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ADULT SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

The Milford Recreation Department announces that it will begin taking team registration for its 2017 ASA Adult Softball Leagues on **February 1, 2017** via www.milfordrecreation.com and in person at the Milford Recreation Department. Only submission of all registration fees shall reserve a spot.

Registration is on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS to Milford teams and will conclude on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 or when league limits are met. Registration is for Milford Resident or Milford-based Industrial teams only. NOTE: A Tournament Division team must have a minimum of 10 Milford Residents to register during this period. Registration for non-resident Tournament teams will begin on Monday, February 13, 2017.

Eligibility

These leagues are open to teams comprised of Milford Residents or Real Estate Taxpayers only, All participants must have proof of eligibility on their person at all times. Eligibility spot checks will be done.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Industrial Teams – All members of the team must work full time in Milford for the Milford Based Company (e.g. ADP, Subway, Fire Dept) for which they work. The company’s personnel official must submit a Notarized Employer Statement to verify employment. Industrial Teams cannot be combined with non-employee Milford residents.
- B. Grandfather Clause – Former primary residents who grew up and lived in Milford and went through grammar school and high school while living in Milford OR who as an adult lived in Milford for a minimum of 10 years before moving out of town. (Maximum of 6 players per team, who must submit a former resident affidavit form)
- C. Men’s Senior’s – Teams and/or individuals may be residents and/or non-residents, in order to provide a league.
- D. Men’s / Women’s Open Tournament - Teams and/or individuals may be residents and/or non-residents, in order to provide a league. See special note above.
- E. Men’s/ Women’s Over-35 Master’s - Teams must be resident based, up to four non-residents permitted per team.

Fees

All teams are responsible for the following league fees at the time of registration and associated costs as required during the season. The entry fee and CT ASA fee are due at registration and will secure your spot in the league.

- **Entry Fee & CT ASA Fee** **\$240.00** **per team – payable to City of Milford (2 separate checks \$200/\$40)**
- Grandfather Fee (if applicable) \$50.00 per player (max 6) – payable to Milford Recreation Dept

Cash day of Game:

- Umpire Fee (2 man) \$35.00 per team / per game – payable in cash at game time
- Umpire Fee (1 man) \$54.00/ \$27.00 per team / per game - payable in cash at game time

Equipment:

- Bases Each team must have a set of thrown down bases **including a safety first base (Seniors Only: Strike Zone Mat)**
- Balls Each team must supply one new ball per game (see specifics)
- Bats Each team must provide their own bats (Exception: Open Tournament Leagues)

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The following leagues will be offered this season:

Men's Open Division

- **Men's Tournament League (Thursdays)** – Open to residents and non residents. This is a competitive league, intended for those teams wishing to compete in the CASA Class "D" or "E" State Tournaments. All teams will be registered "D" unless the League Director is notified otherwise. **7 Team Limit**. Begins early April.
- **Men's Recreation League (Monday or Wednesday)** – **Residents Only**. This wood bat recreation-oriented league is intended for those teams wishing to compete in the CASA Wooden Bat CASA State Tournament. *Teams must specify Monday or Wednesday night when registering – night requests are on a first come first serve basis; previous year's participation does **not** guarantee spot in same league.* **28 Team Limit (14 per League)**. Begins early April.

Men's Industrial Division

- **Men's Industrial League (Thursday)** – Full time benefitted employees of the same company. This wood bat recreation-oriented league, intended for those teams with no intentions to participate in any CASA State Tournaments. **8 Team Limit**. Begins late April.

Men's Masters Division

- **Men's Masters Over -35 League (Night TBA)** – Residents and up to four rostered non-residents per team. Wood bat league following the same rules at the Men's Recreation Division. **12 Team Limit per league**. Begins in June.

Men's Seniors Division

- **Men's Senior's Over-50 League (Tuesday and/or Thursday)** – Open to residents and non residents. If the number of teams permits, this league will be comprised of an "A" & "B". **9 Team Limit**. Begins in May.
- **Men's Senior's Over-60 League (Tuesday and/or Thursday)** – Open to residents and non residents. **9 Team Limit**. Begins in May.

Women's Division

- **Women's Tournament (Tuesday)**- Open to residents and non residents. This league is designed to replace the former competitive tournament league. **Team Limit TBA**. Begins late April.
- **Women's Recreation League (Tuesday)** – Residents Only. This is a recreation-oriented league, intended for those teams with no interest in participating in any CASA State Tournaments. **11 Team Limit** Begins late April.

NEW 2017: Milford residents may now participate in on one team in both the Tournament League and the Recreation League.

COED Division

- **COED Tournament League (Friday)** – Residents, Non Residents or Industrial teams only. This is a competitive league, intended for those teams that wish to participate in the CASA State Tournaments. **5 Team Limit** Begins late April.

- COED Recreation League (Friday) – Residents or Industrial teams only. This is a recreation-oriented league, intended for those teams with no interest in participating in any CASA State Tournaments. **9 Team Limit** Begins late April.

