



# 2019

## ADULT FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Men, Coed, Men 35+



Administrative Office located at  
**Doyle Community Center**  
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**Sturgis, MI 49091**

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## 2019 Fall Leagues

All leagues are subject to availability and minimum number of teams. Registration will take place beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. A team will not be considered registered for a league until team fee is paid in full. **Entry Deadline:** August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Late registrations will not be accepted if it makes a division have an uneven number of teams.

Day of Play	League	Games	Team Fee
Monday:	Men's 35+	10 Games (DH) + S.E.	\$300
Thursday:	Coed - Modified	10 Games (DH) + S.E.	\$300
Friday:	Men's (ASA/NSA)	10 Games (DH) + S.E.	\$300

All 2019 Fall Leagues are tentatively scheduled to start the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Registration

Teams must register in person at the Doyle Community Center prior to the **August 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline**. Payment in full is expected in order for a team to be considered registered for a league. Payment in the form of cash, check or money order, or credit card will be accepted. Team fees will not be accepted at the fields.

Sponsorship checks: coaches are expected to front the money to register their team if the check does not arrive prior to the entry deadline. There will be a \$50 late fee for any team accepted after the deadline. No exceptions!

**Note:** Late registrations will NOT be accepted if it makes a division have an uneven number of teams.

League Fees include the following: administrative fees, field preparation, lighting expenses, umpires, league materials, awards.

## Practices

There will be no charge for practices for teams who have registered for a league and have paid their entry fee in full. Limited practice times (1 ½ hours each) will be reserved on various days/times during the week on a first come, first serve basis. Please call ahead (269)659-8110 to reserve a specific field & time.

## Schedules

League Schedules will be available no later than September 6<sup>th</sup>. All coaches will receive an email once the schedules are complete. Schedules will also be posted on the Spence Softball Complex Facebook Page, at [www.spencesoftball.com](http://www.spencesoftball.com) and at the fields. Once the schedules are posted, changes to game times and dates will not be accommodated unless field overlap is discovered or weather related cancellations occur.

## Game Cancellation

Games will not be cancelled prior to 4pm unless the fields have already been deemed unplayable. Every effort will be made to play all games as scheduled. In the event of weather related cancellations, make-up games will be scheduled in a timely manner but may require games on nights other than regular league night.

## Coed – Modified

A "modified" team consists of 10 players, 6 men and 4 women. A team may begin with 9 but 3 must be women. 3 men may not bat in a row. If a male batter walks before another male, he is awarded 1 base. If a male batter walks before a female batter he is awarded 2 bases. There must be at least 1 female in outfield, 1 on the infield and 1 female as either pitcher or catcher. All other ASA Coed rules apply.

### **General “Game” Information**

- All leagues will play under the direction of USA/ASA Rules unless otherwise noted. (Friday Men’s will incorporate some NSA Rules/Equipment)
- Balls: Each team is to provide their own USA/ASA approved 52/300 optic yellow ball. (NSA 52/275)
- Bats: Only USA/ASA approved bats will be allowed. Bat restrictions are in effect for all leagues & tournaments. Any team/player found to be using an illegal bat will receive 1 warning, after that, the player and/or team may be removed from play for the remainder of the season. (Fri: NSA approved bats with legal NSA2012 logo will be allowed)
- Strike Mat: will be used for calling balls & strikes. Home plate is NOT included.
- All leagues will start with a 1 and 1 count on the batter. No free foul ball.
- Home Run Rule: 3 home runs and then 1-up. Additional home runs will be an out.
- Leading off & Stealing will not be allowed.
- Mercy Rule: 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings.
- Time Limit: 55-Minutes. No new winning will start after 55 minutes have been played.
- Profanity will not be tolerated while on complex property.
- Children are not allowed in the dugout or on the playing field (no “bat boys”)
- Each team is expected to clean up their dugout at the conclusion of their game.
- Reminder: Parking is NOT allowed near the power substation, on the grass or along Lafayette Rd or Franks Ave. Overflow parking is available across the road at Sturgis Middle School.

### **Player Eligibility**

- All players must be a minimum of 16 years of age (based on May 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Men’s 35+ Division: Players must be at least 35 years of age or older to play.
- Any player who is on the field, must have signed the roster for the appropriate team.
- A player who cannot prove identify and/or age when requested by a game official or staff member, will be removed from play.
- Any roster containing falsified information is grounds for immediate ejection without refund.

### **Outside Alcohol, Beverage, Food & Tobacco**

- Alcohol, Beverages & Food purchased outside of the Spence Softball Complex will not be permitted. Bringing these items in is prohibited by Michigan Law regulating liquor, beer and food service. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed outside of designated areas and are not permitted on the playing surface. Alcohol is prohibited in all parking areas.
- No glass containers will be allowed on the premises.
- Absolutely NO tobacco products (smoking, smokeless, vaping, e-cigarettes) will be permitted on the Spence Softball Complex site. Failure to comply will result in removal from the complex.

