

NEW IBERIA RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2016 FALL SOFTBALL

1. All softball leagues shall be under the supervision of the New Iberia Recreation Department. NIRD reserves the right to make any adjustments that will benefit the league(s) as a whole. The decision of the Department will be final.
2. Official USSSA Softball rules for the 2016 season shall govern all league play, (including home run rules) except as amended and stated by local rule changes. Masters and Co-ed leagues are allowed 3 home runs per game. Every batted home run ball hit after the allotted home runs will be an out. The same rule applies to the FUN LEAGUE however only one (1) home run will be allowed. **We will be registering for mens, co-ed, industrial Softball leagues.**
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 - a. A maximum of twenty (20) players are allowed on a league roster. NIRD suggest that you carry at least 20 to avoid forfeits. A player must be a least seventeen (17) years old before playing in any league. Once a player signs a player roster form with a team and that team roster is turned into the Recreation Department, that player may not switch teams without permission from NIRD officials.
 - b. THERE WILL BE **NO** ADDITIONS TO TEAM ROSTERS AFTER THE NIGHT OF THE THIRD PLAYED GAME EXCEPT IN CASE OF INJURY TO PLAYER SUPPORTED BY A DOCTORS EXCUSE OR PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. In case of adding player to roster due to injury, injured players name will be dropped for the remainder of season. The player dropped from the roster will not be able to play with any other team after that point. (This rule **will be enforced.**) THE INJURED PLAYERS DOCTORS EXCUSE MUST BE GIVEN TO AND APPROVED BY NIRD BEFORE PLAYING.
 - c.. All industrial teams are excluded from Rule 3b as they are allowed to pick up all season long due to extenuating circumstances such as shift work, etc. as long as they are on the payroll of that particular company. Player must receive check from that company to qualify. Roster limits are unlimited for Industrial teams. **IF A PLAYER IS FOUND PLAYING WITH AN INDUSTRIAL TEAM WITHOUT BEING PAID DIRECTLY BY THAT COMPANY, ALL GAMES WHICH SAID PLAYER PARTICIPATED IN may BE FORFEITED.** TEAMS MAY HAVE 3 PLAYERS THAT DO NOT WORK FOR THE COMPANY. IN THE EVENT OF A PROTEST THE INDUSTRIAL TEAM IN QUESTION MUST PRODUCE A PAYROLL SHEET OR CANCELLED CHECKS FOR PLAYER IN QUESTION.
 - d. **You may now play on more than one team in any bracket but not on the same night,** for example if we have 2 leagues playing on the same night you can only play on one team that night.

4. a. The Recreation Department will schedule all regular season games, and all make-up games. **Make-up games could occur on any week night.** Team managers will get schedules by e-mail. Managers are also responsible for informing their team of any new rules, changes and/or up dates. **THERE WILL BE A ONE HOUR TIME LIMIT ON ALL GAMES.** Tie games will be completed and the fifteen and the ten run rule will be in effect for all games. A team must be ready with at least nine (9) players at the scheduled game time, and must have nine (9) or more players to continue a game. Under no circumstances will a team be allowed to play with less than nine (9) players. Co-ed team must have at least four (4) female on the field at all times (ex. 4-women/5-males, 4-women/6males, etc...). You may now bat **12** players, which means an extra hitter. If you start with 12 you may finish with 9. Teams with less than (9) players will forfeit by the score of 7-0. If at the end of regulation play the score is tied, play will become one (1) pitch from the top of the inning after time runs out or at the end of the 7th inning.
- b. A ten(10) minute grace period will be allowed to start a game only with the consent of the opposing team and it also be understood should permission be granted by NIRD & the opposing team that the game will be played according to remaining time after grace period commences.

Example: 5 minutes into grace period - 55 minute game
8 minutes into grace period - 52 minute game

After allotted 10 minutes grace and permission if a team still does not have nine (9) players, the NIRD umpire will declare forfeit.

