

BOPARC ADULT SOFTBALL MANDATORY MANAGERS MEETING

All team manager meeting dates and times will be emailed to team managers. The meeting is mandatory.

**ALL SCHEDULES AVAILABLE
@ MANDATORY MANAGERS MEETING**

**SEASON BEGINS MAY 6th, 2024
PLAYOFFS: 1 week after regular season
concludes**

Registration Deadline March 29th 2024 @3pm

Questions? Please contact

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(please include all 3 league administrators on all emails)**

SUMMER 2024 LEAGUE FEES

A. Men's Leagues:

1. Gold -(Maximum 18 Teams) – Monday/ Tuesday nights
\$900per team (will play each team twice or at least 20 games)
2. White- (Maximum 18 Teams) – Tuesday/Wednesday nights
\$900per team (will play each team twice or at least 20 games)
3. . Blue- (Maximum 18 Teams) – Wednesday and Thursday nights
\$900 per team (will play each team twice or at least 20 games)

B. Women's Leagues (Maximum 8 teams) – Tuesday/ Wednesday nights

20 Game Guarantee \$800 per team

C. Coed League (Maximum 24 teams) – Thursday/Friday nights with make-ups possible on Sundays

18 Game Guarantee \$750 per team

******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. ******



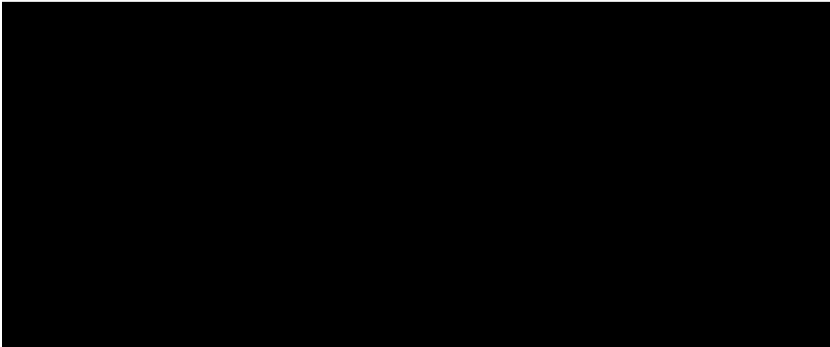
Old USSSA Stamp: Now Legal Indefinitely!



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.



****Coed league will be split into 2 divisions during playoffs, The top 8 teams will play in the Gold playoff, the bottom 8 will play in the blue playoff. Any other teams will be eliminated ****

****Men can only play on one team in one flight in addition to Coed league.**

**** Women can only play on one team in women's league and one team in Coed League.**

RAINOUTS- All leagues are subject to complete make up games for any reason on nights not regularly scheduled, if other slots are not available.

***1st and 2nd place playoff finishers in each division will be assigned to the next highest division for the following season.**

***Administration reserves the right to adjust all flights and divisions for scheduling purposes**

***Playoff seeding determined by league participation. Men's and women's divisions will play a double elimination style playoff tournament. Coed will play single elimination playoff tournament.**

Important Dates and Information

- **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 **BOPARC Ice Arena before 3:00pm.**
 - **Ice Arena – 1001 Mississippi St MORGANTOWN, WV 26501**
- Dates requested off and specials times needed, if possible, must be submitted in writing with application.
- **PLEASE NOTE: ALL ROSTER CHANGES AFTER MARCH 29th, 2024 MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR. No further roster changes accepted 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

- **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.
- **Field Rentals:** Liberatore, Whiston, Ogden and Pam Berry Fields are available for team practice rental based on availability and weather permitting. Rental fees are \$40 per hour per field. Teams reserving more than five (5) dates will receive a \$5 discount per hour. To receive the discount, the five or more dates must be reserved at the same time. All field usage requires a reservation and FULL payment at the time of reservation. Reservations must be made on the hour, in one-hour increments. Practice rental includes use of the field and bases. Practices must conclude by 10PM and cannot begin before 7AM. **All reservations are NON-REFUNDABLE.** All field rentals must be secured through the BOPARC Administrative Office either in-person or over the phone (304-296-8356) with a credit card. **Reservations WILL NOT be accepted without payment.** *If BOPARC cancels your reservation due to weather or other unforeseen circumstance, an alternative date or refund will be provided.*
- **Tournaments:** Interested in hosting a tournament? Please contact the BOPARC Administrative Office (304-296-8356) . All tournament rentals must be secured through the BOPARC Administrative Office. All tournament rentals require proof of event insurance and deposit at the time of reservation.

BOPARC SLOW PITCH 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 Slowpitch 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.

RULE 2 – PROCEDURES

Section 1- 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.

