

2011

**JAMESTOWN MEN'S SLOW PITCH
SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**



An affiliate of the North Dakota Amateur Softball Association

MANAGERS' HANDBOOK

4-27-2011

FACILITIES

- a) The mens softball association uses the 4 diamonds at the Hillcrest Softball Complex. Games are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

FEES

- a) The sponsor fee is \$125.00 and should be paid no later than the April league meeting to guarantee a spot in the league. NDASA gets \$70.00 of each fee.
- b) Player fees are \$40.00 per player per team and goes toward operation of the league and for capital improvements. Active military members are exempt.
- c) All fees must be paid before the first scheduled game or the player/team will not be permitted to play.

ROSTERS

- a) Teams will not be allowed to play any games (league or tournament) before a completed roster is submitted.
- b) Maximum number of players allowed on a roster is 20, and the minimum is 13. State rules state all teams **MUST** have 13 names on the roster.
- c) All players must be either a minimum of 18 years old any time during this calendar year or must be a minimum of 15 years old with parental consent. Otherwise, they are not eligible to play in the Jamestown association.
- d) Copies of the rosters can be obtained by request from the league representative. Add and remove forms should be available at the complex. Contact a board member if one is needed.
- e) A player is eligible for league play as soon as he is added to a roster.
- f) Player fees cannot be switched from one player to another. If one player drops off a roster and another is added, another player fee **MUST** be paid
- g) A team's most recent roster is their official roster for league and tournament play. Managers should have a copy of the roster available at all games, as rosters may be checked.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE

- a) Weather permitting, league play begins the first full week of May and will run for 14 consecutive weeks. An extra week may be added to a league night to avoid special conflicts, such as the Fourth of July.
- b) There will be 12 weeks (24 games) scheduled for each night's regular season. The last two weeks will be a playoff for each night, with games scheduled based upon their final regular season standings.
- c) Rainouts: Board members will attempt to declare a rainout as early as realistically possible for the sake of those players travelling to their games from outside of Jamestown. A decision will be announced on the league's web presence – the web site (JamestownSoftball.com), Facebook and/or Twitter (both accessible from the web site) – and we will attempt to contact the radio station to make such announcements. We may also try to contact managers by e-mail

and/or text message. Games scheduled in Weeks 1 or 2 which are postponed will not be rescheduled. Also, league nights with an excessively number of teams (10 or more), will not have any games rescheduled.

- d) Makeup games will follow the regularly scheduled games on that league night as soon as possible. Less than desirable weather conditions – particularly earlier in the season – may prompt makeup games to be further postponed even if the regularly scheduled games were played.

AWARDS

- a) Trophies will be awarded for the 1st and 2nd place finishers in each league for the regular season; T-shirts will be awarded for the 1st and 2nd place finishers in each league for the league night playoffs.
- b) Trophies & shirts will be handed out immediately following the final games of the season on each league night.

BALLS

- a) The association will provide softballs for all league and tournament games

RULES

- a) Each team is required to be represented at both the March and April league meetings. That representative should preferably be the team's manager, but any and all members of the association are welcome.
- b) Managers are responsible for the conduct of their team members **ON AND OFF THE FIELD**. Managers shall also be responsible for assuring that their team members do their part in keeping the parking lots free of any debris.
- c) Neither smoking nor the use of intoxicating beverages is permitted on the diamonds or in and around the dugouts or bleachers by rostered players, coaches and managers during and between their teams' games will not be tolerated. Violation of this can be the cause of suspension or could result in the Park & Rec choosing to alter the arrangement to allow alcoholic beverages into the complex (including the parking lots).
- d) All rules in the Official Rulebook of the Amateur Softball Association of America are to be followed at all times. Each manager is strongly encouraged to read his ASA rule book. That should lead to a better understanding of the game and result in fewer arguments. The manager should also explain the rules to his players so they know what is going on when a call is made.
- e) Automatic outs will not be assessed against teams who do not put 10 players on the field. A minimum of 8 players will be required for league games.
- f) Substitutions – Any starting and any substituting players may re-enter the game one time. That is, you're allowed to have starter, substitute, starter, substitute as long as they remain in the same spot in the batting order.
- g) There is a seventy-five (75) minute time limit on all games.
- h) All league games will have a home run limit of 3 for each team, with each additional home run being an out. Players hitting home runs and runners on base when a home run is hit, do not have to run the bases
- i) The home team has the official scorebook.