SPECIAL NOTES – PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY

- *The Recreation Department makes NO GUARANTEE that any league/team will be scheduled to play on any one particular night. Teams must be prepared to play on any night of the week.*
- Milford Residents **MAY** play in the Tournament League and the Recreation League however players may not participate on two Recreation or two tournament League teams.
- Due to the limited number of playable fields, the Recreation Department reserves the right to limit the number of teams, to delay the start of leagues, to schedule games on Saturdays and/or Sundays, and to make any other decision it feels to be in the best interest of the league, the Recreation Department, and the City of Milford.
- In cases where teams must qualify for a Sectional or State Tournament, teams may be required to participate in a local tournament to qualify. This may include playing multiple games on the same day (more than likely a weekend).
- Due to the anticipated limited playing fields, ALL GAMES ARE TO BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED. NO CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED. Please roster enough players.
- Games that are rained out will be re-scheduled as time and space permits, which may be as early as the following day, added to the end of the regular season, or not played at all.
- These leagues are open to teams comprised of Milford Residents or Real Estate Taxpayers Only.
EXCEPTIONS:
 - A. Industrial Teams – All members of the team must work full time in Milford for the Milford based company (ex: ADP Subway, Fire Dept), which they play for.
 - B. Grandfather Clause – Former primary residents who grew up and lived in Milford and went through grammar school and high school while living in Milford OR who as an adult lived in Milford for a minimum of 10 years before moving out of town.
 - C. Men’s & Women’s Masters – Resident league allow up to four non-residents.
 - D. Men’s Open, Women’s Open, COED Tournament, Men’s Senior’s - Teams and/or individuals may be residents and/or non-residents, in order to provide a league.
- Upon request, any Recreation Department Official or his designee may seek proof of residency (photo identification) or a “grand-fathered” players former resident affidavit form. This request may come at any time, including game time. Failure to produce proper proof will deem that player ineligible until the proper paperwork is filed.
- All players / team must complete an “Official Softball Player, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement” prior to participating in the league.
- Any player / team that was suspended, ejected, or expelled from last season’s league will begin this season on probation. Any disciplinary problems of any nature that occur before, during, or after a game will result in severe

disciplinary measures including suspension and / or expulsion from the league, as well as other recreation programs.

- The Milford Recreation Department reserves the right to make any decisions it feels to be in the best interest of the league, the Recreation Department, and / or the city of Milford.

BATS – see specific leagues for requirements

Men's, Women's & COED Tournament

Milford Recreation will provide ASA approved Bats at Washington Field, Foote Field or Platt Field for players / teams to use. THESE BATS WILL BE THE ONLY BATS ALLOWED IN THESE DIVISIONS OF PLAY.

Women's Recreation, Women's Master's, Men's Senior

In 2017 these divisions of play will continue to use Bats that are deemed legal by the ASA in 2017 and meet the proper specifications.

1. Must bear **either** the ASA approved 2000 certification mark, **ASA 2004 certification mark, or ASA 2017 certification mark** as shown below, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved list, **or must be included** on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National Office; **or must**, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect.



2. *Bats that have the 2000 certification mark will not be allowed in ASA Championship Play unless they are listed on an approved bat list on the ASA website.*

So-called "Senior bats" recently approved for use in ASA Championship Play are NOT legal in any division of play, including Seniors. The 2017 bat standards for Senior's remains unchanged in Milford.

Men's Recreation, Men's Masters, Men's Industrial Recreation

In 2017 these divisions will use WOODEN Bats as outlined below.

- **All wooden** bats will continue to be approved for ASA Championship Play regardless of whether they bear an ASA approved certification mark or are included on a list of approved bats published by the ASA National Office.
 1. Shall not be more than 34 inches in length, nor exceed 38.0 oz in weight.
 2. Shall not be more than 2.250 inches in diameter at its' largest part.
 3. Shall be engraved or painted "Softball" or "Official Softball."

Co-Ed Recreation

In 2017 this divisions shall use bats as outlined below.

- Male batters shall use WOODEN Bats (as outlined above)
- Female batters shall use Bats that are deemed legal by the ASA (as outlined above)

Please visit the official ASA website for specific bat information.

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-asa/certified-asa-equipment>

SPECIAL NOTES

- During the course of the 2017 season any bats whose status (legal or illegal) has been changed by the ASA will therefore be changed in Milford.
- During the course of the 2017 season the Milford Recreation Department reserves the right to ban any and all bats if it feels it is in the best interest of the league, the Recreation Department, and the City of Milford. This decision would be based upon the input of umpires, players, and Recreation Department officials.
- The ASA web site (www.softball.org) contains a list of certified equipment and updated press releases, which will be utilized to determine the status of all bats.

BALLS - see specific leagues for requirements

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SOFTBALLS:

1. Please do not purchase balls until it is confirmed that there are enough teams to run that division, specifically the COED Tournament Division and Master's Leagues.
2. PLEASE ONLY PURCHASE ENOUGH BALLS FOR THE 2017 SEASON AS A BALL CHANGE FOR THE 2018 SEASON IS ANTICIPATED.

Men's Tournament, Men's Recreation, Men's Industrial Recreation

- 12" .52 cor 300 compression Optic Yellow Green Stamp

Men's Senior

- 12" .44 cor 375 compression Optic Yellow Black Ink & Stamp

Women's Tournament

- 11" .44 cor 375 compression Optic Yellow Black Ink & Stamp

Women's Recreation

- 12" .52 cor. 300 compression Optic Yellow Green Stamp

COED Tournament

- Male 12" .52 cor 300 compression Optic Yellow Green Stamp
- Female 11" .44 cor 375 compression Optic Yellow Black Ink & Stamp

COED Recreation

- Male & Female 12" .52 cor 300 compression Optic Yellow Green Stamp

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