

Crittenden Baptist Church Recreational Park

- **We the Recreational Park Ministry Team of the Crittenden Baptist Church, in order to create wholesome summer activities for the fellowship of our Church and the fellowship of the neighboring communities, and to encourage good sportsmanship for the participants and good fellowship for the spectators, establish this softball program.**

Official ASA Slow Pitch Rules will prevail in all games on the premises unless otherwise stated.

Alcoholic beverages and/or drugs are prohibited on the premises of the park at any time. Any team member possessing and/or using alcoholic beverages and/or drugs while in this Park will be suspended for the remainder of the year. Any spectator possessing and/or using alcoholic beverages and/or drugs on the premises of this park will be asked to leave immediately. For safety precautions, any glass container such as jars, jugs, bottles, etc. are not allowed on the premises of the park. Coaches and/or Team Representatives need to make their players and those that participate as spectators aware of this request.

There will be no acceptable excuse for incidents of fighting. Therefore, the first person that throws the punch will automatically be expelled from all game play on the date of the incident.

If a second incident of fighting occurs involving the same individual, he/she will be excused from play on the premises of the park for the remainder of the year.

Profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct toward opponent, unsportsmanlike conduct toward fans, unsportsmanlike conduct towards an umpire, or consistent loss of temper is prohibited. The violating team will receive one warning from the umpire and/or league representative without penalty. The second violation will result in suspension of the violator (s) from the league play for the remainder of the year. The team will be on probation for the remainder of the year, and the third offense will result in suspension of the entire team for the remainder of the year.

Incidents involving suspensions must be reviewed by the Recreational Park Ministry Team and necessary action taken.

Any person suspended should have the right to appeal suspension before the Recreational Park Ministry Team.

Each Team Representative will be held responsible not only for the conduct of its participating teams, but also for the conduct of its spectators.

Each team will be expected to assist in every way possible to maintain and support its respective

league and to maintain the playing field and adjacent practice areas. If a Ministry Team Member or a member outside of Crittenden Baptist Church wishes to assist in ground keeping or the Ministry Team in general. They must perform a Background Check. After infield has been prepared for each respective league night, teams are not to get on the infield prior to the time of the first game at 6:30 PM. Warm-up should take place on the grass area around the park and away from the concession building and spectators. Also, pets are not to be brought to the park. This is for the benefit of the participants, the spectators, and the park itself.

The following days are not available for league play or practice: Sundays & Wednesdays.

Game Day: Monday- Co-Ed League

First Game: 6:30-7:40 PM. 10-minute grace rule for first game.

Second Game: 7:45-8:55 PM. No grace rule for second game.

Third Game: 9:00-10:10 PM. No grace rule for third game

Game Day: Tuesday- Co-Ed League

First Game: 6:30-7:40 PM. 10-minute grace rule for first game.

Second Game: 7:45-8:55 PM. No grace rule for second game.

Third Game: 9:00-10:10 PM. No grace rule for third game.

Game Day: Friday- Men's League

First Game: 6:30-7:40 PM. 10-minute grace rule for first game.

Second Game: 7:45-8:55 PM. No grace rule for second game.

Third Game: 9:00-10:10 PM. No grace rule for third game.

Make-up day - Thursday

All teams participating in both the Men's and/or Co-Ed Leagues are promised (10) Regular Season games and a Single Elimination Tournament. Games canceled due to only weather, Church function or funeral will be made-up during or after regular season games. Once the make-up games are completed then the Single Elimination Tournament will begin.

Questions regarding games being cancelled due to weather conditions the Team Representative must call the Rain-Out Number @ (859) 486-1406. There, they will find out if their game is cancelled or not cancelled. Final decision for game cancellation will be made no later than 5:00pm. The Team Representative will be informed when their make-up game is by the Recreational Park Ministry Team.

League Fees: Will be set by the Recreational Park Ministry Team each year and must be paid to the Secretary of the Recreational Park Ministry Team at least (10) days prior to the beginning of league play. The League fee for the 2007 season is \$400.00. If a second team from the same Church wants to join the League the fee will then be reduced to \$325.00 for a total of \$725.00 for both teams. A third team participating in the league will also be reduced to \$325.00.

We recommend that the leagues adopt the following Eligibility Requirements. A player must

attend at least two services out of four weeks in a month, or three services out of five weeks in a month in order to be eligible.

Age limit for the Men's League not under 13 years of age on/before April 30. The age for Women's league is not under 12 years of age on/or before April 30. The age limit for the Co-Ed league is not under 13 years of age on/before April 30 (for men & women).