- j) For league games, a pickup rule will be allowed similar to that pertaining to the state's invitational tournaments. A team may pick up players up to the classification of the highest classified team on their league night. Unlike the state rule, however, that player must be on a roster in the Jamestown association.
 - a. With 9 of their own rostered players, 1 player may be picked up.
 - b. With 8 of their own rostered players, 2 players may be picked up.
 - c. With 7 of their own rostered players, 3 players may be picked up.

A team may not play with fewer than 7 of their own players and, therefore, must forfeit if that applies.
- k) Umpires will turn in game scores. If it is determined that an incorrect score has been submitted, contact a board member immediately and the proper parties will be contacted to confirm the information.
- l) Obscene language on the diamonds or in and around the dugout will not be tolerated.
- m) Each player must carry a picture ID with signature to all tournaments. If a player cannot produce a picture ID within 5 minutes of being asked, the player is ineligible. The team may replace the ineligible player if they have legal substitutes. A team roster must also be made available at tournaments.
- n) Only complete games will be used for league standings. Five innings are required for a complete game, unless the home team is leading after 4½ innings.
- o) 10-Run Rule after 5 innings, 15-Run Rule after 4 innings, and 20 runs after 3 innings will be used for all league play.
- p) Uniforms: After Week 4 of the league season, players will be required to be wearing shirts with 6" numbers on the back. It is recommended that those shirts be similar in style and color.
- q) For all games, the batter will start with a 1-1 count with NO courtesy foul.
- r) Metal spikes & cleats are strictly prohibited by ASA.

CLASSIFICATION

- a) Classifications are B, C, D, Rec I, Rec II, Rec III, and Rec IV. Classes B, C & D will be divided into Divisions I, II and III for state tournaments.
- b) Some teams have moved up a class because of placing or winning some games in last years state tournaments. All other teams will start the season at the equivalent classification it had at the end of the previous year, unless roster changes warrant a re-classification. Those changes will be handled though the league representative. New teams should check with one of the board members if they are unsure of their classification.
- c) Teams that challenged up for State Tournaments and won 2 games at the State Tournament (not including wins via forfeit) must remain the classification they challenged up to.
- d) New teams created with 4 or more players from an old team will be classified, at a minimum, the same classification as the old team's classification.
- e) Any team with 4 or more players from another team's roster on their roster will be classified, at a minimum, the highest classification of the 2 teams.
- f) Teams who have 2 or more players two or more classification higher will have their classification raised a minimum of one class (in other words, until this scenario no longer exists)

- g) No Class B, C or D rostered players will be allowed to play on a Rec IV team, which would be moved up at least one classification if such a player were to remain on that roster.

PLAYER EJECTION & GAME PROTESTS

- a) A player ejected from a game is out of play for the rest of that game and the next game he plays with the same team, whether it is a tournament game or the next game of their league. A player may be “ejected” after a game has ended as well if warranted. In this case, the player may not play in the team’s next two games.
- b) If a player is ejected, the team manager **MUST** sign a statement indicating they understand the ejection rule and that the player in question will not play in the team’s next game.
- c) **NOTE OF WARNING**... In the event of a dispute on the playing field, only the manager, coach or field captain will discuss it with the umpire. Umpires will not put up with harassment...they will issue one warning to the team manager and then the offending player will be ejected if he persists.

