

**2018 Sunday Morning Men's Double Header Fall Softball League**

**Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation Office**

**2310 Second Street**

**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221**

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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 16 by 5 pm and new team deadline Friday, August 17 by 5 pm.

2018 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 as:

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

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 leagues play a total of 10 games (\$100 per team for umpire costs). All registration fees have been adjusted to accommodate this payment change. **UMPIRE FEES CANNOT BE INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION FEE.**

**Comments:**

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

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The Cuyahoga Falls Sunday Morning Doubleheader Fall Softball League in cooperation with the Cuyahoga Falls Youth Baseball Association welcomes your team to the 2018 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 a.m. 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 (cont.)

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, 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. [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.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**

