

**2019**

**BOPARC SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANDATORY MANAGERS MEETING**

**May 1, 2019 AT THE ICE RINK**

**Packets & Fee Deadline - April 24, 2019**

**ALL SCHEDULES FOR THE SEASON WILL BE HANDED OUT  
SEASON WILL START MAY 6, 2019 THROUGH JULY 8, 2019  
(8 games)**

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## **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.
- **Wednesday, April 24, 2019:** On this date the completed team **APPLICATION FORM, INCLUDING TOTAL TEAM PARTICIPATION FEE** and **TEAM ROSTER** must be submitted to the BOPARC MARILLA CENTER **on or before 4:00pm.**
- **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** – Mandatory Managers Meeting held at Morgantown Ice Arena
- Dates requested off and specials times needed if possible must be submitted in writing with application.
- **PLEASE NOTE: ALL ROSTER CHANGES AFTER April 24, 2019 MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR.**
- **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. USSSA does offer insurance for teams through the national office.
- **Schedules:** 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.

## **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 United States Slow Pitch Softball Association (USSSA) 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, 7<sup>TH</sup> INNING IS OPEN
6. THERE WILL BE A CIRCLE AROUND THE PITCHER AND ANY BATTER HITTING A BALL HEAD LEVEL OR LOWER ON THE PITCHER THROUGH THE CIRCLE WILL BE OUT AND NO RUNNERS ALLOWED TO ADVANCE
7. ALL PLAYERS WILL USE LEAGUE BATS

### **RULE 2 – PROCEDURES**

#### **Section 1 - Paperwork**

1. The Participation Fee & Roster form must be turned in to BOPARC on or before 4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 24, 2019 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 -Uniforms**

All players on a team shall wear shirts identical in color, trim and style. There will be some latitude in acceptance of teams' logos, lettering, and numbering per league official's interpretation and decision. The wearing of ball caps or other uniform parts identical to each other is optional. Each shirt must be conspicuously numbered on the back. No two players on the same team may participate while wearing identical numbers. **ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE SHIRTS WITH NUMBERS BY Friday, May 24, 2019. (COED IS THE ONLY EXCEPTION!).** The umpires shall look for and enforce these violations.

### Section 1A-Jewelry

The USSSA rule book is clear that no jewelry of any type may be worn during games. This rule will be enforced to its full extent due to safety and liability concerns.

### Section 2 - Bats and Balls

BOPARC will supply all game balls. All non-wooden bats will be provided by BOPARC for all leagues. The bats provided are for league use only. Throwing or destruction of any bat will result in the batter being ejected and the cost of the bat will be paid by the batter. **\*\*Coed Teams: Men will be required to use an official WOOD softball bat with a 2 ¼" diameter. BOPARC will not provide these wood bats. They are the responsibility of each team.**

## 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 verifiable as having played in 1/3 of regular season games. An ineligible player will be treated as an illegal roster player with the same penalties applying.

### 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](http://www.boparc.org) web site. **RAINEDOUT.COM** 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 USSSA 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. Not wearing a shirt
- B. Smoking on the playing field
- C. Under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- D. Use of profanity
- E. 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.



## Please sign up for Rainedout.com

-This will be a communication tool used to let teams know of game cancellations, rain outs, make-ups etc.

1. Go to [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com)
2. Type BOPARC into the search bar
3. Select the blue BOPARC result
4. Select Sign up!
5. Enter your phone number
6. When you receive the validation code through a text,input it
7. It will now ask you which alerts you want to subscribe to,  
please select softball

**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:

1<sup>st</sup> Base \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Base \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Marilla Office 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**

1. TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OR NAME OF INDIVIDIAL \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

***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 \$380.00

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL LOCAL RULES FOR 2019; INCLUDING INFORMATION FOR SOFTBALL TEAM REGISTRATION FOR 2019 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 MARILLA OFFICE **prior to 4:00 PM on April 24, 2019.** 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# ROSTER 2019

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 \_\_\_\_\_