GAME TIME AND PLAYERS NEEDED

- a) A team must have 9 players to start league games. The game can be finished with 9 players (unless a team is reduced to 9 players due to an ejection, which results in a forfeit)...but anything less will be a forfeit. League play starts at 6:30 p.m.
- b) Game time is forfeit time. Any umpire enforcing this rule will have the full backing of the board.

PUBLICITY

- a) The Jamestown Mens Softball Association has a website (JamestownSoftball.com) operational during the season and throughout the year with league schedules, standings and upcoming meetings, along with other important information. From that site, visitors may also access the association’s Twitter and Facebook pages.
- b) Along with the JSA website, we still plan for league standings to be published in the “Jamestown Sun” weekly. Local radio station KQDJ AM 1400 also announces results during their “Softball Report” at 5:15 p.m. every weekday during the season.
- c) Mandatory managers’ meetings will also be announced on JamestownSoftball.com, the Twitter, Facebook, in the “Jamestown Sun” and on radio station KQDJ AM 1400.

FIELD USAGE

- a) **USE COMMON SENSE WHEN GETTING ON THE DIAMONDS!** Under no circumstances should the diamonds be used if games have been postponed due to weather. Teams caught on wet diamonds will be penalized.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- b) Players may be on more than one slow pitch roster if they wish. A multiple roster player may play on either team for all tournaments, except the state tournament. If a multiple roster player has two state tournaments on the same weekend, he must play on the highest classified team. Make sure you understand the rules if you have a player on more than one roster.
- c) The final date for roster changes in 12:00 NOON, June 24, 2011. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- d) Masters teams must declare classification and pay state tournament fees by June 30th. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please use the attached State Tournament Registration sheet. The fee for the Masters 35 and Masters 40 divisions is \$70.00. For Masters 50 and Masters 60, it is \$20.00.
- e) Teams wishing to participate in state tournaments must have submitted their checks to the League Representative by 7:00 PM on June 30th, or bring them to the classification meeting. Fees are \$130.00 for the Rec classifications and \$150 for the upper class (B, C & D) teams.

RESCHEDULING LEAGUE GAMES

- a) Games shall be played on their scheduled league nights or the games will be forfeit. There will be **NO** rescheduling games, except for rainouts.
- b) If you need to forfeit your games, contact a board member immediately so he can arrange to have the opposing team(s) and umpire notified.

PICKUP RULES FOR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- a) The pickup rule is intended to be used when you are short of players for a tournament and might have to cancel out of the event. Teams may pick up players to the highest classification of the tournament bracket they are playing in. Example: if the classification of the tournament is Rec I and below, a Rec III team will be allowed to pick up a Rec I player. Pickup players may come from any North Dakota Association. The player must be on a NDASA roster. A multiple roster players' highest-ranking team is used as his classification for the pickup player rule.
- b) There will be no pickups if a team has 12 of their own players available. With 11, you may pick up one; with 10, you may pickup two. With 8 or 9, a team may pick up 3 players. If any team that a player is rostered on is entered in any tournament on the same day, then that player cannot be a pickup player on a different team.
- c) **PICKUP PLAYERS SHOULD WEAR THEIR OWN TEAM'S UNIFORM.**
- d) Once a tournament starts, a team is not allowed to add any additional players. They must play with the players they had intended to use during the tournament. This means if a team has picked up a player and another player should get hurt,

they are not allowed to add an additional player once the tournament starts. If they have picked up two players to start the tournament, giving them a total of 12 players, the team may not bring in an additional member of their own team later in the tournament.