### **General Conduct**

- All Managers, Coaches, Players, Spectators, Fans and Guests are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner at all times, whether on the field of play or not, and may be subject to ejection from the facility based on their behavior.
- The Spence Softball Complex Management may reasonably regulate the conduct of any and all persons in the facility and apply rules in any situation not specifically covered herein; and may apply penalties reasonably related to verified offenses, up to and including indefinite suspension from the activity, event and or facility.

## **FACILITY RULES...**

**PARKING:** There is plenty of parking available for players, parents and coaches. Over flow parking will be available across the street at the Sturgis Middle School. There will be no parking permitted on any grass areas, access roads or along Lafayette St or Franks Ave. Overnight parking is not allowed without prior written consent. Vehicles left overnight may be towed at the owner's expense. Alcohol is prohibited in all parking areas.

**ADMISSION:** Gate fees & Admission may be charged at various events and are at the discretion of the Spence Softball Complex management and/or tournament host organization.

**TEAM COOLERS:** Teams will be allowed to bring one team cooler containing water into their dugout for their players. Coolers will be inspected upon entry. All other player/spectator coolers will not be allowed.

**OUTSIDE ALCOHOL, BEVERAGE & FOOD:** Alcohol, Beverage & Food purchased outside of the Spence Softball Complex will not be permitted in the complex. Bringing these items in is prohibited by Michigan Law regulating liquor, beer and food service. No glass containers will be allowed on the premises. Drinking fountains are centrally located in the complex. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed outside of designated areas and are not permitted on the playing surface at any time. Alcohol is prohibited in all parking areas.

**TOBACCO:** Absolutely no tobacco products (smoking, smokeless, vaping, e-cigarettes) will be permitted on the Spence Softball Complex site. This facility is a smoke/tobacco free facility for the benefit of all players and spectators. Failure to comply will result in removal from the complex.

**PETS:** Pets are not allowed on the premises. Service dogs/animals will be allowed.

**GENERAL CONDUCT:** All Managers, Coaches, Players, Fans, Spectators and Guests are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner at all times, whether on the field of play or not, and may be subject to ejection from the facility based on their behavior. The Department of Public Safety may be called to assist in removal.

**PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES:** Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, Heelys (wheeled shoes), Hover-boards, etc. are not allowed on the premises. Personal Transportation devices needed due to physical injury will be allowed. Please see Spence Complex Staff for any assistance needed.

**PEDDLING:** No person shall exhibit, sell or offer for sale, hire, lease or let out to any person, any object or merchandise, or anything whatsoever, except under a permit issued by the City of Sturgis. Possession of objects or merchandise in quantities, packages or containers customarily associated with peddling shall be deemed evidence of exhibiting or offering for sale. Violators will be removed from the facility.

**GUM & SEEDS:** Chewing Gum & Seeds are not allowed on any of the playing surfaces at any time. Proper disposal of any chewed gum is required in trash receptacles located throughout the facility.

**FACILITY DAMAGES:** Teams and individuals will be held responsible for damage to any Spence Softball Complex property.

**AUTHORITY:** The Spence Softball Complex Management may reasonably regulate the conduct of any and all persons in the facility and apply rules in any situation not specifically covered herein; and may apply penalties reasonably related to verified offenses, up to and including indefinite suspension from the activity, event and/or facility.

## ***NOW HIRING!!!***

The City of Sturgis, Spence Softball Complex, is looking to hire additional staff for the upcoming season. Do you know of anyone interested in a part-time job that involves being an active part of our leagues?

Have them contact us as soon as possible:

In person at the Doyle Center, call us at (269)659-8110 or email [recreation@sturgismi.gov](mailto:recreation@sturgismi.gov)

Applications are also available on our website: [www.spencesoftball.com](http://www.spencesoftball.com)

### ***Positions Available:***

**Field Maintenance Staff:** Seasonal position, approx. 40 hours per week. Responsible for the daily field maintenance at Spence Softball Complex. Mowing outfields, Dragging Infields, Chalking Baselines, cleaning dugouts, trash removal, restroom maintenance, all general facility prep as it relates to our leagues & tournaments. Some evenings/weekends will be required based tournament schedules.

**Concession Stand Employees:** Part-time position. Evenings and weekends. Hours based on League/Tournament schedules. Responsible for opening, operating and closing of the concession stand as required. Food prep, sales, inventory, etc. All general responsibilities associated with running a concession stand.

