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Fort Thomas Recreation Department 2010 Softball Leagues

The Ft. Thomas Recreation Department will be making a change to the Softball Leagues for the upcoming 2010 season. The change will affect entry fees and payment of umpires for softball games.

This season, the entry fee paid to the department will NOT include softball umpire fees. The entry fee paid will be utilized to cover all other items associated with league management — administration, field preparation and supplies, softballs, USSSA team sanctions, lighting, and other costs.

The Entry Fee for the 2010 season will be \$310 per team.

After discussions with the financial staff of the City of Ft. Thomas as well as other city/county recreational leagues throughout the area, we have made the decision to have the teams in our league pay umpire fees in cash directly to the umpire on the field. Each team will be required to pay a \$12 cash umpire fee on the field before the start of each game.

Additional rules and regulations for the payment of umpires in forfeit situations will be addressed prior to the season. These regulations will include the rule that a forfeiting team will be required to pay the entire \$24 umpire fee for the forfeited game.

We appreciate your cooperation in this change. We will continue to work with our umpires to ensure that our games are officiated to the highest quality possible and that the league continues to run as efficient as it has in the past.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your participation in the 2010 Ft. Thomas Softball League.

David Buerger
Director



2010 Adult Men's Softball Entry Form

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ENTRY FEE

ENTRY FEE: \$ 310 — AFTER the Deadline: \$ 335
Entry Fee does NOT include umpire fees.

TEAM NAME : _____

PREVIOUS NAME: _____

Team Captain/Coach's Name: _____ email: _____

Signature: _____

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that my team understands and abides by the rules of the league.

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day/Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home/Evening Phone: _____

Team Assistant Captain/Coach's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day/Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home/Evening Phone: _____

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11)	20)

Please check one: (New teams label choices from 1st to 4th)

_____ *MONDAY NIGHT — Men's Church League
*Must have a church name and sponsor.

_____ THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE - Men's

_____ WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE - Men's

_____ FRIDAY NIGHT LEAGUE - Men's

SEASON STARTSWeek of April 19th — League will consist of a 12-game season with a single elimination tournament. All rain-out games will be played prior to the start of the tournament.

NOTE: Entry fee is strictly enforced. We cannot guarantee entry position to teams who enter after the deadline.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULES:

Available after all coaches packets have been completed.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Wednesday,
March 24, 2010
by 4:00 PM



SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY FORMS AND MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE DEADLINE DATE BY 4 PM. to the Ft. Thomas Recreation Department located on the 1st floor of the Armory Building. NO Exceptions. You may mail your entry form and fee (All mail must be **received** by **the deadline** to the Ft. Thomas City Building, 950 S. Fort Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, Ky. 41075 Attn: Recreation Department.)

RETURNING TEAMS FROM LAST SEASON'S LEAGUES WHO SUBMIT AN ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER ANY NEW TEAMS. RETURNING TEAMS WHO SUBMIT LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT GUARANTEED A SPOT IN THE LEAGUE. NEW TEAMS ARE ADMITTED ON A FRIST-COME/FIRST-SERVE/SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS ONLY. ANY NEW "RESIDENT" TEAM WILL BE ADMITTED AHEAD OF A "NON-RESIDENT" TEAM. ANY TEAM WHO HAS SUBMITTED PAYMENT AND DOES NOT RECEIVE A SPOT IN THE LEAGUE WILL HAVE THEIR ENTRY FEE RETURNED.

League entry fee: \$ 310.00; after **the deadline** - add \$25.00— Fee does NOT include umpires fees.

Each team will be required to pay \$12.00 per game CASH to the umpire prior to the start of each game. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit. Any team that forfeits a game will be required to pay the full \$24.00 umpire fee to the Recreation Department within 2 business days of the forfeited game.

League will consist of a 12-game season with a single elimination tournament. All rain-out games will be played prior to the start of the tournament.

1st and 2nd place finishers in league and tournament play will receive a team plaque. If multiple teams are tied for a league position, head-to-head records will be used to determine winner. If ties remain, plaques will be awarded to each team involved.

If at any time it is found that the roster turned in by a team is not 100% true, that team will be eliminated from the league and will lose entry fee.

No more than 20 players, including captain/coach, may be on a team roster. Any person playing that is not on a participating team's roster constitutes a forfeit. Protest must be made before game is over. **Exception: Non roster players may be used provided both teams are agreeable. The player(s) will be required to sign a waiver agreement releasing the City of Ft. Thomas and the Umpires Association free of liability resulting from their participating in the game.**

Three players may be added to the roster up until May 31. **ROSTER MAY CHANGE (AT NO COST) UNTIL THE 1ST SCHEDULED GAME.** All changes must be made at the Recreation Department Office. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed per player change after the first game.

Regular season games will begin at 6:00, 7:10, 8:20, and 9:30 p.m. Game times may be adjusted to accommodate the number of teams and tournament play.

Any team that forfeits two games will be eliminated from tournament and lose priority to enter next year's league. Provided that all fees have been paid.

Games must end by **11:00 PM.** Team that is ahead at that time wins regardless of inning. Losing team must have equal number of bats. Infield practice only permitted if time allows. Games must start on time or be forfeited. NO GRACE PERIOD. Games may be played with nine (9) players.

6:00 pm games may start with any number of players. However, after the 2nd inning, the game will be forfeited unless nine players are present.

Good sportsmanship must be shown at all times. Any player expelled from a game is automatically ineligible to participate in next scheduled game. A player expelled for any type of physical violence will be suspended for the season.

Winning team must turn in score to concession supervisor.

League will furnish softballs. Bases will be provided by leagues.

A courtesy runner may be used for an injured player.

League will utilize an 11-run Mercy Rule after the losing team has completed 5 at-bats.

Teams may bat any number of players and are permitted free substituting. USSSA Rules are in effect if the number of batters that started the game is reduced.

If two teams are tied after the regulation 7 innings, one additional inning will be played to break the tie unless time permits more. If game ends in a tie, it will not be made up, unless it could change the winner or runner-up of the league.

All protests must be made before the next pitch and must be in writing to the supervisor within 24 hours accompanied by a \$50.00 check. If the protest is won the check will be returned. If the protest is lost, check will go into league fund.

Any rule not specifically covered in these Fort Thomas Recreation Department League Rules shall be governed under the current year's edition of the USSSA softball Playing Rules.

LEAGUE WILL START PLAY THE WEEK OF **APRIL 19th, 2010.**