

## **SNELLVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **PARK OFFICE INFORMATION**

Park Hours 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Daily  
Park Office Hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

### **Park Numbers:**

Park Office Phone (770) 985-3535  
Rainout Line (770) 985-3592  
Fax (770) 985-3582

### **Park & Recreation Staff**

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Alana Washington Program Coordinator

### **PARKING**

Please park in designated parking areas. You will be ticketed if you park in an unmarked area or obstruct the flow of traffic thru the park. Please reference the park map below.

## **Softball**

**Tuesday:** Men's Open Equalizer

Spring, Summer, Fall

**Friday:** Co-ed Open Equalizer, Co-ed Equalizer Rec Players Only

Spring season: Regular season + tournament

Summer season: Regular season

Fall season: Regular season

## **Governing Authority**

The governing authority of this league shall be the Snellville Parks and Recreation Department. All complaints, protests, or recommendations must be made in writing and presented to the program supervisor. The Snellville Parks and Recreation Department will make all decisions concerning the activities and operation of all leagues.

## **Eligibility**

### **Player's Ages**

**Softball**– All players must be at least eighteen (18) years of age prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. This applies to all divisions.

- 1) Each team must have a roster posted with the league coordinator prior to your first game of the season. Players not on roster are not eligible to play.
- 2) Teams are allowed up to two pick-up players. If a team has ten players present (5 women present for coed), teams may not pick up extra players. Pick-up players will not be allowed during the tournament. For Co-ed Equalizer- Rec Players Only-tournament players cannot be on the roster or picked up.
- 3) Players can be listed on two roster Men's/Co-ed Only. A player CAN'T be listed on two co-ed or two men's rosters.
- 4) No player can be added to the roster after the second game of the season.
- 5) Any illegal player will be removed from the program, the manager suspended for one game or more, and the game will be recorded as a loss. In addition, any prior game(s) in which the illegal player participated will result in a forfeit.
- 6) Players must provide identification to verify identity if eligibility is questioned. Failure to provide identification will result in suspension of the player from the game and possibly future games.
- 7) Co-ed Equalizer-Rec Players Only means you can have no players on your roster that currently compete in tournaments.

## **PLAYER CONDUCT**

The Snellville Parks Recreation Department Code of Conduct governs all participants and operates under the **Zero Tolerance policy**. Profane language or display or unsporting conduct will not be tolerated in the program. The following additional provisions shall apply.

- 1) Players, coaches, manager and spectators are expected to demonstrate a good sportsmanship attitude and courteous behavior.
- 2) Any player or person causing damage to any S.P.R.D., property (hitting balls into the fences, slinging bats, hitting fences with bats, etc.) will be fined \$40.00. This money is due before the said player is allowed to participate in any other games.
- 3) Persons failing to demonstrate appropriate conduct or behavior will result in an immediate warning or prompt ejection from the game, depending on the severity of the incident.
- 4) If a person is warned regarding their misconduct (including arguing the judgment of balls and strikes), the next offense will result in a prompt ejection from the game.
- 5) Any person ejected from the game must leave the park.
- 6) Any person ejected from a game will also be suspended from their next scheduled game.
- 7) If the offending act is flagrant, involves a fight or if the unsportsmanlike conduct continues after ejection, the person will be suspended from the league.
- 8) Failure of an ejected player to leave park will warrant a forfeiture of the game.
- 9) If a player or manager receives a suspension for the next game on the last game of the season, the suspension will be in effect in the first game scheduled the following season.
- 10) Any player, manager and/or spectator who does or attempts to do bodily harm to an official will be immediately ejected from the game, suspended from the program. The Governing Body will determine the length of time for the banned suspended. It starts with a year.
- 11) First Ejection---- The person will be suspended for the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game and must leave the park immediately.
- 12) Second Ejection----The player or coach will be suspended for the season, and must leave the park immediately following the ejection.

**NOTE:** Any person ejected or suspended from a game must leave the premises, if possible. If person is unable to leave premises, the person must be “out of sight, out of sound.”

## Residency Requirements

Participation is open to all area residents; however, to be eligible to represent the Snellville Parks and Recreation Department in Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) competition, all players must:

- A. Live in Snellville or Gwinnett County on a full-time basis (legal resident).
- B. Work in Snellville or Gwinnett County on a full-time employment status.
- C. Play in the local league for the entire season.

## Player/Official Restriction

Players cannot officiate within the division in which they play.

