PLAYER CONDUCT AND SAFETY FORM

Regulations regarding player conduct and safety information are the responsibility of the team member. Please read them carefully. No team will be accepted unless these forms are signed by all players and turned in at the time of registration.

A copy will be made for the manager upon request.

PLAYING TIMES & SITES

Days/Times: Mondays - Fridays, 6:00, 7:00 & 8:00 PM
Sundays, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Location: Maines Field
570 Riverside Drive, Florence, MA 01062

BATS

All bats must be stamped with the ASA approved stamp.

Can still use Approved Bat List from 2014 season.

Umpires have consent to check all bats prior to the start of the games.

PLAYERS POOL

If you are seeking additional players for your team, please consider individuals from our players pool. We will receive many more names to add to this pool. An updated list may be received from the Parks & Recreation Office during the player add period. Please call the office if you add one of these players to your team so we take the name off the pool.

SEASON SCHEDULES

Available Thursday, April 28, after 3:00 PM.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to pick up the schedules at the Parks & Recreation Department.

Season schedules may be picked up at the Parks and Recreation Department or emailed to the Team Manager.

Team balances must be paid in full and original rosters, player conduct forms and safety forms must be submitted in order to receive the season schedule.

RESERVING PRACTICE FIELDS

Teams who have registered, paid in full and turned in all rosters/forms may reserve practice fields as soon as the DPW deem them playable. A team may reserve two practice fields at a time. Additional fields can only be reserved after the two dates have passed.

You may reserve a field by calling the Recreation Department (587-1040) or stopping by the office. If you have made your reservation by phone you **must** pick up your field permit the day before your scheduled time or the field **may be reassigned.** The reservation form is important to have with you in case there are others on the field you reserved.

No practices are allowed at Maines Field.

Requests - Any date(s) your team cannot play **must** be clearly indicated when you turn in your information. Please indicate the dates on the front of your roster form. It is **not** guaranteed you won't play those dates but we will try to accommodate requests. We are unable to grant requests to never play on Sundays. It is virtually impossible due to the large number of games scheduled on that day. You may request a couple of them off or request that Sunday morning or late afternoon is better. If you request a weekday off, please be aware you may have to play some double headers on Sundays. We **cannot** schedule games around other town's leagues or tournaments. No games (regular season, playoffs, or rain-outs) will be switched once they are scheduled. **Playoffs** will be scheduled immediately at the conclusion of the regular season. We cannot accommodate any scheduling requests for playoffs. For teams who play in both men's and coed, we will not schedule playoff games at conflicting times.

NORTHAMPTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2022 Northampton Parks & Recreation Men's Softball League

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NORTHAMPTON PARKS & RECREATION

League Director:
Brooke Fairman, Recreation Supervisor
League Runs:
May 4 - July/early August

ENTRY FEE

A forfeit fee is built into the total league fee so the umpires are paid if a team forfeits. Teams that do not forfeit will receive the entire amount back at the end of the season.

League Fee: $350.00 per Team
+ $132.00 (Forfeit fee)
= $482.00

Each team must pay the umpire cash at the field. The fee is $22.00 per team per game. During the playoff finals the umpire fee is $25.00 per team per game (two umpires per game).

Additional non-resident and/or extra player fees may apply. Refer to player eligibility section. All checks payable to Northampton Parks & Rec. Any check returned will be subject to a $25.00 service charge. Balances then must be paid in cash. Teams will be dropped from the league unless balance is paid in full.

ROSTERS

Please print or type clearly. All changes must be made in writing on the league add/drop form and be accompanied with all appropriate fees as specified in the league rules. Players must provide complete addresses on rosters. Non-roster players found participating on teams will make teams forfeit the remainder of the season, including games played, with players suspended from future league play.

DIVISIONS
North and South

- North is more competitive than South.
- **Both divisions play an 18 game schedule with double elimination playoffs.**
- No scorekeepers will be used.

Be sure to indicate your **preference** of division on your roster form. **The division your team plays in will be decided by Parks & Recreation staff,** but your preference will be considered. Final team placements will be decided according to the roster you submit. ***Final league standings/playoffs will be used to determine where teams play in future leagues/division.***

GAME SCORES

The winning team manager is responsible for calling or emailing the Parks & Rec. Department the game score the next day. Please stay on top of this as it is hard at the end of the season to try to find all the scores.

HOME RUN RULE

Teams at Maines Field are allowed only **5 home runs** per game. All subsequent home runs after this limit has been reached will result in an out.

Registration DEADLINE: Friday, April 22

All fees, rosters, proofs and the signed player conduct form must be turned in by this time. Everything must be turned in together. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is limited space in the league.

Player Eligibility

The Northampton Parks & Recreation Department operations and programs are partially funded by City tax dollars. Therefore, non-residents must pay an additional fee for all programs.

Residents - Anybody whose primary residence is in or an individual who owns property in Northampton, Florence, or Leeds is considered a resident. Players who are trying to meet this requirement **must** have their residence or property listed on the roster so it can be confirmed. Teams that misrepresent addresses to meet the residency requirement may be dropped from the league.

Non-residents - Anybody who does not live or own property in Northampton, Florence, or Leeds. Non-residents must pay an additional **$10.00 each**.

There is a maximum of $100.00 for all non-resident fees due per team other than entry and player fees.

Proof of residency for all new players must be submitted with your roster.

Xerox copies, with all copied on the least amount of pages possible, are required. All must be submitted together. Proof may consist of a copy of a pay stub, license, or a recent bill, for example. Information must be current. Official Personnel Director letters are only accepted as a proof letter from a business. Phone book listings must list the full name. The City Census will also be checked to verify addresses.

We encourage teams in the Men's League to have no more than 15 players on their roster. This is to encourage playing time for all and to discourage huge rosters and team playing with different players every game.