5. a. **Team managers must turn in a lineup card to the official scorekeeper no less than ten (10) minutes before scheduled game time. At scheduled game time any team whose lineup was not given to the scorekeeper in time to be entered into the scorebook, team may forfeit the game.**
- b. The forfeit rule is as follows:
2nd forfeit: The team is banned from league for the remainder of the season.
Exception: Industrial League. There will be no refund
6. **Any player ejected from a game for any reason will be suspended for an indefinite period to be decided upon by the Recreation Department and the game umpire. A second such offense by the same player may result in suspension of not less than one(1) year. Before being reinstated that player must appear before the New Iberia Recreation Superintendent. ANY PLAYER EJECTED FROM A GAME MUST LEAVE HERBY POURCIAU SOFTBALL COMPLEX AT ONCE OR THE GAME WILL BE FORFEITED. A PLAYER EJECTED FOR A SECOND OFFENSE AS STATED ABOVE IS SUSPENDED**

FROM ALL RECREATION DEPARTMENT LEAGUES, FUNCTIONS, AND FACILITIES FOR A PERIOD TO BE DECIDED BY NIRD OFFICIALS ACCORDING TO NATURE OF EJECTION.

7. Home team will be determined by instruction set on league schedules. First base dugout will be designated home team. In the event of a 3rd round schedule, a coin flip will be inserted for the 3rd round.
8. A 72 hour time limit is allowed for a protest. All protest must be filed in writing along with a \$25.00 protest fee. If the protest is ruled in favor of the team protesting, the fee is returned. **NO PROTEST WILL BE ACCEPTED ON JUDGEMENT CALLS. All PROTESTS MUST be filed with the Recreation Department League supervisor. The Protest Committee will rule on all protest (Chief Umpire, Game Umpire and League Supervisor).**
9. * **Any undue continuous baiting of any Department Official is unsportsmanlike conduct and will result in an ejection from the game and suspension of not less than three (3) played games. Any person or player touching or cursing a department official may result in a suspension of not less than one (1) year and up to lifetime ban and may be subject to prosecution. TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR FANS. ANY FAN SO EJECTED WHO REFUSES TO LEAVE THE PARK WILL FACE LEGAL PROSECUTION and the team may face a forfeit.**
10. Only a player approved by NIRD officials prior to the start of the season will be allowed a courtesy runner. Such as physical handicaps: knee injuries not included. This does not include master league Because courtesy runners from that league will follow USSSA rules.
11. No cut off jeans and shirts will be allowed. All team members must play in like jerseys(similar color and style). Each jersey shall be numbered on back with number from 0 to 99. **NO** two (2) players may participate with the same number. All numbers must be at least 6" high. Players will be given until the 2nd played game to be in uniform. Should a team have a player without a uniform shirt after the allotted grace period then it will be up to the league supervisor to approve that before game time. Hats are not required but should you wear one it is to be worn properly and not backwards. Baseball type hats only. The New Iberia Recreation Department would like everyone in uniform but remember this is recreation. **BE ADVISED THERE IS NO LONGER ANY EXCUSE FOR A TEAM TO NOT HAVE THEIR SHIRTS BEFORE YOUR 3RD PLAYED GAME. ANY PLAYER NOT HAVING THEIR UNIFORM SHIRT MAY NOT PLAY. NO EXCEPTIONS ! IF YOUR TEAM DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH PLAYERS WITH A UNIFORM SHIRT TO FIELD A TEAM THE GAME MAY BE DECLARED A FORFIET.**

12. NO STEEL CLEATS WILL BE ALLOWED IN LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT PLAY AT HERBY POURCIAU SOFTBALL COMPLEX, IN CITY PARK OR WEST END PARK. NO DO-NUTS, FANS, LEAD PIPES WILL BE ALLOWED AT ANY PARK. SHOULD YOU PLAY WITH STEEL CLETES YOU WILL BE SUSPENDED AS THE CLEATS DESTROY THE ARTIFICIAL TURF AT THE BATTERS BOX
13. The Dudley STADIUM OR 40 CORE CLASSIC M will be the only ball you can use at bank avenue for league play and pre-season tournament. It must have the NIRD INITIALS on it. Each team will receive a dozen balls with your entry fee.. You may purchase more balls for \$6.00 a ball or \$60.00 a dozen at NIRD office or bank concession stand. This will eliminate all controversy over ball situations..
14. * **NO DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY TYPE WILL BE ALLOWED BY A PLAYER DURING THEIR GAME ON ANY PARK PROPERTY. ANYONE CAUGHT DRINKING ON PARK PROPERTY DURING THEIR GAME MAY BE AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED WHETHER THEY ARE IN THE STARTING LINE-UP OR NOT. A SUSPENSION OF NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) LEAGUE GAMES WILL BE ASSESSED.**
15. **No one will be allowed out of the dugout when you are on offense except batter, on deck batter, Coaches (1st and 3rd) and any runners that may be on base. The umpire will give you 1 warning On the 2nd warning you may be ejected from the game. This is for safety reasons.**