## Rosters & Fees

- A. **Softball** – No roster limit.
- B. If individual awards for the season and/or tournament are given, only for the individuals that actually plays.
- C. Players may be added prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the season, all rosters will be frozen and teams will not be allowed to add any players. If enough players are lost due to injury so that the team will have to forfeit games, teams will only be allowed to add players to the roster at the discretion of SPRD.
- D. The addition of new players to the roster must occur at the park office and not at the field.
- E. **Players must play in at least 3 regular season games to participate in the tournament.**
- F. Coaches with the intention of playing at any time during the season must include their names on the official roster.
- G. If a player and a team decide to part ways, it is their responsibility to settle any discrepancy in monies and is not the responsibility of Snellville Parks and Recreation Department.
- H. After fees have been collected and the coaches' meeting concludes, **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**
- I. A player can play for only one G.R.P.A., agency in G.R.P.A. Tournament Play.
- J. Any player or team entering G.R.P.A., competition shall be committed to all levels (district & state) of play. Any team that agrees to participate in the G.R.P.A. District Tournament must also participate in the G.R.P.A. State Tournament. If the team does not participate in district or state tournament, then that team will have to pay the entry and forfeit fee to Snellville Parks and Recreation Department. This team will be banned from participation in G.R.P.A.; district/state play for the period of one year.

## Rules and Regulations

### **Softball League Rules**

- A. ASA slow pitch rules govern league play except when superseded by the following rules and regulations. SPRD reserves the right to rule on anything not covered in the ASA rulebook.
- B. The league shall consist of the following divisions: Men's Open- Equalizer (Tuesday night), Coed Open Equalizer and Co-ed Equalizer-Rec Players only(Fri)
  - **Equalizer:** A team cannot at any time be ahead in homeruns by more than one. The first team to hit a homerun over the outfield fence cannot hit another one until the opposing team hits a homerun to tie or one more to go ahead by one home run – any homerun hit in excess is an out. The home team can hit all available homeruns in the seventh inning to tie or go ahead. The equalizer rule still applies if extra innings must be played
- C. Once time has expired and the game is tied, the game will go to one pitch (3-2 count) with a runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> base for one extra inning. One courtesy foul will be given to each player at bat. Playoff games will go to one pitch until there is a winner. The championship game of the tournament will not have a time limit.
- D. SPRD recognizes the manager listed as having sole authority on the team decisions including SPRD league play.
- E. A ten (10) minute grace period is allowed only on the first game of the night (FIRST GAME TIME ONLY). The grace period is considered as part of game time. However if a team has eight (8) players, the game will start immediately or as soon as the eighth 8th player arrives. Grace period time counts as game time. In the event that the final game has not ended at curfew, the game will be stopped and the recreation department will reschedule the game to resume play at the point the game was postponed. The park curfew is 10:30pm.
- F. **A forfeit counts as a score of 7-0.** If a team has two (2) forfeits in one season, that team will be dismissed from the league and placed on probation for one year. (This rule applies to coaches and players) If a team forfeits out of the league, the following season no more than six (6) players from that team can make up a common team. Depending on the circumstances and the severity of a team's infractions, Snellville Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to place both the coach and the team on a one-year suspension or permanently suspend them from all S.R.P.D. programs.
- G. There should only be team members and one scorekeeper in the dugout during the games. (This is for your safety). When batting all players should be in dugout except for base coaches and person on deck.
- H. Ten (10) minutes prior to game time or prior to the last inning of the current game, each coach should submit a copy of his/her lineup to the official scorekeeper (or umpire if there isn't an official scorekeeper). All substitutes should be checked in to the scorekeeper before entering the game.
- I. **For Men's League-If a player is removed from a game for any reason and the team has no substitutes, an out will not be charged for the removed persons turn at bat. Once removed, the player cannot re-enter the game (see co-ed rules for this rule). **Exception 1:** If a**

player is removed from a game for unsportsmanlike or rowdy conduct, an out will be charged for the removed persons turn at bat if no legal substitute is available. Remember no team is allowed to play with less than 6 players.

- J. The run rules are as follows:
  - 15 runs after (3) innings
  - 12 runs after (4) innings
  - 10 runs after (5) innings
- K. An official game constitutes seven complete innings or one hour time limit. In the event of rain or light failure, etc., four complete innings shall constitute an official game.  
\*\*Snellville Parks and Recreation Department/Briscoe Park Umpire Association Representative reserves the right to convert a game to a one-pitch game in order to make a game official. If a game is called before four innings, the game will be rescheduled for another day to resume play at the exact point that the game was suspended, if possible or needed.
- L. Any player/spectator found under the influence of alcohol shall be immediately removed from the game and automatically barred from participation in any program sponsored by S.R.P.D., for the period of one year from the date of the violation.
- M. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK. Violators will be subject to prosecution.
- N. NO SMOKING on the field or in dugouts. Disciplinary action will result in probation to suspension. Please smoke in designated areas.
- O. Fighting will cause for immediate suspension from participation in any athletic programs for one calendar year.
- P. If a player so much as touches an umpire/official in anger or threatens to do her/him bodily harm, she/he will be barred from all recreational programs for the period of one calendar year. The said player will have to request (verbal) reinstatement back into the league.
- Q. The schedule as determined prior to the regular season is final. If a team fails to show for a game, the game will be counted as a forfeit. If neither team can field a team, both teams will be assessed a loss.
- R. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her players and spectators. All spectators are subject to the any and all softball/park regulations.
- S. In the event of a tie in the standings, the following criteria will be used to break any tie:
  - 1. Head to head competition
  - 2. Runs allowed.
- T. When a defensive player clearly has the ball and is waiting to tag the runner and the runner deliberately crashes into the defensive player with great force, the runner is called out. The ball is dead and all other runners must go back to the last base touched at the time of the collision. If the umpire deems it necessary, the runner will be ejected. Any offensive player attempting to reach a base must be in contact with the playing surface prior to contact with the defensive player.

