ADULT

SOFTBALL

TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO REGISTER YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL ITEMS BELOW:

- Fill in the Team Registration Form completely.
- Submit a check or VISA or MasterCard for the league fee, payable to the City of Golden Valley.
- Manager submits Eligibility/Conduct Verification form and a separate personal check for $100, payable to the City of Golden Valley
- Submit roster form
- MRPA Fall State Tournament - Teams wanting to participate must submit the berth fee of $160 with this registration information.
- Bring or mail all of the above to the Park & Recreation office at Brookview Community Center, 200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley, 55426.

Register Immediately!

Entries are taken on a first come, first accepted basis

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- Registrations will be taken beginning immediately.
- Registration deadline is Friday, July 13, 2012, at 4:30 PM, or when spaces are filled.
- Full payment of league fees must be submitted before a team is registered.

SCHEDULES AND TEAM PACKETS

All managers will be notified when schedules are ready for pick-up at the Brookview Community Center, 200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley.

FALL 2012 SEASON

- 5 weeks – start the week of August 13.
- Double Headers each week – total of 10 games.
- Rain Make Ups may be added to the end of the season if needed.
- Fall State tournaments berths are available. Please contact Andy if you are interested in more information.

QUESTIONS

Contact: Andy Soltvedt
Email: asoltvedt@goldenvalleymn.gov
Phone: 763-512-2367

GENERAL GAME INFORMATION

All games are played with a 60-minute time limit at Schaper Park. Start times are 6:00, 7:05, 8:10, and 9:15 PM. All leagues play two games per evening. Games are 7 Innings.

FALL 2012 GOLDEN VALLEY ADULT SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

League	Night	Classifications	Number of Weeks	Games Per Night	Resident Team	Non-Resident Team (5 or more Non-Residents)
Men's	Monday	All C & D classifications	5	2	$320	$445
Co-Rec	Tuesday	11/12" Class D	5	2	$320	$445
Men's	Wednesday	All C & D classifications	5	2	$320	$445
Men's	Thursday	All C & D classifications	5	2	$320	$445

Resident: Anyone who lives or works full time in Golden Valley
Non-Resident: Anyone who does not live or work full-time in Golden Valley.

League fees include: all league games, umpires and staff, game balls, field maintenance, USSSA/MRPA team registration, and non-resident fees.

Entries are taken on a first come, first accepted basis with the full league fee payment.
The conduct form and $100.00 may roll over from the summer league. All entries must be in by July 13 at 4:30 PM. The Golden Valley Park and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel or combine leagues if enough teams do not enter.

LEAGUE CHOICE:
☐ Mon. Mens ☐ Tues. Co-Rec
☐ Weds Mens ☐ Thurs. Men's

MANAGER'S NAME:

2012 TEAM NAME:

RETURNING TEAM?
☐ Yes ☐ No

LEAGUE PLAYED IN 2011/2012:

ADDRESS:

2011 /2012 TEAM NAME:

CITY:

ZIP:

TEAM CLASSIFICATION 2011:
☐ C ☐ D

REQUEST FOR 2012:
☐ C ☐ D

EMAIL ADDRESS:

CREDIT CARD NUMBER:

DAYTIME PHONE:

EVENING PHONE:

VISA OR MASTERCARD:
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

CARD EXPIRATION DATE:

SIGNATURE:

GOLDEN VALLEY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

200 Brookview Parkway

Golden Valley, MN 55426-1364

763-512-2345

ADULT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY/CONDUCT/FORFEIT FORM

On this date, _____, 2012, I have written my personal check or submitted my VISA/MasterCard information for $100.00, payable to the City of Golden Valley, (separate from the league fee), which will be held and not cashed, and will be returned approximately 2 weeks after the state tournament date, providing my team does not use or have rostered any ineligible player or become involved in unsportsmanlike conduct as defined by the Golden Valley Park and Recreation Department and the MRPA/USSSA, or forfeited more then one game.

If my team is found using or rostering any ineligible players, if my team is involved in unsportsmanlike conduct, or if my team forfeits more then one game, I understand I will forfeit the deposit of $100.00. A second $100.00 check must be in the Park & Recreation office before the violating team can continue league play.

If my team commits to a post season MRPA/USSSA tournament berth, my team is then required to play in that tournament. My check will not be refunded in the event my team does not participate or is involved in ineligible player or unsportsmanlike conduct in the tournament.

CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I authorize the City of Golden Valley, to disclose to the City's insurer, attorney, staff, coaches, participants, and other personnel involved in this program the following information: name, address and telephone number. This information shall be used for the purpose of program administration. This consent to release information shall expire one year from the date of execution. I understand that the records are protected under state and federal privacy regulations and cannot be disclosed with-out my written consent unless otherwise provided by law. I also understand that I may cancel this consent at any time prior to the information being released.

