

2018 Adult Softball Team Registration

1. Please mark with #1, #2, or #3 the priority of the leagues you're interested in. If you are a returning team, you "hold" the spot only in the league in which you played last year. **Returning team deadline is Thursday, March 8 by 5:00 pm. New team deadline is Friday, March 9 by 5:00 pm.** Entry fee checks must be negotiable upon receipt and made out to the "City of Cuyahoga Falls" for the correct amount (listed below). USSSA sanction fees are included in the entry fee below.

_____	Monday Coed Recreational League	\$250.00
_____	Tuesday Coed Recreational League	\$250.00
_____	Wednesday Coed Recreational League	\$250.00
_____	Friday Coed Recreational League	\$250.00
_____	Monday Men's Church League	\$250.00
_____	Tuesday Men's League	\$250.00
_____	Thursday Men's Double-Header League	\$450.00
_____	Friday Men's Double-Header League	\$450.00

** All leagues are 18 and older. Call 330-971-8427 if you have questions about which league you should enter your team in.*

***All teams are required to pay the umpire at the field prior to each game. The price for each team is \$10 per game given directly to the umpire at the game site. All single game leagues play a total of 10 games (\$100); all double-header leagues play a total of 20 games (\$200). Umpire fees CANNOT be included in the entry fee check.**

2. The **2017** team name was: _____

3. The **2018** team name is: _____

4. Team representative #1: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: Primary _____ Secondary _____

Email Address: _____

All league information is sent via email

5. Team representative #2: _____

Phone: Primary _____ Secondary _____

6. The registration fee enclosed is: check cash credit card* money order

**Team representatives will be called by Tuesday, March 13 for card number*

7. Comments

OFFICIAL U.S.S.S.A. GREAT LAKES DIVISION TOURNAMENT/LEAGUE ROSTER

TEAM NAME: _____ **CITY/COMMUNITY:** _____ **STATE:** _____
LEAGUE NAME IF APPLICABLE: _____ ; **USSSA TEAM ID NO.:** _____ - _____
PROGRAM: ___ MEN'S ___ WOMEN'S ___ MIXED ___ CORPORATE ___ CHURCH OTHER: _____
CLASSIFICATION: ___ MAJOR ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E REC; ___ COMPETITIVE ___ RECREATIONAL; OTHER: _____
TEAM MANAGER: _____ **RESIDENCE PHONE:** (____) _____
MANAGER'S ADDRESS: _____ **BUSINESS PHONE:** (____) _____
CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **CELL:** (____) _____ **EMAIL:** _____

AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the U.S.S.S.A. athletic/sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that:
- The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
 - I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
 - I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
 - I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE THE U.S.S.S.A., _____, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
 - I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OR LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

TYPE OR PRINT NAME	BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YY)	PLAYER SIGNATURE	U.S.S.S.A. USE ONLY
1.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	ADDITION PRIOR TO JULY 1ST*
2.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	1. NAME:
3.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DATE:
4.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	ADDIT. 72 HOURS BEFORE TOURN.*
5.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	1. NAME:
6.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DATE:
7.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	2. NAME:
8.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DATE:
9.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	3. NAME:
10.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DATE:
11.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DELETIONS BY AUGUST 20TH-*
12.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	1. NAME:
13.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DATE:
14.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	2. NAME:
15.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DATE:
16.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	3. NAME:
17. * NOTE: YOU MAY WISH TO LEAVE THIS POSITION OPEN TO ADD A PLAYER.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DATE:
18. * NOTE: YOU MAY WISH TO LEAVE THIS POSITION OPEN TO ADD A PLAYER.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	*NOTE: A manager may add up to four players to a frozen roster. One addition must be made by July 1st. The other three additions may be added up to 72 hours prior to a State, National or World Tournament. You may wish to leave positions 17, 18, 19 and 20 blank to add players. Additions require State Director approval.
19. * NOTE: YOU MAY WISH TO LEAVE THIS POSITION OPEN TO ADD A PLAYER.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	
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IMPORTANT PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

