



# ABBEVILLE ADULT SOFTBALL

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City of Abbeville-www.cityofabbeyill.net

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 20, 2010**, Submit Monday-Fri.

**Address:** 301 A. A Comeaux Drive Abbeville, La. 70511

**Team Fee:** \$225 Cash or Check before July 20, 2010

**Late Registration Fees: \$250 Cash or Check after July 20, 2010.** Note: There will be no Registrations taken after July 20, 2010

**Player Fee:** \$15 per Player/per Team

**Starting Date:** July 27, 2010 **Ending Date:** September 9, 2010

**Contact:** Jason O'Brien@ 337-319-7782 or jobrien@cityofabbeyill.net

All play will be governed by Official U.S.S.S.A. Rules and By Laws as published in the 2010 U.S.S.S.A. Rule Book.

**Materials need to be submitted by deadline:** 1) Completed Registration Form.  
2) Team Entry. Fee 3) A temporary team roster is due during registration for league assignments

**Rosters: Please be aware of roster restrictions before registering. League Descriptions**

**League Division Home runs allowed MIXED LEAGUE 2 Men & 2 Women**

**Any homeruns hit after the limit is just an out "NOT" a slot out for the remainder of the game.**

**City of Abbeville Mixed Adult Softball  
2010 "Summer Session"**

# Registration Form

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

## Manager Information

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular # \_\_\_\_\_

Day # \_\_\_\_\_ Night # \_\_\_\_\_

## Next Contact Person Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Availability is on a first come first serve basis.**

Director of Parks and Recreation is able to establish an equalizer during the session.  
Director of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to place a team in the proper league.

**A Team Roster is due at the time of Team Registrations.**

LEAGUES: Tuesday & Thursday

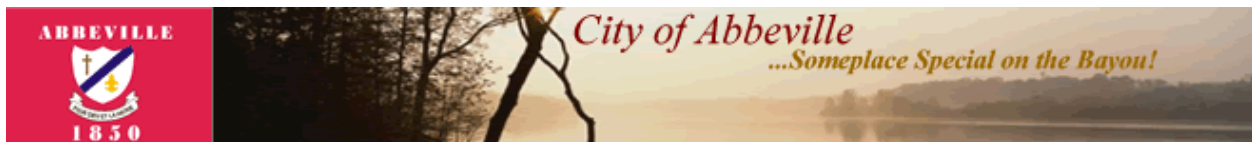
MIXED LEAGUE

By signing below you are verifying that you received a set of League Rules and understand the Roster Restrictions for the division in which you are participating. It is your responsibility to inform your players of the League Rules and Roster Restrictions.

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

Office Use: Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Packet Issued To: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Team # \_\_\_\_\_



## 2010 Summer League Team Packet

Dear Manager,

Thank you for choosing to participate in the City of Abbeville Adult Softball League. The city intends on making this entire experience fun and enjoyable to you, your teammates and fans. To insure that the league begins in a timely manner please call Jason O'Brien, Director of Parks and Recreation. Contact information: (337)319-7782, [jobrien@cityofabbeville.net](mailto:jobrien@cityofabbeville.net)

- **Team Roster and Player Fee Deadline-** Attached you will find a "Team Roster". This roster must be completely filled out and submitted one week prior to your first game along with appropriate player fees. This may be submitted Monday-Friday @ Abbeville City Hall or A. A. Comeaux Park to Jason O'Brien
- **Equipment-** All game balls and bats will be Licensed Equipment approved by USSSA. (If you need information about the equipment visit [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com))
- **Adult Softball League Rule and Regulations-** Please familiarize yourself with this document. It is the manager or coaches' responsibility to familiarize all teammates with these rules.
- **Schedules-** Schedules will be posted on [www.cityofabbeville.net](http://www.cityofabbeville.net) (under parks and recreation). Managers are responsible for making sure teammates get a copy of schedule.

