name of Opposing Team _____

Time/Date _____ Location (Field) _____ 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 _____

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 BOPARC 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.

League Director Date

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS OF MORGANTOWN

TEAM APPLICATION OR INDIVIDUAL SENIOR LEAGUE SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

PRINT ALL INFORMATION 2024

1. TEAM NAME _____

OR NAME OF INDIVIDUAL _____

NOTE: BOPARC HAS THE FINAL AUTHORITY IN ASSIGNING PLAYERS TO TEAMS

Name of Team Manager _____ Day Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Name of Asst. Manager _____ Day Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Name of Sponsor _____ Day Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

**IF MANAGER OR ASST MANAGER DOES NOT HAVE E-MAIL, PLEASE LIST A ROSTER
PLAYER WHO MAY RECEIVE E-MAIL FOR TEAM NOTIFICATIONS**

NOTE: TEAM MANAGER & ASST MANAGER NAMES MUST BE DIFFERENT

TEAM FEE \$400.00

I HEREBY Certify THAT I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL LOCAL RULES FOR 2024; INCLUDING INFORMATION FOR SOFTBALL TEAM REGISTRATION FOR 2024 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, League participation fee, Completed Team Roster (Includes NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS, And FORMER TEAM), All applicable individual player fees must be turned in at the BOPARC Ice Arena **prior to 3:00 PM on March 29, 2024.** MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO **BOPARC** OR Pay with CASH OR CREDIT CARD (VISA, MASTERCARD OR DISCOVER).*

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

League Participation Fee received _____ by _____

Senior Division Roster 2024

Team Name _____

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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 _____ Manager Signature _____