**Umpires:** We are currently looking to add additional umpires to our staff. Number of games varies each night, but average between 1-4 games per evening. Several games available on weekends (based on tournament schedule) Previous experience and USA/ASA certification preferred, but willing to train the right individuals. More info on becoming certified can be found at [www.masasoftball.org](http://www.masasoftball.org)



## 2019 ADULT FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE



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

Office Use only
FEE PAID:
DATE:
INITIAL:

### DIVISION OF PLAY (check only one)

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY   | MEN (35+) | 10 games + S.E. | \$300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY | COED      | 10 games + S.E. | \$300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY   | MEN       | 10 games + S.E. | \$300 |

**ENTRY DEADLINE: August 23<sup>rd</sup>** A completed Roster and Team Fee **MUST** be submitted prior to the deadline for a team to be considered registered. Teams will be added to leagues on a first come, first served basis as spots are available. Late registrations will **NOT** be accepted if it makes a division have an uneven number of teams. **A \$50 late fee applies.** No exceptions, including sponsor checks. The Team Manager will be expected to front the money until a sponsor check arrives.

### Team Manager's Contact Info:

Name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the manager of the above mentioned team and after receiving a league packet and rules, depose and say that all information supplied is correct and to the best of my knowledge and that all players signed in their own handwriting and they are eligible to compete with my team in the Championship Play of USA Softball and agree to be bound by the rules of USA Softball as contained in the USA Softball Code and the USA Softball's Official Rules of Softball.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLAYER AFFIDAVIT & LIABILITY WAIVER

EACH PLAYER SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING AND SIGNING THE INVERSE PAGE. I have received and/or reviewed a league packet and rules with my team manager and I understand and agree to be bound by those and the rules of USA Softball. I am a member in good standing and I am eligible to compete with this team in the Championship Play of USA Softball. I understand that I may only play on one team within a division during this season and this is the team which I have elected to play. In consideration of this roster being accepted, I further agree that I shall hold harmless and fully indemnify the parties listed and individually release any and all claims for damages I may have against the City of Sturgis, Doyle Center, Spence Softball Complex and its employees for injury suffered during the life of this roster.



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

MEN 35+ COED MEN



## 2019 USA SOFTBALL & CITY OF STURGIS OFFICIAL WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION FORM

1. Each player should read and understand the League Rules and Facility Rules before signing.

2. By signing this Roster, you acknowledge you have read and understand the rules and policies associated with this league & facility.

**Questions?** Please call (269)659-8110  
or email [recreation@sturgismi.gov](mailto:recreation@sturgismi.gov)

PRINT PLAYERS NAME	BIRTHDATE	RESIDENCE (street, city, state)	PHONE or EMAIL	SIGNATURE	RES
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FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING





City of Sturgis

## Fall Adult Softball Leagues

### 2019 Information Sheet

#### A. LEAGUES

- a. Monday: Men 35+ (all players must be at least 35 yrs. of age or older)
- b. Thursday: Coed Modified
- c. Friday: Men (ASA/NSA)

#### B. COST

- a. **\$300 Per Team** - ALL fees MUST be paid for a team to be considered registered in a league.
- b. Included in these fees:
  - Regular Season games
  - Field Maintenance
  - Field Lighting Expenses
  - Umpire Fees
  - League Materials
  - Administrative Costs
  - Awards for regular season champions



#### C. EQUIPMENT

- a. Game Balls: Hit Your Own Ball (ASA .52/300) or (NSA. 52/275 on Fri)
- b. Bats: Only ASA Approved bats will be allowed (NSA Approved on Friday)
- c. Shoes: No Metal Spikes allowed!

#### D. COED – Modified

- a. A “modified” team consists of 10 players, 6 men and 4 women. A team may begin with 9 but 3 must be women. 3 men may not bat in a row. If a male batter walks before another male, he is awarded 1 base. If a male batter walks before a female batter he is awarded 2 bases. There must be at least 1 female in outfield, 1 on the infield and 1 female as either pitcher or catcher. All other ASA Coed rules apply.

#### E. ROSTERS

- a. Limited to 20 players
- b. Players can **NOT** play on more than one team per league/ night
- c. Completed Rosters and Fees are due no later than **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- d. Please make sure **ALL** players are completing & signing the roster prior to their first time playing. Rosters will be available [at the field] each night of league play.
- e. Late registrations will NOT be accepted if it makes a division have an uneven number of teams.

#### F. MISC.

- a. Alcohol, Beverage & Food purchased outside of the Spence Softball Complex will not be permitted in the complex. Bringing these items in is prohibited by Michigan Law regulating liquor, beer and food service. No glass containers will be allowed on the premises. Drinking fountains are centrally located in the complex. Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed outside of designated areas and are not permitted on the playing surface at any time. Alcohol is prohibited in all parking areas.

#### G. MANAGERS MEETING:

- a. Date and time to be determined: At least **ONE** representative from your team **MUST** be present to review league policies, rules, schedules, etc.

**INFORMATION PACKETS (INCLUDING ROSTERS, RULES, ETC.) ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DOYLE CENTER!**

If you have any **QUESTIONS** please call **Benita** (269)659-8110 or email [recreation@sturgismi.gov](mailto:recreation@sturgismi.gov)