City of Cuyahoga Falls

Parks and Recreation Department

2310 Second Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Edward E. Stewart
Superintendent

Don Walters
Mayor

July 20, 2016

To: Returning and New Teams interested in **Sunday Morning** Men's Doubleheader Fall Softball

Subject: Registration Information

It's time to make plans to join us for the 2016 Sunday Fall Softball Season! This league is a fundraiser for our Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Baseball Association with the money going to the improvement of the summer youth baseball program. This double-header league is played at 10 am at area fields and is officiated by USSSA umpires. The season will begin on Sunday, September 11.

Returning Sunday Adult Fall Softball teams interested in playing should register their team at the Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation Department, 2310 Second Street, by **Thursday, August 18** at 5:00 pm. New teams interested should register by **Friday, August 19** at 5:00 pm.

The entry fee of $250.00 (made payable to CFABA) and the registration form is needed at time of registration (no roster is due at this time).

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 to the umpire at the game site. Each team plays a 10 game schedule ($100 per team for umpire fees). CFABA will cover the cost of the umpires for the tournament.

To see a complete list of policies and procedures please download a copy from our website www.cityofcf.com/adultsports.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call me at 330-971-8427. We look forward to your participation in the 2016 Fall Sunday Softball Season!

Sincerely,

Chrystan Richardson
Recreation Program Supervisor

Enclosure: Registration form
2 USSSA Rosters

Phone: 330-971-8225 Fax: 330-971-8354
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☐ **Returning Team**

☐ **New Team**

Registration is taken at the Parks and Recreation Department located in the City Building. Entry fee checks must be negotiable upon receipt and made out to the "CFABA" for $250. Returning team deadline Thursday, August 18 by 5 pm and new team deadline Friday, August 19 by 5 pm.

2016 Team Name: _____

Team Representative #1: _____

_____
Address City Zip

PHONE: Primary _____ Secondary _____

E-Mail: _____

Team Representative #2: _____

_____
Address City Zip

PHONE: Primary _____ Secondary _____

The registration fee of $250.00 (payable to CFABA) is enclosed in:

Check ☐ Cash ☐ Money order ☐ **No credit cards accepted for this league*

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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** ☐ **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:

1. The risk of injury from the activies 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,
2. 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,
3. 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,
4. 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.
5. 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*
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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:
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15.		I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE	DATE:
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D. 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.

E. Any exceptions to the above must be approved by the respective Vice-President and the appropriate Executive Vice-President.

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

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Cuyahoga Falls Sunday Men's Fall Softball League
Policies and Procedures

The Cuyahoga Falls Sunday Morning Doubleheader Fall Softball League in cooperation with the Cuyahoga Falls Youth Baseball Association welcomes your team to the 2016 Fall Softball Season. Proceeds from the league will go to the improvement of the summer Youth Baseball Program in the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

USSSA SANCTIONS AND INSURANCE

It is mandatory that all teams be USSSA re-sanctioned prior to participating in this program. The City of Cuyahoga Falls and the League Director do NOT carry insurance on participants or spectators. If insurance is desired by anyone it is the responsibility of the team or individual to secure the same. By the same token, lost or stolen property or equipment of those involved is NOT insured.

EQUIPMENT

Uniforms are requested but not mandatory, players should dress in accordance to weather conditions. ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR SHOES; STEEL SPIKES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN IN THIS LEAGUE. Fields will be dragged on Friday weather permitting. The League supplies bases, balls, and umpires.

All games will start promptly at 10:00 am. There is NO grace period. The Umpire's timepiece will serve as the official time. ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF (eight) 8 players to start or finish any game. Anything less than the minimum will result in forfeiture of that game. If you do not have eight players by 15 minutes after the scheduled start of your first game, you will forfeit the second game.

RAIN-OUT POLICY

The League Director will notify the manager as soon as it has been determined that the fields are unplayable. Fall Softball is often played in marginal weather conditions. If you have not been called, instruct your players to show up at the game site. Weather conditions vary greatly in different areas.

GROUND RULES

1. The winner of a flip of a coin has his choice of being the home team in either the first or second game of the doubleheader.

2. Both teams keep score, the home team will be designated as the official scorer for that game. In case of a dispute the official book will prevail. At the conclusion of the game make sure the umpire has recorded the correct score on the blue card and both managers need to sign the card. Next week's standings are made up from the information on the cards.

SUSPENSIONS

1. No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted at any game site, subject to provisions of Cuyahoga Falls City ordinances.

2. Any player, coach, or manager that physically attacks an umpire, league official, or another player will be suspended immediately for one (1) year minimum from the date of the incident and then must apply for reinstatement. NO EXCEPTIONS!

SUSPENSIONS (continued)

3. Thrown bats -- any player ejected for throwing a bat will be suspended for the next two (2) played games including playoffs.

4. Managers, you have the responsibility for the conduct of your players. If you can't control them, then the umpires will take the necessary steps to remove them from the game.

5. Any player, manager, or coach that gets ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from participating in the next played game including playoffs. The second offense will result in that player being suspended from the next (2) two played games including playoffs. While under a suspension the person is not permitted at any of the playing sites.

6. Good sportsmanship will be displayed at all times. If you or your team cannot follow this simple request, then find another league to play in to vent your frustrations.

PROTESTS

Official protests must be filed with the League Director in writing along with a $25.00 cash protest fee within 48 hours of the game being protested. Protests can only be made on rule interpretations, not on umpire judgment calls. If a protest is lodged it must be made known prior to the next pitch to the umpire and opposing manager.

PLAYING RULES

1. All batters will start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count. **THERE IS NO LONGER ONE EXTRA FOUL BALL TO WASTE. ONCE THE BATTER HAS 2 STRIKES THE BALL MUST BE FAIR.**
2. USSSA rules apply unless superceded by local rules.
3. Ten (10) run rule in effect for all regular season games.
4. Third strike rule in effect.
5. Courtesy runners are NOT permitted. USSSA re-entry rule in effect.
6. Warm-up pitches: 3 to start the game and 2 between innings.
7. All players participate at their own risk.
8. The batter and the base runners do NOT have to circle the bases on an over the fence home run.
9. **Each team will be permitted to hit a total of four over the fence home runs in each game. Additional home runs hit over the fence will result in an out and runners may not advance.**
10. Sliding is allowed at all bases.
11. No time limit.

ROSTERS

Open roster policy in effect again this year. Players' releases do not exist in this league. Once a player plays for a team he CANNOT play for another team in the Cuyahoga Falls League this year. Any player found to have played for more than one team will be suspended from further participation this season. The second team he played with will forfeit all games involving this player. This rule applies to this league only. For a player to be eligible for the playoffs, he must have played in a least four (4) regular season games. Managers, your honesty, sportsmanship and cooperation are appreciated in this area.

PLAYOFFS
All teams with a .500 record or better make the playoffs. Division Champions will be seeded in the playoff bracket. All other teams will draw for position. This drawing will be held immediately after the last game on the last day of the regular season.

ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY
Results will be published weekly and a standings sheet will be handed out each week. Any decisions or rulings will be made with the interests of the league in mind and will not be made so as to favor any team or individual.

BAT RULE
We follow the USSSA list of approved bats. If you have a question about a bat, please check with the umpire. Please visit their website for an updated list of approved bats at www.usssa.com.

If a player is found to have used or to be using an illegal bat, he/she will be called out, their name noted and any future violations may result in suspension.

If a player is caught using an altered bat he/she will be suspended for the rest of the season and the following season.

ALL BATS MUST NOW HAVE THE FOLLOWING USSSA STAMP