



**950 S. Fort Thomas Avenue  
Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075  
859-781-1700**

# Fort Thomas CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2023

**Thursdays**

**Teams will  
play games at  
Tower Park in  
Fort Thomas.**

**8 game  
season with  
tournament.**

**League Starts  
June 1st**

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
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**ENTRY FEE : \$ 215.00 \* — \* Teams are required to pay umpire fees  
of \$15 cash per team per game to the umpire on the field at the start of game.**

***8 Team Max– First come-first serve.***

**ENTRY  
DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY,  
May 26th 2023**



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### GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

8-game season with a consolation bracket tournament following the season. All rain-out games will be played prior to the tournament (unless mutual consent of coaches allows for those games to be skipped over). Head to head records will be used to determine winner in the event of a tie.

Players must be 18 years or age or high school graduate. Four females must be on the field (two in the infield and two in the outfield) and in the batting order. Female players must equal males on the roster. No more than 20 players (10 females/10 males) may be listed on my roster and that if at any time my roster is found to NOT be 100% accurate, my team may be eliminated from the league and will lose the entry fee. Any person playing that is not on a participating team's roster constitutes a forfeit. **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 Recreation Departments and the Umpires Association free of liability resulting from their participating in the game.** Protest must be made at start of game.

Players may be added to a roster prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> without penalty or fees. No changes are permitted to the roster after June 1st

Bases and the first game ball will be provided by the league

There is no GRACE Period – games will start on time. Games may start with teams short on players, however, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, the game shall be forfeited if a team does not provide nine (9) players. \*\*In the event a league has less than 8 teams, game start times may be adjusted. Game times may be adjusted to accommodate the number of teams and tournament play.

A 10-run Mercy Rule will be in effect after the losing team has completed 5 turns at bat. I further understand that a Mercy Rule of 16 runs after 4 completed innings will be instituted. I also understand that the winning team is responsible to report the score to the concession supervisor at the conclusion of the game. Scores not properly reported will result in a LOSS assessed to the winning team.

Teams may bat any number of players and utilize free substitution throughout the game. Must maintain female player requirements. If the number of batters that started the game is reduced, WSL rules will take effect.

The Rain-Out number is 859-572-1208 and that a decision on rain-outs will not be made until one hour prior to the start of the first game. I understand that I, as the Head Coach, NOR any of my players, are to contact the Recreation Department office to obtain this information and should contact the Rain-out line only.

### UMPIRE PAYMENTS

The following rules for payment shall be in effect.....

- Each team shall pay \$15.00 CASH to the umpire.
- Fees are to be paid BEFORE the start of each game. Teams MUST present EXACT amount --- umpires are not expected to make change.

### RAIN-OUTS

- In the event of Rain-Out before the game begins, teams do NOT pay the umpire. If the game begins and the umpire has been paid.....teams will NOT pay another game fee when the game is re-scheduled.....Department will handle this fee. You only pay one fee per game.

### FORFEITS

- The forfeiting team is FULLY RESPONSIBLE for the payment of the FULL \$30.00 umpire fee in the event of a Forfeited Game. Fees from a Forfeited Game are due to the Recreation Office or the Concession Stand within **48 hours after the Forfeited Game.** Examples:

- Team A has 10 players and NO players from Team B are there.....Team B forfeits and must pay the full \$30.00 fee.
- Team A has 10 players and Team B has 5 players.....Team B forfeits and must pay the full \$30.00 fee. Team A has 5 players and Team B has 5 players.....this is a Double Forfeit and each team owes their respective \$15.00 fee.

### CANCELLATIONS

If a team must cancel a game due to personal reasons, the following rules are in effect.....

- Cancellation must be submitted to this office and accepted (by phone or email) within 24 hours of the game time. If this is done, the cancelling team will not be charged an umpire fee.
- If Cancellation is received in less than the 24 hour time period, cancelling team will be responsible for the full \$30.00 umpire fee. In either case.....a Cancelled Game is a Forfeited Game and the team will be credited with a LOSS and the game will not be re-played. (In cases of hardship (ex.-death), the Director reserves the right to make adjustments to this policy).

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Coach Signature

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Date



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### DOUBLE-FIRST BASE RULES

Pursuant to the 2015 WSL Slow-Pitch Softball Rules, the following will be in effect.....

**Sec. 7. THE BASES** other than the home plate shall be 15 inches square and not more than 3 inches high. They shall be made of canvas bags, plastic or other suitable materials filled with soft padding. They shall be WHITE, RED or ORANGE in color. All BASES must be securely fastened at their designated places.