## Abbeville "Mixed" Adult Softball League

101 North State Street; Abbeville, LA 70511

1. **Objective:** The ABBEVILLE "MIXED" ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE will strive to provide, operate, and develop a quality adult softball program for all park participants. Our goal is to enhance adult softball in this area by offering all areas of softball in the future.
2. **Administration:** A rules committee will be made up of one Umpire, one At-Large Member, two Rec. Board Members and chaired by Director of Parks and Recreation and/or Rec. Board Chairman,. This committee, as requested by Director of Parks and Recreation will act on grievances, altercations, or extenuating circumstances.
3. **Playing Rules:** The United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Slow Pitch Rules Book will govern all rules of the league NOT covered in this document, in-which will be available upon request.
  - a. **Minimum Players:**
    - i. In the Mixed League, will be allowed to begin the game with a minimum of 9 players. One gender may not exceed the other by more than one. (Example: 4F & 5M or 5M & 4F) An out will be declared in the 10<sup>th</sup> position. A 10<sup>th</sup> player may be added into the field of play at any time before the end of the game. Teams starting 12 may drop down to 11 or 10, but one gender will never exceed the other by more than one. If a team starts with 9 or 10 they are not allowed to add the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> position. Any player that leaves the game for any reason may not return to the game (Exception): A player, who has left the game under the blood rule, may return. If a player(s) are ejected from the game for any reason, the ejected player(s) team must have a substitute available to replace the ejected player(s) or the team will forfeit the game. (USSSA Rule Book- Rule 13 Sec 2)
  - b. **Uniforms:** Teams should wear similar colored shirts for all league games.
  - c. **Game Equipment:** Teams will supply their own equipment. All equipment must confirm to the rules of the USSSA Softball Rule Book. Bats must be permanently stamped with a BPF of 1.20 or less.
  - d. **Game Balls:** All teams must furnish their own balls. Men use a 12" ball and Women use an 11" ball. If you have a question about which balls to use you can visit USSSA website ([www.USSSA.com](http://www.USSSA.com)) for all USSSA League Play equipment rules.
  - e. **Forfeited Games:** Games will be forfeited in accordance with the USSSA Slow Pitch rules. The score of a forfeited game is 7-0. If a team does not have enough players AT GAME TIME, the game will be a forfeit. If a team forfeits three games, or two that are back to back, they could be dropped from the league.
  - f. **Courtesy Runner:** Courtesy runner is allowed. The last out will become courtesy runner. Not a substitute on the bench.
  - g. **Home Run Rules:** Home Run Limits- (Mixed League Competitive) **4-Any hit after is an out.**

#### 4. **Protested Games:**

- a. All games protested must be based on a playing rule. No protest will be accepted based solely on a decision involving an umpire's judgment. All protests must be made orally to the umpire at the time of the rule in question; that is, before the next pitch is thrown or a live

ball situation occurs. Following the oral protest, the manager on duty will resolve the protest on the spot, or as quickly as possible. Protests will not be allowed after the game is over.

**b.** The Umpire will have the right to check identification (player cards) if a player is suspected of playing under a different name.

**c. Termination of Games:** the termination of games will be in accordance with the rule book with the following exception

**d.** If a team is leading by ten or more runs at the completion of the 5th inning or 4 ½ innings, if the home team is ahead, or leading by fifteen or more runs at the completion of the 3rd or 2 ½ innings, if the home team is ahead.

**e.** The Flip/Flop rule will be in effect for all League Play

**d.** In the inning when the run rule is exceeded and the home team is losing, the home team will remain at bat and become the visiting team. If the team (new visiting team) does not score enough runs to reduce the run difference below the run rule the game is over. If they reduce the run difference below the run rule then the new home team will bat. If they subsequently score enough runs to exceed the run rule the game will be over, if they do not the game will continue under that format. If the situation reverses, the teams would flip/flop again. (USSSA Rule Book- Rule 4 Sec 3 F)

#### **5. General Guidelines:**

**a. Starting Lineups:** Managers will be responsible for seeing that their lineups are posted on the “**Line Up**” board **15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time, with players’ first and last names.**

Managers may obtain the line up sheets from the concessions stand.

**b. Dugouts:** Only persons directly affiliated with the teams will be allowed on the playing field or in the dugout. Coaches, managers, or team captains are asked to keep all non-players out of team areas.

**i. *Under no circumstances are there to be children in the dugout!***

**ii. *No beer or alcoholic beverages may be brought into the dugout. Anyone leaving the playing area to have a drink of alcohol will not be allowed to return to the game. Failure to comply with the officials’ request in this matter will result in a forfeit.***

**iii. *Smoking is not allowed in the parks; however there are designated smoking areas in various locations in each park.***

#### **c. Postponement of Games:**

**i.** Abbeville Adult Softball League does not postpone games except for inclement weather, unsuitable playing conditions or light failure.

**ii.** In the event of rainy weather we will not make a determination until 5:00pm.

**iii.** Rainouts will be posted at the field location or you can call 337-319-7782 or 337-893-4285.

**iv.** Once a game has begun the umpires will have the right to suspend the game and all postponements will be the decision of the park management. A game postponed because

of rain will resume at the point of postponement. A game is deemed complete after four innings have been played, unless completed as per the rule book.

**d. Make Up Games:**

i. Rescheduling of makeup games: Abbeville Adult Softball League will try to reschedule games on league nights, but may have to use other nights to complete the session. Coaches will be notified of changes.

ii. Other schedule changes of any kind must be brought to the attention of park management for consideration.

**e. Player Cards:**

i. All players that have paid their player fees and put their name on the roster will receive a player's card. This card is to be carried at all times and must be shown at the front gate for free admission. Any player who fails to carry their player's card will have to pay the gate admission fee to enter the park.