LEAGUE FEE IS **\$365.00** .. Team rosters and league fee must be turned in to the NIRD office no later than 4PM on Monday Sept 8th 2016.

The league will start the week of September 12th 2016.

Please make checks payable to NIRD. **Only limited number of teams will be taken**

For the league 15 award shirts will be given to first and second place teams in each division with 6 or More teams. Additional shirts may be purchased at our costs. Every team must give a primary e-mail address and also secondary address when you pay your entry fee. No exceptions please print the e-mail Address so I can read it. I will ask you to e-mail me after you paid your entry fee. I will e-mail your Schedule after they are ready. **Balls will be handed out at your first game.**

Have a great season.....

Rules are subject to change to better the league

OFFICIAL NEW IBERIA PARKS & RECREATION RELEASE FORM AND ROSTER

BY SIGNING THIS OFFICIAL ROSTER, EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS READ AND AGREED TO THE TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM. THE SIGNEE ALSO BECOMES A LEGITIMATE MEMBER OF THIS TEAM.

_____ AWARD _____
 TEAM NAME LEAGUE SPORT SHIRT COLOR/SCREEN

_____ / _____ / _____
 TEAM MANAGER ADDRESS HM PHONE ☺ WK PHONE ☺ FAX

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PROGRAM / ACTIVITY REGISTRATION / WAIVER

Program/Activity Name _____

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (H) _____ (W) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ CELL # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I RELEASE, ABSOLVE AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY The City of New Iberia and its Parks and Recreation Department, their staff, sponsors and representatives from and against any and all liability, and from and against any claims, demands, costs or expenses, or causes of action arising out of or in connection with the above program/activity for which I have registered myself or my child.

I expressly acknowledge that I am aware that the above program/activity, even under the safest of condition possible, may involve risk to me. Nevertheless, I expressly assume all risk or hazard related or coincidental to, arising out of or connected to, the above program/activity, including risk of loss or damage to property and/or personal injury or death, however caused. If I have any questions or concerns, or I feel I do not have adequate information about risks or hazard of the above program/activity, I realize that I should not sign this Waiver and Release before satisfying myself completely about such question or concern.

I represent to the City of New Iberia, and Parks and Recreation Department, knowing that it will rely on my representation, that I have the experience, training, and knowledge appropriate to participate in the above program/activity without supervision or special precautions. I also represent that I do not have any special needs or require special accommodation necessary for me to participate safely in the above program/activity. If I do, however, have special needs or require special accommodation, then I have disclosed them to the appropriate staff person of the City of New Iberia Parks & Recreation Department. I realize and agree that the City of New Iberia Parks & Recreation Department may decline to allow me to register for the above program/activity due to such special needs or required special accommodation.

I further represent that I am physically fit to participate in the above program/activity and have not otherwise been informed or cautioned to restrict my physical activities by a physician. I am of legal age and competent to sign this Waiver and Release. **I REALIZE THAT I AM GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS AGAINST THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA AND ITS PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT BY SIGNING THIS. I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE FULLY AND UNDERSTAND ALL ITS PROVISIONS.**

I give my permission and grant to the City of New Iberia and its Parks & Recreation Department the right to make pictures and sound recordings of me or my child and the right to use such pictures and sound recordings, including the right to identify my child's name, likeness, voice and words, in television, film, newspaper, magazine, internet, and other media of any form, for the purpose of advertising and communicating the objectives of programs and activities offered by the City of New Iberia's Parks and Recreation Department and for the purpose of applying for funds to support those purposes and activities.

Participant signature (or guardian if under 18)

Date