RULE 3 – EQUIPMENT

Section 1 - Bats and Balls

BOPARC will supply all game balls. ****Coed Teams: Men will be required to use an official WOOD softball bat with a 2 ¼” diameter. BOPARC will not provide ANY Bats for any leagues. They are the responsibility of each team.**

Section 2 – Facemasks

We STRONGLY recommended all pitchers wear a protective facemask. If you choose to play without a mask, you do so at your own risk. If a pitcher is hit with a line drive ball, that doesn't first touch the ground while he is still on the pitching mound without time to react will result in a re-testing of the players bat. The sticker will be removed and the player is responsible for making time to get it re-tested.

RULE 4 – PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES

Section 2: Playoff Eligibility

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

Section 5: Age Requirements

All players in all leagues must be 16 years of age prior to the start of regular season and have a signed consent form from a parent/guardian. All players under the age of 18 must have a consent form signed by a parent.

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 email. **One Call** will also be used for all notifications. **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ONE CALL TO RECEIVE THESE NOTIFICATIONS!**

PROGRAM, PARK, and FACILITY ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS

In order to keep our customers informed of schedule changes, weather delays, facility closings, and/or program and event updates, we utilize the One Call text/email/call notification system.

To sign up for One Call alerts, please visit www.boparc.org and click on the alert picture on the main page. Then, click on the "Sign up for BOPARC Alerts and Notifications" link at the bottom of the page. Due to security reasons, you will also need to text ALERT to 22300 to receive text message alerts. Please contact BOPARC at 304-296-8356 if you have any questions. Staff can assist you with sign up, if needed!

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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 do 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 – HOME RUNS

***On a fair fly ball hit over the fence for a home run, the batter and all base runners are credited with a score. The batter and any runner on base do not need to advance and touch the bases. They should go directly to the dugouts area. This would eliminate any base running appeals. This includes the four base errors.*

Men's Gold – will be permitted (3) over the fence home runs per game as well as a DHH.

Men's White – will be permitted (2) over the fence home runs per game as well as a DHH.

Men's Blue – will be permitted (1) over the fence home runs per game, but allowed a DHH

Co-Ed – will be permitted (2) home runs per gender per game. (Applies on every field)

Women's - will be permitted (3) over the fence home runs per game as well as a DHH

RULE 9 – 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 – Out-of-Play line will be from the end of the chain-link fence along the first base side to the of chain link fence in right field.

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 10 – 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 11 – 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 12 – LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Flights

The Slo-Pitch Organization shall consist of (3) men’s flights, (1) women’s flights and (1) co-ed flight.

1. **Gold FLIGHT** shall be for the highest skilled teams desiring the highest level of competition. - Will be played on Monday and Tuesdays nights.
2. **White FLIGHT** shall be for teams seeking an intermediate level of competition. Will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
3. **Blue FLIGHT** shall be for teams desiring a recreational level of competition. -Will be played on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
4. **CO-ED** – Will be played on Thursday and Friday nights with possible Sunday make-ups.
5. **Women’s** – Will be played on Tuesday/Wednesday nights

Section 2: Assignment of Flights

Teams may designate a preference for playing in a specific flight, **but BOPARC and/or the League Director shall have the right to designate the flight to which the team is assigned.**

Section 3: Suspension by Director

BOPARC Director of Parks and Recreation shall have the authority to remove any team from league competition at any time, or to suspend all league play!

RULE 13 – 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 15 – 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 PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS OF MORGANTOWN
TEAM APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION IN SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE
2024**

PRINT All Information Co-ed Men's Team Women's Team

Name of Team _____

Flight Preference: Men's league only Gold Flight White Flight Blue Flight

Women's: **Co-ed:**

NOTE: BOPARC has final authority in assigning teams to leagues.

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

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 (include names, addresses, phone numbers, former team) and **all applicable individual player forms must be turned in to the BOPARC Ice Arena prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 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 _____

ROSTER 2024

- *By adding my email address and phone number, I understand I will be enrolled in BOPARC's alert and notification system, One Call. To receive text messages you must text alert to 22300.*

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 _____

NOTE: **Minimum of 12 and maximum of 20 players allowed on roster and a maximum of 30 players for Co-ed.** ALL ROSTERS MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT WITH PROPER ADDRESSES (NOT P.O. BOX) AND PHONE NUMBERS.

BOPARC PROGRAM/ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM

BOPARC – P.O. Box 590 – MORGANTOWN, WV 26507

16 & 17 Year Old Players

Please Print

Program/Activity: Softball 2024 **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.

Participant/Parent/Guardian Signature
Date _____

Print Signature Name and Relationship to Participant