



# **ROHNERT PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT ADULT SOFTBALL SUMMER 2016**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND REGISTER EARLY**

## **REGISTRATION**

**OPEN REGISTRATION  
APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> THROUGH APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>**

**THE REGISTRATION DESK IS OPEN FROM  
8:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M. at the SPORTS & FITNESS CENTER  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
ROSTERS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED DURING THOSE HOURS**

**\*No rosters or payments will be accepted unless all paperwork is completed properly.**

## **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

**STEP #1** Have all players fill out and sign the roster form. Players must provide all requested roster information, read the liability disclaimer on the back of the roster and sign the roster. Teams falsifying rosters will be dropped from the league.

**STEP #2** Fill out the information at the top and bottom of the roster. Select the league and division you wish to play in. Nights of play are listed under the “Proposed Leagues” section of this brochure.

**STEP #3** Payment can be made by check, money order, Visa or MasterCard (no cash please). Make checks payable to the City of Rohnert Park. Fees are listed below, be sure you pay the correct league fee.

**STEP #4** Bring completed roster and payment to the Callinan Sports Fitness Center, 5405 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. Rosters must contain at least the minimum number of players to be accepted (10 for Men’s league, 5 men and 5 women for Coed leagues) All payments will be processed at the close of registration. If a team is not accepted into the league, a refund will be issued by mail within 10 working days after the date of notification. During open registration teams will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Returning team managers will be notified of a returning team priority registration window in mid-March, no other priority will be given. If a league is full a waiting list will be formed.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Rohnert Park Community Services Department softball leagues are organized to provide an enjoyable recreational experience in a competitive, but friendly environment. Leagues are offered in Men’s Slowpitch and Coed Slowpitch with recreational and competitive divisions. All games will be umpired by one official from the Northern Coast Officials Association.

## **MANDATORY MANAGERS' MEETING**

This meeting will be held at the Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Teams not in attendance may be dropped from the league.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

All players must be at least 18 years old as of June 1, 2016 and out of high school. Players currently playing college baseball and softball are not eligible to participate in any league. Players may participate in other slow pitch leagues with the same league classification as the local league. Players may not play on more than one team within the same league. Players dropped from one roster cannot join the roster of another team without the written approval of both managers.

## **ROSTER CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Submitted rosters are considered final after the managers meeting. Players may be added and/or deleted however through the fourth game of the season. To make a roster change the manager must fill out a roster change form available at the Sports & Fitness Center. A \$5 fee will be charged for all player additions made with a maximum of 5 roster additions per season (unlimited deletions). To be eligible for the playoffs, all players must participate in at least four of their team's games during the regular season. Added players are eligible to play one calendar day after being added to the roster (no same day additions). No refunds will be given to players who are unable to play. All additions must have the manager's and added player's signatures. Deletions only need the manager's signature. Note: Teams whose rosters drop below the minimum number of players may add back to the minimum at any time during the season with the league coordinator's approval.

## **FREE AGENTS**

The Community Services Department maintains a list of "free agents" who are individuals that do not have a team but would like to participate in our softball leagues. It is our hope to have as many people participating as possible and we encourage any team with an available roster spot that would like to take on an extra player to contact us for more information.

## **EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS/BATS/CLEATS**

All teams will be required to have matching shirts with numbers on the back. Players without a matching shirt will not be allowed to play. The decision on what is "matching" will be made by the umpires. This will be considered a judgment call and cannot be protested. Metal cleats are not allowed in slow pitch softball. Only bats that bear an ASA approved Certification Mark or bats that bear a sticker stating that the bat has been grandfathered in through December 31, 2012 and that are listed on our approved bat list are allowed. Managers will receive a list of unapproved bats with the ASA certification mark at the manager's meeting. Titanium bats will not be allowed.

## **ASA REGISTRATION**

All teams competing in the Rohnert Park softball leagues are required to register with the Amateur Softball Association (ASA). The fee for registration is \$16.00 and is included in the league fees.

## INSURANCE

Sponsor and team liability insurance is available for additional fees through:

Bollinger ASA Insurance Plans

PO Box 390

Short Hills, NJ 07078-0390

Phone: 1 800 526 1379

Fax: 1 973 921 2876

Web Site: [www.BollingerASA.com](http://www.BollingerASA.com)

All sponsors and teams are strongly urged to consider this additional coverage. Teams wishing additional coverage may purchase it through the Community Services Department at the time of registration. The City of Rohnert Park does not accept any moral or legal obligation to provide medical care for an injured player.

## LEAGUE FEES

Men's League **\$500**

10 games minimum – 1 new ball per game

Coed League **\$530**

10 games minimum – 2 new balls per game (12" and 11")

## PROPOSED LEAGUES SUMMER 2016

All games will be played at Sunrise Park and Magnolia Park (Field 1 and Field 2). All leagues are proposed leagues only and may be combined if there are not enough teams to form a league. League play will start the week of May 23, 2016 Game times are 6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Returning Teams: Teams returning more than half of their roster from last year will be considered returning teams. Depending on standings from last year a returning team that either won a championship or finished in last place may be placed in a different division (same day) to maintain competitive balance.

<b>Leagues</b>	<b>Night of play</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Starts</b>
Men's Competitive	Friday	Magnolia Park	June 3
Men's Recreational	Friday	Magnolia Park	
		Sunrise Park	June 3
Men's Recreational	Thursday	Magnolia Park	May 26
Coed Competitive	Wednesday	Magnolia Park	May 25
Coed Recreational	Wednesday	Magnolia Park	
		Sunrise Park	May 25
Coed Recreational	Monday	Magnolia Park	May 23

## Playoffs

All leagues will include playoffs. The format of the playoffs will be determined by the number of teams registered. Teams will be notified of the format being used for their league at the managers meeting. In some formats not all teams will make the playoffs. If in your playoff format all teams are guaranteed a playoff spot a playoff game (or two if double elimination) may be included in your guaranteed minimum games.

If you have any questions regarding registration please contact Nelle Herman at [nherman@rpcity.org](mailto:nherman@rpcity.org) or Chris Morgan at [cmorgan@rpcity.org](mailto:cmorgan@rpcity.org), 588-3456.