

Frequently asked questions for the Town of Greenburgh Adult Softball Leagues

Is there a resident requirement to join a league? Because the taxpayers of the Unincorporated Town of Greenburgh help underwrite our programs there is a residency requirement for all of our leagues. Because there are multiple communities that are part of the Town of Greenburgh there are 2 classifications of teams. They are Resident and Town teams and their definitions are described below. Recognizing that there are many businesses that are in the Town of Greenburgh we have also made exceptions as described below

Resident teams *must be comprised of 10 players whose primary residence (domicile) is in unincorporated Town of Greenburgh and who can show a valid UniCard, plus up to four Town of Greenburgh residents.*

Town teams *must be comprised of 10 players whose primary residence (domicile) is within the Town of Greenburgh, including the six surrounding villages (Ardley, Dobbs Ferry, Elmsford, Hastings, Irvington and Tarrytown) you may also have up to 4 non-residents.*

Business teams (Co-ed & Men's Rec.) *The business must be located within the unincorporated town or the surrounding 6 villages and all rostered players must be full time employees which will be verified by the Personnel Director of your company.*

Please note that teams must conform to one of the descriptions listed above and not a combination (i.e. Town and Business)

How much does it cost to join a league? – Because we have 2 different types of teams there are 2 different rates. For the most recent rate please see the document entitled **Rates/Fees** for the most current calendar year in the section for Adult Softball Program for specific instructions.

How do teams register? – Please see the document entitled **Softball Registration Process** in the section for Adult Softball Program for specific instructions. Briefly each league has a maximum number of teams that can be accommodated for each league based on several factors. Once it has been determined how many teams will be returning from the previous year new teams will be permitted to join on a first come first pay basis. All teams are registered intact.

What are the different leagues we offer? – For a full description of each of our leagues please see the document entitled Adult Softball League Descriptions in the section for our adult softball program. Briefly the current leagues we offer are: Men's 55 and over, Men's 40 and over, Men's Recreation League. Last, *back for the 2020 season will be our Co-ed League!*

How can individuals join a team? - All of our teams register intact but occasionally a resident will express a desire to get back into playing softball and is interested in joining a team. When we receive inquiries from individuals, their name and basic playing experience is requested via e-mail and distributed via e-mail to the managers participating in the desired league. If a manager is in need of a player, they will then contact the individual. Residency/participation requirements and restrictions will determine if a person is eligible to join a team. Individuals can leave their name, address, contact information and brief player experience by either calling 989-1817 or by e-mail at cscialdone@greenburghny.com. Managers of registered teams in the determined league will be sent the individuals data and instructed to contact them if interested.

Can non-residents join a team? – As stated above our leagues are residency based however if team is either a Town or Business type team there is an allowance for a minimal number of non-residents to play on a team. The process would be the same as outlined directly above.

When do the leagues start and finish play? – All leagues start in mid April and, depending on the number of teams, are usually scheduled to complete their season between late July and early August barring rainouts or other unforeseen issues. Playoffs begin immediately following the conclusion of the season. Rain makeup's

are scheduled based on field availability and predetermined dates as specified at our annual league meetings (usually early March). Makeups might be scheduled on nights other than the regularly scheduled night. Occasional weekend games may be scheduled if there are excessive makeups.

What night and time would my league play? - Men's 55 and over play Monday and Thursday evenings, Men's 40 and over play Wednesday evenings, Men's Recreation League plays on Monday evenings and our *Co-ed League plays on Tuesday evenings*. Games are played typically at 7:00 pm, 8:15 pm and 9:30 weekly, except for the 55+ which begins play at 6:15 pm. Games are typically played on our fields at Rumbrook Park (off of Dobbs Ferry Road between the Sprain Brook Parkway and the Elmwood Country Club). Make-up games are scheduled during the season when field space is available which could result in a league playing a make-up game on a night other than their regular night(s). Once post season begins games are played when field space is available.

Can a team request a specific game time? – No, many of the sponsors of the teams in our leagues are bars and/or restaurants so often we are asked to only schedule games early so the teams can go back and support their sponsors. To be fair to all of the teams we attempt to schedule every team with an equal number of early, mid and late games. Should teams wish to support their sponsor they should plan on visiting the establishment on an alternate night if their scheduled game prohibits them from doing so on their league night.

What about Umpires? – All of our leagues follow USSSA rules and are officiated by certified USSSA umpires. Umpire fees are included in the league registration fee.

Are there any exceptions made to the rules for a specific league? – Most of our leagues have some exceptions that are listed in our rules. Please see the document entitled **Adult Softball League Rules** for the most recent calendar year in the section for Adult Softball Program for specific instructions.

Are there bat restrictions? – Yes. Currently all Miken Ultras are banned from use in any of our leagues. Since we follow USSSA rules we also recognize their list of approved bats. The list can be found by visiting www.ussa.com and reviewing the most current list of approved bats. All bats must have original permanent factory markings indicating that it is an "Official Softball" bat (no decals). The BPF (Bat Performance Factor) must be 1.20 or less. For additional specifications please review the current USSSA Official Slow Pitch Playing Rules which can also be found at the website indicated above. Wooden softball bats are permitted.

What should I do when the weather is questionable? - The Town of Greenburgh has a Field Hotline system in place to assist in communicating weather related delays and/or cancellations with everyone involved. Our Field Hotline is 989-1834. For Saturday games please check hotline starting at 8:00 AM and follow instructions. For weeknight games check after 3:30 PM.

What ball is used? – All of our leagues use the DeBeer F12 Clincher softball. There are two new balls used per game.

Is there a Fall Ball League? – No.... because our fields are multi-use fields our fields are converted at the end of the season into soccer fields for a fall youth program.