_____

Team Manager's Signature

_____

Team Name

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

Card #_____Exp. Date: _____

Signature:_____

FALL 2011 ADULT SOFTBALL TEAM ROSTER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

This roster does NOT need to be signed by individual players, but needs to be filled out completely and turned in with your completed registration information.

TEAM NAME: _____ MANAGER: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

PLAYER NAMES	ADDRESS, CITY & ZIP	DAYTIME PHONE	EVENING PHONE

TEAM ELIGIBILITY/CLASSIFICATION

Men's Teams

- All players must be at least 16 years of age by August 13, 2012.
- Part-time or temporary employees are not resident players.
- Roster limit is 20.

Co-Rec Teams

- All players must be at least 16 years of age by August 13, 2012.
- Part-time or temporary employees are not resident players.
- Roster limit is 26 for league play. Roster limit for teams advancing to state tournament is 20.

GAME FORFEIT FEE

- If a team cannot play a game and notifies the Park & Recreation office by 4:30 PM the day before that game, it will not be considered a forfeit. Without such notice the game will be considered a forfeit.
- Each team will be allowed one forfeited game without penalty.
- If a team forfeits a second game $25.00 will be immediately taken from the Conduct/Eligibility/ Forfeit fee.
- Teams must replace the $25.00 forfeit fee to the Golden Valley Park & Recreation Department, 200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley, MN, 55426.

GENERAL GAME INFORMATION

Games begin the week of August 13. Game times: All games are played with a 60-minute time limit at Schaper – 6:00, 7:05, 8:10, and 9:15 PM. Innings played: 7

ELIGIBILITY/CONDUCT VERIFICATION

To help insure that only eligible players participate, all team mangers must sign and turn in the Eligibility/Conduct/Forfeit Form along with a personal check/VISA or MasterCard number payable to the City of Golden Valley for the sum of $100.00. This eligibility/conduct/forfeit check/card will not be cashed and need not be deducted from the manager's checkbook unless:

The team uses or rosters an ineligible player as defined by the Golden Valley Recreation Department.
Results:

1. $100 personal check is deposited
2. Player and manager are suspended from all Golden Valley athletic programs for one year after $100 deposit is paid.
3. Team will forfeit the games played prior to date of infraction and if ineligibility is discovered during play-offs, the team shall be removed.
4. The team will not be allowed to play future games until a $100 personal check from new manager is received in the Recreation office.

Any team member, team manager, coach or associate of the team demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct as defined by the Golden Valley Park & Recreation Department.

1. Player shall be immediately ejected from game.
2. Manager's $100 personal check is deposited.
3. Player may be suspended for up to one year from all Golden Valley athletic programs beginning when $100 deposit is paid.
4. The team will not be allowed to play future games until another $100 deposit is received in the Recreation office.

The team forfeits games. *see game forfeit fee.

GOLDEN VALLEY LEAGUE REGULATIONS

- The USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association) rules and the MRPA (Minnesota Recreation & Park Association) rules will govern all play unless modified by local Golden Valley rules.
- All players must be on the roster in the Golden Valley Recreation office prior to the first game they play. Non-compliance could result in forfeiture of games.
- To be eligible for play-offs or post season play a player must have played in at least four league games.
- Players may play on one corporate team and one recreational team, as well as one co-rec.

PROTESTS

- Protests on violation of eligibility, rules or regulations may be initiated by teams. A protest must be filed in writing within 24 hours of the game day. The protesting team must furnish proof of protest.
- Protests on rule interpretation must be lodged at the time the infraction occurs. Both the umpire and other manager should be made aware that the game is under protest and a careful study of circumstances may be made.
- A deposit of $25.00 must accompany each protest. If the protest is upheld, the $25.00 will be refunded.
- A Protest Board will act on all protests.

REGIONAL/STATE TOURNAMENT BERTHS

Teams will pay the $160 berth fee when registering if they wish to advance to a Regional/State tournament. Any team that commits to a regional/state tournament berth that fails to field a team at the regional/state tournament site will not be eligible for a regional/state berth the following playing season.

INSURANCE

The Golden Valley Park & Recreation Department is not responsible for injuries sustained to participants. The City of Golden Valley does not carry any medical insurance; players should have family, company or team insurance.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & SMOKING

The City of Golden Valley has ordinances prohibiting any consumption of alcohol and prohibiting smoking in all Golden Valley parks.
NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO IS PERMITTED. TEAMS WILL BE DISCIPLINED BY EJECTION, FORFEIT AND/OR BE REMOVED FROM THE LEAGUE DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY. NO WARNINGS.

AUTHORITY OF UMPIRES

- Assaults and indignities to players or officials will result in ejection from the game, plus a minimum of the next week, and forfeiture of the $100 Conduct Fee.
- Any player fighting or throwing a punch will be ejected from that game, plus a minimum of the next two weeks, and the $100 manager's check will be forfeited. Second offense results in suspension from all Golden Valley leagues for a minimum of one year.
- Umpires have authority to remove or ban a player and/or manager from the game and park should the situation warrant it.
- The team manager will represent and be responsible for all actions of the team he represents during or after a game.
- Swearing or cursing is grounds for ejection from the game or park.