- When a team qualifies for a State, National or World Tournament, including the World Series, the team roster will be frozen whether the team accepts the berth or not. The team roster becomes frozen immediately at the qualifying event. Players will be bound to this qualified team up to and including the team's respective State, National, World Tournament/Series, whether the team advances or not.
- A team manager may release up to three players from this team's qualified frozen roster (four releases permitted in the Mixed program). However, such releases must be made prior to August 21st. A team manager cannot replace a released player with an add-on. No player will be allowed to be released from a qualifying team's roster after August 20th.
- A manager shall be allowed to add only four players to a qualified frozen roster. One of the four additions must be made prior to July 1st. Other roster additions may be made as late as 72 hours prior to the start of a State, National or World Tournament. **Exception:** Mixed teams shall be allowed to add four players to their roster. One of the four added players may be added as late as 72 hours prior to the Championship Tournament. Other roster additions must be made two weeks prior to the Championship event. Additions in all programs must have played for a registered USSSA team prior to August 1st of the current season, cannot be on another qualified team's roster, must come from a team that is classified equal to or lower than the team the player is joining, and must be approved by the State Director.
- A team with less than ten players which has used all options for additions and releases MAY APPLY FOR STATUS OF DISBANDMENT WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR. If approval is given, the team forfeits all berths and sponsor travel monies earned.
- Any exceptions to the above must be approved by the respective Vice-President and the appropriate Executive Vice-President.
- All players participating in adult USSSA tournament play shall have photo ID available. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Sec. 11-A5 in the USSSA Rule Book to be applied. The offending team loses the game, is ejected from the tournament, placed last in the standings and forfeits all awards, sponsors, travel expense money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

TEAM MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT - THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS ROSTER DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ASSUMED NAMES AND THAT EACH PLAYER CONFORMS TO THE ELIGIBILITY RULES GOVERNING U.S.S.S.A. SOFTBALL.

TEAM MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

U.S.S.S.A. DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL - SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation Department

2018 ADULT SOFTBALL

CONDENSED RULES

For further explanation of any rule, please see the Adult Softball Policies and Procedures. Any softball rule not covered in the Policies and Procedures will be governed by the current USSSA ruling.

I. FORFEITURE:

All leagues: A team will forfeit its game if minimum of **eight** players are not ready to play at the scheduled starting time. **No grace period.** You may add the 9th and 10th players to the end of the batting order as they arrive.

Doubleheader Leagues: After forfeiting the first game, a team will forfeit the second game if it does not have eight players by 15 minutes after the scheduled start of the first game.

II. GAME REGULATIONS:

A. There is no smoking on the field.

B. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the playing site or parking lots. If players or fans are caught with alcoholic beverages, the police will be called.

C. **Run Rule:** Twenty (20) runs at the end of three (3) innings; fifteen (15) runs at the end of four (4) innings; and ten (10) runs at the end of five (5) innings.

D. Both team representatives must fill out the blue card and sign it at the end of the game.

E. Tied games are played until the game is won. The time limit is revoked to complete the game.

III. PLAYING RULES

A. Extra players are optional, but if they are used it must be made known prior to the start of the game and be listed on the scorecard in the regular batting order.

B. A courtesy runner is allowed in case of an injury occurring during the play. The person who made the last out shall be used as the courtesy runner (same sex in coed). This is not a substitution. If a courtesy runner is used for the same player a second time, this will count as a substitution.

C. There is no bunting or stealing in any league.

D. Eligible roster members may be added to the substitute list at any time during the game. A player cannot be put in the lineup until he/she present at the game on the bench.

E. Scorekeepers will have copies of all final rosters and can answer questions about player eligibility as they arise.

F. All batters start with a one ball and one strike count. **There is no longer one extra foul ball to waste. Once the batter has 2 strikes the ball must be fair.**

G. Substitutes, as well as re-entries must be placed in the spot in the batting order in which they were substituted. Once removed, a player must remain out of the game for one full inning (six outs).

H. Each team is permitted to hit a total of four over-the-fence homeruns each game. Any additional hits over the fence are outs and runners may not advance.

- I. On an over-the-fence homerun, the batter and the base runners do NOT have to circle the bases.
- J. **Legal Bats:** We will follow the USSSA legal bat list. Please check with your umpire or scorekeeper. An updated bat list can be found on the USSSA website and in the field box. If a batter is caught using an illegal bat, he/she will be called out, his/her name noted, and any future violation will result in suspension. **Any player caught using an altered bat will be suspended for the duration of the season and the following season.**

All bats must now have the following USSSA stamp for 2018



IV. MEN'S REGULATION

- A. Sliding is allowed at all bases.
- B. 70 minute time limit.

V. COED

- A. Sliding is allowed at all bases.
- B. 70 minute time limit.
- C. If a male is walked, he goes to second base. If there are two outs, the following female has the option to bat or walk.
- D. Ten players: five male and five female – with the following position requirements: two males and two females in both the infield and outfield, and one male and one female as pitcher/catcher.
Extra players: If only one is used it must be female; if two are used it can be one male and one female or two females.