The ideal play for a Co-Ed team is 5 men and 5 women. However, if a 6 men and 4 women team are playing, then the opposing team chooses which male batter is to bat opposite of his normal stance or the opposing team can choose for the 10th man batter to be counted out. However, the 10th batter may still hit and his run will count in the official score keeping. Player wishing to play when coming late cannot be added after 3rd inning. If Extra Hitter is used, you must bat 12 (6 men and 6 women) and finish with 12. If EH is used for Men's League you may only bat one more for a total of 11 batters. When running the bases in both leagues it is imperative that each runner slides into home when there is a play at home. Failure to perform the slide (the runner) will be called OUT.

The batting line-up for the Co-Ed league is: Man, woman, man, woman.... Or can be woman, man, woman, man.... If a man gets a walk the woman following has the option to walk to first base or may hit. There is a 4 ball 3 strike count in both leagues if there is 2 strikes the next ball hit must be fair if not the batter is out. During a game if the winning team is up 15 runs after 4 innings or is up 10 runs after 5 innings or is up 10 runs in the 6 inning. The game is officially over when the losing team exceeds past the run rule for that inning. The teams may continue until the 1 hour 10 minute time limit to play but, runs do not count and the Umpire is finished with his/her duties for that game.

The field line-up for Co-Ed League is: Man catch, woman pitch, or man pitch, woman catch. There must be 3 men, and 3 women in the infield. In the outfield there must be 2 men and 2 women. If by chance there is a 6-man 4-woman game in the infield there are 4 men, 2 women. In the outfield there are 2 men, and 2 women. Also, a woman cannot pitch or catch in a 6-man 4-woman game.

The playing session will begin on or after May 18, 2009.

Practice sessions must be scheduled through the Recreational Park Ministry Team. No lights will be used during the practice sessions. Sunday afternoons are reserved for Crittenden Baptist teams and their guests. Team Representatives must sign a Practice and Game Release issued by the Recreational Park Ministry Team Leader in order to practice on the field.

The park will provide first and second place awards for the season play, and first and second place awards for tournament play in each league.

The park will furnish a game ball for each league game. Both leagues will be using 44 core balls. After the game ball is hit out of the park then the home and visitor team will rotate supplying a 44-core ball. The rotation starts with home team after that that ball is hit out then the visiting will supply the 44-core ball.

The Park is **NOT** allowing composite bats this year. The park also limits all players from wearing metal spikes. If a player is caught wearing metal spikes he/she will be asked to remove them and find another pair of cleats or shoes.

No game shall start with less than 9 players and must finish with at least 9 players.

A player will be permitted to play for only one church a season. He/she will not be permitted to change churches and play for another team until the next season. However, Church teams are allowed to pick up players from other Churches to fill the roster. But, once a player is on the team for the beginning of the season he/she will not be allowed to move to another team till next season.

Each team must turn in a roster for season play before or after their first game. Any additions require a week's notice approved by the Recreational Park Ministry Team, with no names added after May 24. In order to play in the Single Elimination Tournament the player must be on the final roster that is turned in by May 24. A Church with more than 1 team in a league may have players play on different teams during the regular season. However, the final roster set for the Single Elimination Tournament will be the deciding factor for what team in their church they play on during the Single Elimination Tournament.

A copy of the League By-laws must be approved by the Crittenden Baptist Recreational Park Ministry Team prior to distribution to the Team Representatives.

Any player under 18 years of age must wear catcher's mask if they are playing catcher's position.

Any team who accumulates a total of 3 forfeits during the season will be removed from any further league and tournament play with no refund of league fees paid. If a team knows they will miss a game the Team Representative must contact the Recreational Park Ministry Team to reschedule the game. To contact through email at ckslugger05@yahoo.com or by phone (859) 486-1406. If a team can't get 9 players on the field for either a league a forfeit will be issued. The Umpire's time is completed during that scheduled game. However, both teams will be given 1 hour and 10 minutes to use the field for batting practice or a scrimmage game.

The Crittenden Baptist Church will be held blameless for any incidents, or injuries of any type that may occur before, during, or after any league or tournament play, practice, or use of the Park facilities.

Each team/church must provide for the Crittenden Baptist Recreational Park Ministry Team proof of General Liability Insurance Coverage. This needs to be given prior to the beginning of league play.

These By-laws were adopted, with a few changes, by the Recreational Park Ministry Team March 2009. Our prayer is that others will come to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that Jesus Christ be glorified in all we do. Thank you and God Bless.

In Christ, the Crittenden Baptist Church Recreational Park Ministry Team:

Chris Kinman – Team Leader

– Umpire Administrator

Mark Cain – Treasurer

Barry Kinman- Advisor