POSTPONEMENT

On days when weather makes play doubtful, call the activity cancelation line after 4:00 PM concerning cancellations.
Where playing conditions are questionable, the umpire may call off games at the playing field.
The two team managers may supersede the umpire in the event that weather conditions, field conditions, or ability to see are such that health, safety and welfare of the participants are threatened. This must be an agreement of both managers.
If a game has been postponed, it will be rescheduled if possible. If an official umpire fails to show up, managers should mutually agree on an umpire and play the game. Please notify the Recreation office the next day of this situation and the game result.

ACTIVITY CANCELATION LINE
763-512-2350

LENGTH OF GAME

- Games shall be seven (7) innings
- No inning of any game may begin later than sixty (60) minutes after the SCHEDULED starting time. In the event that the umpire is late, the first game shall be 60 minutes from the time the umpire calls "play ball". The umpire's watch will be the official time.
- In the event of a tie, either at the end of either 7 innings or after 60 minutes of the game, play will not continue. The game remains a tie.
- Time limit remains the same on all games.
- All games will play complete innings unless the home team is winning.
- All leagues will use the flip flop rule
- A game shall be complete after four (4) innings if called by the umpire for inclement weather, darkness or time.
- League games rained out or postponed prior to four innings will be rescheduled from the point of inter-ruption if time allows!
- Regular League: A game shall be complete when a team is ahead by twenty (20)) or more runs after four innings of play, or fifteen (15) or more runs after 5 innings of play; ten (10) or more after six innings of play.

TO START THE GAME

- Game times will be 6:00, 7:05, 8:10, and 9:15
- There will be NO GRACE PERIOD. Games will begin at the scheduled times. A team must have a minimum of 8 players to begin and continue a game.
- Managers should exchange line-ups prior to the game.
- Double forfeit will be declared if neither team has the minimum eligible players (8 players).
- Each team is requested to keep a scorebook. The home team is designated as the official scorer.

CO-REC RULES:

- The 11" softball will be used when a female is batting, and a 12" softball will be used when a male is batting.
- A team may play with 8 players, there must be a minimum of fifty percent (50%) female players in the line-up at all times.
- When a male batter is walked, he proceeds to second base; the following female batter has the option to accept an automatic walk or to bat. The manager must announce to the umpire if the automatic walk is accepted.
- Outfielders shall position themselves a minimum of 10 feet beyond the skinned infield prior to the ball being hit.
- No short fielder may be used.
- Infielders shall position themselves behind the base path prior to the ball being hit to be accepted.
- There is no designation as to positioning in the field for males or females.
- No player from the defensive team, except the pitcher, can be in front of the base lines until after the ball is hit.
- During an inning, defensive players cannot switch positions (unless there is a pitching change or injury resulting in a player substitution); they also cannot physically overlap before the ball is hit. Fielding positions can only be changed between innings or whenever the line-up is changed due to a pitching change or injury.

ALL LEAGUES WILL USE FOLLOWING RULES:

BALLS/STRIKES - the 3/2 (three balls/two strikes) rule.

HOME RUN RULE – FALL LEAGUES:

Men's Leagues – 3 homeruns per game. After a team reaches its allotment of homeruns, all other homeruns hit over the fence shall be outs.

Co-Rec 11"/12" Leagues – 3 homerun per game. After a team reaches its allotment of homeruns, all other homeruns hit over the fence shall be outs.

BASE DISTANCE - Base distance shall be seventy (70) feet.

PITCHING AREA - Pitching area is the width of the Pitcher's Plate at fifty (50) feet and up to six (6) feet behind the pitcher's plate.

SHOES - No metal spikes shall be worn in Golden Valley sponsored softball games.

BATS - Teams will furnish their own bats which conform to USSSA specifications.

COURTESY RUNNERS may be used. Courtesy runner must be the last person out. In Co-Rec, the courtesy runner must be player of the same sex.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - The consumption of beer or alcoholic beverages in all city parks and public areas is forbidden by city ordinance.

SMOKING - Golden Valley parks are tobacco free. No smoking is allowed on park property.

IN CASE OF TIES AT THE END OF A SEASON:

- The team(s) with the greatest number of victories against other teams involved in the tie would be used to break the tie.
- Next, the greatest difference between runs scored, less runs let in, will be considered - first with teams involved in the tie, and secondly, with all teams in the league.
- If necessary, a coin flip.

RAIN/INCLEMENT WEATHER/UNSAFE CONDITIONS

The two team managers may supersede the umpire in the event that weather conditions, field conditions or ability to see are such that the health, safety and welfare of the participants are threatened. This must be the agreement of both managers. The League Director shall reschedule the game if it has not reached completion. There shall be no penalty of forfeit under this rule.

NOTE: It is important that sound judgment is used by the managers in the execution of this rule.