



Spring has arrived and now is the time to start planning for Summer! The MRC is again looking for teams that would like to participate in one of its Slow Pitch Softball leagues. Gather your friends and make a team for one of four leagues; Industrial, Church, Open, or Women's! There are some rules to whom you can have play on your team depending on the league you're in. See the rules on the back for league descriptions. The women's league is open to all women wanting to play. All leagues are designed for people to have fun, meet others, and to be active. The MRC invites you all to participate. If you have questions please call (620) 241-0363 or check our website at www.mcphersonrecreationcommission.com.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 17TH, 2009

- GAME LOCATION:** Wall Park
- GAME NIGHTS:** Monday - Church League
Wednesday - Industrial League
Thursday - Women's and Open
- GAME GUARANTEE:** 8 game season plus Double elimination tournament.
Women's League will be a 6 game season plus single elimination tournament
Must be at least 16 years old to play.
- LEAGUE FEES:** \$325 per team for Open, Church and Industrial Leagues
\$250 per team for Women's league
plus \$8 for each non-USD #418 resident
- CAPTAIN'S MEETING:** Thursday, April 30th @ 6:00pm @
MRC/YMCA meeting room, 220 N. Walnut
Each team must have a representative attend
Game schedules and rules are handed out at this meeting

Team fees must accompany completed rosters. Rosters will not be accepted if any part is not complete. Please make arrangements with the Program Director for Fees coming by check from a company, church or organization.



2008 Slow Pitch Rules

Applies to Open, Industrial, Church and Women's Leagues.
Co-ed has its own rules.

All U.S.S.A. rules will be followed except where stated differently in this rules handout.

1. Home team is listed second on the schedule and will keep the official book, provided by the MRC.
2. Each team will hit their own balls (you provide). All balls must have or fall with-in the following criteria.
Men: Ball must be 12" in diameter with blue stitches. **Only balls marked as USSSA; Elite, or Majors are allowed**
Elite Ball: Cor = 43.25 +/- .75 & Comp = 355 lbs. +/- 45 lbs
Majors: Cor = 39.25 +/- .75 & Comp = 260 lbs. +/- 45 lbs
Women: Ball must be 11" in diameter with blue stitches and marked as USSSA; Distance, Elite, or Majors.
MRC has made arrangements with Hibbetts Sports in McPherson to carry the correct ball.
3. **Game Time is Forfeit time.**
4. **Industrial and open** teams must have **9 players to start** a game. The **10th batter** will be an **automatic out**. If a team goes to 8 players the game is over.
Church and Women's teams must have **8 to start** a game. The **9th batter** will be an **automatic out**.
If a team goes to 7 players the game is over.
5. **No Steal Cleats are allowed.** If caught you are not allowed to finish the game!
6. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON THE CITY PROPERTY!** No smoking on the diamonds. Profane language will not be tolerated.
7. **Officials are in charge of the game** and are to be treated with respect. All players and spectators need to demonstrate **good sportsmanship**. Each team is responsible for their own players and spectators. Any player / spectator ejected from the game / facility must leave immediately or the proper authorities will be called to escort them out. **Any player ejected** from a game will be **automatically suspended** from the game and for **at least 14 days**, possibly more. All players or teams will be suspended for one year, for laying a hand on an official. Any players that pursues a fight will be suspended from league for at least one year. If someone commits an act in which the league feels further punishment is needed, the league committee will vote and determine the punishment, up to permanent suspension. League committee is made up of team captains.
8. All games will have a **one hour time limit** with no new innings being started after 55 minutes of play.
9. Any **Roster additions** must be made by the **captain before the game**. All players must be at least 16 years old to play. If your team is adding someone from outside USD 418 school district they must pay their \$8 fee before they are allowed to play. **You will not be able to add players to your roster after Friday, June 19th 2009.**
10. All **men's** leagues will have a **3 home run limit** (USSSA rules: Corporate men's class B and church men's class B).
Women's league will **not** have a home run limit (USSSA rule: Women's class B).
11. **Run Rule** will be **15 after 3 innings** and **10 after 5 innings** for all leagues.
12. **League descriptions:**
 - Church** - All players must play for the church they attend. A player may not play for another church team if their church has a team in the league.
 - Industrial** - Player's or player's spouse must be employed by the business(es) sponsoring the team.
 - Open** - Anyone is eligible to play in this league.
 - Women** - Any female that wishes to play.

Bats approved for USSSA play will be allowed. A bats list is available on ussa.com.

If you wish to receive email notification for weather related scheduling changes please email us at sportsdept@ymca-mrc.com. You can also get quick up to date information on our website @ www.mcphersonrecreationcommission.com or by calling our hotline at **241-1331**. In the event of poor weather we will make game cancellations no later than 4:30 pm and will have that info on the radio, **KBBE 96.7** our website and our hot line 241-1331.