**NOTE:** The safety base shall be 15 inches by 30 inches and not more than 3 inches high. The safety base should be positioned such that the white portion is located where first base would normally be (in fair territory) and the colored portion (red or orange) should be in foul territory. Any batted ball hitting the white portion should be fair and any ball hitting the red or orange portion should be foul. On the initial throw to first base from the infield or outfield, the batter-runner **MUST TOUCH** the red or orange portion of the base but not the white. If legally appealed by the defense, the runner will be called out. The defensive player **MUST** always touch the white portion. This rule is in effect only on the initial play at first base.

This does not include:

1. Returning to the base after over running,
2. Running on a base hit to the outfield (runner may touch the red or white part) or
3. Re-tag to advance on a fly ball.

**EFFECT:** If the base runner uses the orange portion at any time after the first attempt at first base and is not in contact with the white portion, then he is considered off the base.

### TOURNAMENT BRACKETING AND TIMES

Teams will be entered into a consolation bracket tournament. Example below.

Any team who forfeits two (2) games will be eliminated from the tournament and will lose priority for registration for next season.

Tournament Games will start ON-TIME.....NO GRACE PERIOD PERMITTED.

Tournament Schedules and Brackets will be posted AFTER the completion of all Regular Season games.....in the event that a final game may change seedings.

Seeding is based on regular season record. A tie for a seed slot will be resolved by head-to-head record.....then a coin flip.

Tournament Brackets will be posted ON-LINE  
Requests for changes to game times are not recommended. Only under extreme cases will this office consider a time change to the bracket.

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## END OF GAME PROCEDURES

# 1 – teams are encouraged to have players at the field early in order to ensure that games may start on time. Umpires will not permit infield practice and other warm-up activities that will prevent games from starting on time.

# 2 – teams and players should maintain proper field decorum and keep the game moving. Teams should move quickly from offense to defense / defense to offense and should be prepared to do so when the final out of an inning is made. Players needing drinks or to find equipment should have those matters taken care of prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> out. This will avoid lag time in your game and keep the pace moving. This will also aid in preventing the issue of losing innings at the end of a game due to time constraints.

When a game has reached the 1 hour mark in time played (this time should be maintained by the umpire in agreement with the coaches – no arguments nor protests will be accepted out of this time-keeping procedure).....

The current inning being played shall be the final inning of the game, regardless of where we are in that inning.

Examples --- all when the clock hits 1 hour in game timed played.....

Top of the inning with 1 out and 2 runners on.....finish the inning. If visiting team is losing at the end of the top ½, game is over. If home team is losing at end of top ½, go ahead and play the bottom ½ of the inning. This rule is in effect regardless of the inning (except an extra inning – see below).

Bottom of the inning with 2 out.....finish this inning and do not go to another. If the 1 hour mark hits and within the next pitch, the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is made, a new inning shall NOT be started. This will cause time delays and back up the later games.

This rule shall be in effect for ALL games. Some players in the past have thought that the last game should have more time. Sorry.....this is not a fair practice for you to have additional game time when the earlier games were played under the 1 hour time played situation. ALL 4 games will be played under the same set of rules.

## EXTRA INNINGS

In the event that a game has completed 7-innings of play prior to the 1 hour mark and there is time to attempt an additional inning, the extra inning shall be played using the California Tie-Breaker System. **At the beginning of each team's at-bat the last batter from the previous inning is placed on 2nd base.**

Additional innings will be played as long as time permits, however, the rules involving the 1 Hour Time Mark shall be instituted when applicable.

## Example:

After 7-innings, score is tied and the game is at the 53-minute mark. 8<sup>th</sup> inning is played and the game is at the 58 minute mark. The 9<sup>th</sup> inning shall start. The situation is top of the inning with 2-out when the game reaches the 1 hour mark.....bottom of the inning shall be played and game shall be completed, regardless of the score (game ending in a tie if that is the case). No further innings shall be played.

**COMPLETED FORMS & FEE MUST BE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF BY May 26th 2023;**  
**Fort Thomas Recreation Department — 950 S. Fort Thomas Avenue Fort Thomas, KY 41075 — 859-781-1700**  
**Or put in the mail box (with 950 on it) by the main door of the Armory or email recreation@ftthomas.org**

I (print) \_\_\_\_\_ understand that it is my responsibility as the coach/captain to have read and fully understand all rules applicable to the City Softball Leagues and I further understand that any rule not specifically covered by the League Rules shall be governed by the current WSL Softball Playing Rules.

I understand that I, as the coach/captain, am responsible for remaining in contact with the Recreation Department offices. I further understand that I, as the Head Coach, shall be the ONLY person to contact the office for information or to request special arrangements and that my players are NOT to make contact. I agree to inform my players that I will handle all communications and that the individual players are not to contact the Recreation Department Staff, either by phone or email, regarding softball league items.

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_