- e) Two-Day Pickup Rule: Teams may pick up players to play for them on Saturday. If the team's regular players are available for Sunday, the regular members may play for the team, but the pickups cannot play on Sunday. Likewise, teams may pick up players to play for them on Sunday. If the team's regular players are available for Saturday, the regular members may play for the team, but the pickups cannot play on Saturday.
- f) Team managers must report all pickup players to the Tournament Director before playing their first game. In a two-day tournament, the team manager must report all pickups before the first game on the first day, and any changes planned for Sunday.
- g) When the team manager reports to the Tournament Director Saturday, the team manager must tell the Tournament Director if regular team members will play on Sunday, and which pickups will be dropped to conform to the 12 total rule.
- h) **NO PERSON MAY PLAY WITH MORE THAN ONE TEAM IN ANY TOURNAMENT!**
- i) Once a team has been eliminated from a tournament, the players are not eligible to play as pickup players in any other tournament. If a team has been defeated in this tournament, no other team may use one of their members as a pickup player, as this would be an addition during the tournament. The same thing occurs if a team that is using a pickup player is eliminated from the tournament; the pickup player is not eligible to compete with another team as he did not start the tournament with that team.

PICKUP RULES FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS

- a) Beginning in 2011, mens slowpitch teams will be permitted to pick up players to play in state tournaments. Up to 2 players of the same or lower classification as that of the tournament may be picked up under the following conditions....
- b) A "State Tournament Pickup Player Authorization Form" (available from a board member or downloadable from the Forms page of the NDASA.org website) must be completed thoroughly and accurately. Our League Representative's signature is required for the form to be official and it must be turned in to the Tournament Director before a team's first game.
- c) A team may use different pickup players on each day of a tournament, but must submit a different form for each day. All forms must be presented before the first game of the tournament (not the first game of each day).
- d) There will be no pickups if a team has 12 of their own players available. With 11, a team may pick up one qualifying player; with 10 or fewer, a team may pick up 2 qualifying players.
- e) If any team that a player is rostered on has been entered in a state tournament on the same weekend, then that player cannot be a pickup player on a different team.
- f) All pickup players must wear their own team uniform.

g) MENS SLOWPITCH 2011 STATE TOURNAMENTS

July 23-24	Masters 60	Mandan
	Masters 40, Division 1	Mandan
	Masters 40, Division 2	Mandan
July 30-31	Masters 50	JAMESTOWN
	Masters 35, Division 1	Fargo
	Masters 35, Division 2	Fargo
	Masters 35, Division 3 & Division 4	Fargo
August 6-7	Rec I	JAMESTOWN
	Rec II - East	Grand Forks
	Rec II - West	Minot
August 13-14	Division I	Mandan
	Division II	Mandan
	Division III	Mandan
	Rec III - East	Fargo
	Rec III - West	Minot
	Masters 50 Wood Bat	Mandan
August 20-21	Rec IV - East	Grand Forks
	Rec IV - West	Bismarck

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

Tournament DirectorRyan Mikkelson 320-6262

BOARD MEMBERS

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If you have any questions that deal with softball, please contact one of the board members. They will have the answers or they will try to get them for you.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE AND UMPIRE COORDINATOR

League RepresentativeKevin Gebhardt..... 320-0301
 Umpire CoordinatorLevi Serfoss 269-8741

The Umpire Coordinator will assign an umpire-in-chief for each league night each week. If an umpire fails to show, contact the umpire-in-chief and he will get an umpire for you. Also, contact the Secretary/Treasurer for umpire pay. The Umpire Coordinator also needs to be aware if scheduled umpires are not showing up for games.

2011 STATE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

TEAM NAME:

MANAGER'S NAME:

PHONE:(H)

(W)

E-MAIL:

(C)

TEAM CLASSIFICATION (CIRCLE ONE)

B C D REC I REC II REC III REC IV

STATE TOURNAMENT DESIRED (CIRCLE ONE)

DIV I DIV II DIV III REC I REC II REC III REC IV

(IF REC II, III OR IV, PLEASE SPECIFY EAST OR WEST)

MASTERS 35 MASTERS 40 MASTERS 50 MASTERS 60

ATTACH APPROPRIATE ENTRY FEE

DIV I – III.....\$150

REC I – IV, ALL MASTERS DIVISIONS.....\$130

NOTE: "Make up" teams are allowed for Masters state tournaments, but an additional roster fee is required (\$70 – Masters 35 & 40, \$20 – Masters 50 & 60)

Please make checks payable to Jamestown Softball Association