**6. Sportsmanship:**

**a. Code of Conduct:** No Player, Coach, or Manager shall:

i. Not at any time, lay a hand upon, push, shove, and strike, threaten to strike, or verbally threaten an umpire.

ii. Refuse to abide by an umpire's decision.

iii. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an umpire's decision by throwing of gloves, bats, balls, or any other forceful action.

iv. Be guilty of verbal abuse upon an umpire for any judgment decision.

v. Discuss with the official in an aggressive manner. The only person that should discuss situations with the umpire is the coach/manager.

vi. Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in play of the game, against the body and person of an opposing player.

vii. Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor on a player, umpire, spectator, or a member of the Abbeville Parks and Recreation staff.

viii. Be guilty of abusive verbal attack upon player, umpire, spectator, or a member of the Abbeville Parks and Recreation staff.

ix. Use profane language in any manner or at any time.

x. Be guilty of discussion publicly with spectators, in a derogatory manner, any play, decision, or his/her own personal opinion of other players or officials during the game.

**b. NOTE:** Penalties will consist of a warning or ejection from the game, park and/or program.

**c. Team-Player Sportsmanship:**

i. Any Abbeville Adult Softball participant, who participates in a fight or altercation, or in any way causes harm to any other program participants either on the playing field or park property before, during or after a game, will be suspended until further review by Park Management and or by the Rules Committee.

ii. No cursing, throwing equipment, arguing with the officials, deliberate rough play or other types of unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in either a warning or an ejection.

iii. Anytime a player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, he/she will not be allowed to play for a minimum of one week. If the altercations happen again, the

rules committee will review the player/coach/manager and disciplinary action will be taken, by the Park Management or Rules Committee.

iv. If a player/coach/manager is ejected, he/she must leave the immediate area. He or she may remain in the park, but must be out of sight and sound of the playing field of their game. In some cases it may be necessary to eject the participant from the park property. **Failure to comply will result in a forfeit of that game.**

## **7. Eligibility:**

### **a. Player Eligibility:**

i. All league participants must be 17 years of age or older. Any team may have only one 17 year old playing with a minors release form.

ii. **Participants playing on 2 teams (same League) will be suspended for one year.**

iii. Once a player signs a roster, he belongs to that team from that date to the seasons end unless he obtains a release. A release may only be obtained after the start of the season. A player may transfer only once per session. A player may drop in classification with the written permission from his current team manager and Abbeville Parks and Recreation Management.

iv. Corporate Teams will have the option of having three non-employees on their roster. All other players on that corporate roster must be permanent full-time employees of the said company.

v. If a team's coach/manager suspects a player playing under a different name, they should approach the umpire and request that the suspected player's identification be checked. If a manager, scorekeeper or umpire suspects a player playing illegally; they should approach the park manager on duty for further investigation.

vi. Team using players not on their roster shall automatically forfeit any game in which said players participated. The manager who allows a player not on his roster to participate, and the player who knowingly plays illegally will be suspended immediately. The length of the suspension and date of reinstatement shall be based upon the recommendation of the Rules Committee and/or Pelican Park Management.

### **b. Team Rosters**

**i. Rosters and fees must be turned in prior to an individual playing. The roster must be filled out completely and signed. All players must be on the roster. No initial or nicknames should be used.**

**Team rosters are unlimited in number. The manager of any team must be on the roster listed as a player. It will be the responsibility of the manager and the player to show proof of registration if questioned.**

**8. Team Withdrawals:** A team may withdraw from the league at any desired point in the season at the expense of the team itself (no refunds). That team will forfeit all remaining games. In the event a team withdraws from the program, its players may be picked up by teams in other leagues with the approval of the Rules Committee and or Park Management.

## **9. Post Season Tournament (If Held)**

- a. Every team in League will be allowed to participate in the Post Season Tournament if held.
- b. Seeding for the Post Season Tournament will be random.
- c. Entry Fee is \$20
- d. Games will be played on the regularly schedule night of League (if held).

#### **10. Awards**

- a. Awards will be given to the top two finishers in league. If teams are in a split league, the top finisher in each pool will receive an award.
- b. The first place finisher in the post-season tournament (if held) will receive an award.

#### **“Pitching Rule”:**

Effective immediately, we are implementing the use of a pitchers box at the designated playing field(s). The box will be painted line that extends 6ft back from the rubber, 1ft on each side of the rubber and 1 ft above the head of the pitcher (imaginary line). Any ball hit through this box will result in an automatic out for the batter and will be declared a dead ball with all runners going back to the base they occupied at the time of the pitch. The following rules will apply: Any ball hit through the box must go past the rubber (in the air) and inside the box to be declared and out. Any ball that hits the ground before the rubber is live and in play. **All calls are judgment calls and cannot be protested.**

### **“TIMING”**

**All games will have a 55 minute time limit. No new inning will start with less than 60 seconds. The game clock will be started at game time (signal to be made by umpire).**

### **“BAT TESTING”:**

**Any player refusing to allow Abbeville Parks and Recreation to test a bat will be subject to USSSA Rule 2, Sec 2.**

Don't forget to print the wavier/roster release form on the website.