

# Concord Softball 2008

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Where can I get adult sports information?**

**A:** The Adult Sports Office is located at Willow Pass Park Fields right next to the batting cages (behind the Concord Softball standings board). The office hours are 5 – 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from February 15 – November 2, 2008. **The Sports office is closed on all holidays.** Sports staff is on duty to offer personal assistance with general information about Adult Sports programs, answer schedule and standings questions, provide registration information, roster add/drop forms, explain league rules, and address player and manager concerns. In addition, the recreation office at Willow Pass Community Center (corner of Salvio and Olivera) can provide you with updated Activity Guides, Registration Packets, Roster Add/Drop forms and League Rules. The Sports Office phone number is (925) 671-3279.

**Q: How can an individual player get on a team?**

**A:** A Free Agent List composed of interested players is kept current and made available to all team managers who are looking for players. The list provides basic contact information including league preference and player experience. Interested managers may get a current list at the Willow Pass Community Center (corner of Salvio and Olivera) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday–Friday. Call the Adult Sports Office at (925) 671-3279 to be added to the Free Agent List.

**Q: What do teams need to have at the time of registration?**

**A:** Teams must submit the Adult Softball Registration form (indicating 2 choices for league preference) with a Player Declaration Form or Completed roster (with original signatures). Payment in full may be submitted with a credit card, check or money order payable to the “City of Concord”. A 50% deposit will be accepted with the use of a credit card, the balance due will be automatically charged to the same credit card prior to start of the season.

**Q: Why is it important to register your team as early as possible?**

**A:** Concord Adult Softball is an extremely popular program. Teams registering early have a greater chance of obtaining their first choice of league preference. This opportunity does not guarantee placement in a selected league or night, however, every effort will be made to accommodate team choices in a fair and consistent manner.

**Q: Where can you get information on approved bats?**

**A:** Concord Adult Softball uses the Licensed/Approved Bats list distributed by USSSA. The most current version of this list can be obtained from their web site at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) under slowpitch softball.

**Q: What is the Concord Softball Association and how do I get involved?**

**A:** The “CSA” Concord Softball Association is an organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing the experience of playing softball in the City of Concord. An enthusiastic group of individuals rally together conducting fundraisers such as the Spring League Round Robins to build resources for improving the playing conditions and increasing awareness of Concord Softball. CSA is always interested in identifying people who want to assist with fundraisers and/or participate on the Board of Directors, please call 671-3279 for more information. The CSA is a great way to make a positive impact in Concord Adult Softball.

**Q: Where do we get our officials? ... or “This looks fun, how do you get a job here?”**

**A:** The City of Concord contracts with officials from the Concord Softball Umpires organization. All softball umpires officiating at City league games are provided through this association. Concerns or compliments can be forwarded to the head of officials through our Sports Office. Formal written correspondences are the best tool for getting your voice heard. Please take advantage of our open communication policy. We look forward to your input. Feedback from participants is the best way for us to continuously improve the softball program. Call the Adult Sports Office at (925) 671-3279 if you are interested in learning about becoming a softball umpire. We are always searching for good officiating talent.

**Q: What is the playoff format?**

**A:** Summer softball season plays a double elimination playoff tournament that guarantees each entry two games before being eliminated. Concord teams really enjoy this format which brings out the best in fair and fun competition for the league championship. Fall softball leagues play a more traditional single elimination playoff tournament.

**Q: Can you play on more than one team?**

**A:** A player may participate on more than one team in as many leagues as they like when the following conditions are met:

- Players can only move up or down one division of any league during the season. Example: A Men’s “B” team player can play on a Men’s “C” team or Men’s “A” team. A Men’s “B” team player isn’t eligible to play on a Men’s “D” or Mixed “D” team.
- A player on two teams bracketed to play against each other in the playoffs must declare in advance (in writing) the team they will play on during any games in conflict.
- Scheduling conflicts are the sole responsibility of the players and managers if they participate on multiple teams.

**Q: Where are the rules posted?**

**A:** Concord Softball League rules are available at the Sports Office, on our website, or at the Willow Pass Community Center.

**Q: How often are standings updated?**

**A:** Every effort is made to update standings at least once a week. The best place to get a quick glance at updated game results is on the standings board in front of the Sports Office at Willow Pass Fields. Standings are also posted on the City of Concord Web site.

**Q: What information is available on the City of Concord Web site?**

**A:** Registration materials including sign-ups, rosters, and add/drop form; league information such as team alignments, schedules, standings, and playoff brackets are also accessible. <http://www.cityofconcord.org/softball>

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