## COURTESY RUNNER

### MEN'S:

- 1) Unlimited courtesy runners per inning
- 2) Does NOT have to be the last batted out.
- 3) If the current batter is on base as a courtesy runner, the batter is an automatic out.

## Coed Rules

- A. There will be a 200 foot line in the outfield that the outfielders must remain behind while a female is at bat. The penalty for outfielders being over the line will be that all base runners will advance one base, and the batter will be awarded first base.
- B. A team cannot play with more men than women, but can play with more women than men. If playing with more women than men, a team must field at least 3 men.
- C. Teams must arrange their batting order with at least one woman between each man. Male players cannot bat back-to-back.
  - There must be at least two females playing outfield positions and at least two females slotted for the infield. In addition to this, either the pitcher or catcher must be female.
- D. If a team has players running late, the player can be added. The player must be added to the bottom of the batting lineup. If they come up to bat before they get here then you will take an out until they arrive.
- E. If a female is removed from the game for any reason and the team is left with more men than women and two males batting back to back the following options are available:
  - 1) Replace the outgoing female with a female substitute
  - 2) Remove one male (must be male batting either before or after removed female)
  - 3) Receive one out for the removed female for each scheduled turn at bat.
- F. When a female batter is up, all infielders must start in the infield dirt. Once the pitch crosses the plate, the infielder may move back into grass.

## Courtesy Runner:

- 1) Unlimited courtesy runners per inning
- 2) Must be the same gender as the runner that is being designated.
- 3) Does NOT have to be the last batted out.
- 4) If the current batter is on base as a courtesy runner, that batter is an automatic out.

## **EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS:**

- 1) Like colored jerseys with numbers on the back for each team is recommended but not mandatory.
- 2) Players may not change jerseys after the line-up is turned into the scorekeeper.
- 3) Shoes are mandatory. Metal or detachable cleats are not allowed.
- 4) Pitchers are **REQUIRED** to wear face masks
- 5) **ALL BATS MUST BE APPROVED BY ASA.** A current list of all ASA legal and illegal bats can be found at [asasoftball.com](http://asasoftball.com). Only warning is at the plate meeting and ump's will check the bats prior to game time. If you are caught with an illegal bat during the game then that will be an automatic ejection from the game for that player & an out will be taken at their turn to bat. This ejection does not require that you leave the park.
- 6) Balls must be .52 COR with a compression rating no greater than 300. Each team must provide a new game ball at the beginning of each game.
- 7) Distance between bases –65 feet, Distance to fence – 285 feet, Pitcher's mound – 50-55ft

## **PROTEST AND BURDEN OF PROOF**

### **Protest**

- A. The only grounds for a protest shall be regarding an ineligible player.
- B. The burden of proof for ineligible players rest with the protesting team.
- C. It is at the discretion of the Snellville Parks and Recreation Department, whether or not investigate and collect evidence involving the eligibility of team(s) and individual(s).
- D. The manager/coach is the only authorized person that is allowed to discuss rule interpretations with umpires. The umpire will settle all disagreements on a rule interpretation on the field, as they occur.
- E. Formal protests regarding illegal players must be filed in the following manner:
  1. The coach/manager must notify the umpire that the game is being played under formal protest, before the next pitch.
  2. A written report of the protest must be turned in the end of next business (within 24hours) day, accompanied by a \$25.00 protest fee.
  3. The park representative and umpire representative will act upon the written protest. If the protest is upheld, the \$25.00 fee will be returned. If the protest is not upheld, the \$25.00 fee becomes property of the Snellville Parks and Recreation Department.

## **FIELD SUPERVISOR:**

A Recreation Department staff member will be present at the field during scheduled games. After consulting with umpires the staff has the authority to cancel any game if hazardous or unsafe condition exist. The park staff also has the authority to warn or eject person for demonstrating inappropriate conduct or behavior as outlined in the Snellville Parks Recreation Department Code of Conduct.