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Memo

To: Prospective Fall Softball Teams

From: Lyndell Frey, Recreation Supervisor

Date: June 18, 2016

Re: Registration for 2016 Fall Softball Leagues

The Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Department is offering softball leagues this fall for Men's and Co-Rec teams. The leagues will play at Johnny Cake Ridge Park tentatively starting Friday, August 16.

Enclosed with this memo is a description of the various leagues we are offering. If you have any questions regarding the leagues, please call 952-953-2316 or e-mail Lfrey@cityofapplevalley.org

Also enclosed with this memo is the Apple Valley Softball Registration Form. Please make sure you completely fill in all information requested in order to properly register your team. **Full payment of the appropriate league fees must accompany your completed registration form (cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or a sponsor check from a business). Personal checks will not be accepted.** League fees will be refunded if your team is not accepted into any of your league choices. However, if you choose to withdraw your registration for any reason, you will forfeit your league fees unless a replacement team is found. **TEAM ROSTERS ARE NOT DUE UNTIL THE 1ST NIGHT OF LEAGUE PLAY. APPLE VALLEY SUMMER LEAGUE TEAMS MAY USE YOUR SUMMER TEAM ROSTER IF ALL OF THE PLAYERS ARE THE SAME.**

The registration deadline for all teams is 10:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, July 21st. (Or until the leagues are full.) There is not a "first come, first in" advantage. Last year 78 teams signed up for the AV fall softball league, although two teams did not receive their 1st choice of league night preference, their 2nd choice worked for them and **NO teams were turned away.** Please sign up as soon as possible to assure your teams 1st choice of league play.

Please note that the number of teams allowed in each league is limited. Therefore, make sure that your completed registration form and full payment of fees are submitted by the appropriate deadline.

League rules, team rosters, and league schedules will be e-mailed one week before each league begins play. Completed team rosters will be due before your team's first game. Apple Valley summer league teams who want to use their summer roster as their fall roster should indicate this on their registration form.

Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Fall Softball League Information

1. The Recreation Department provides softballs.
2. A 3-ball 2-strike count with **NO COURTESY FOUL** after one strike will be used. Games will have a 55-minute time limit.
3. Game times are at 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, & 9:15pm (**Except Sunday games, which are 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 pm**). All games will be played at Johnny Cake Ridge Park. (5 LIT FIELDS)
4. Homerun limits: Men's Silver and Bronze (2) Co-Rec Silver and Bronze – 2 (Any combination of Men or Women but 2 total). Any homeruns hit after the limit has been reached will be OUTS. A "1-Up Rule" will be available in all leagues.
5. A team gift card will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each league. Also, league champion shirts will be awarded to the first place team.
6. Teams who want to play in their respective Fall State tourney must submit payment to the Recreation Department for \$170.00 by September 20. This payment will be used to buy a spot for the team into the tournament. *The team is then committed to play.* At the end of the season, the highest finishing team in each league who submitted payment will receive a reimbursement of \$100.00. Cash, money order, credit card or a sponsor check from a business are acceptable forms of payment. Personal checks will not be accepted.
7. **ALL 2016 Fall and Summer Apple Valley teams** are eligible to play in the 3rd annual All-City League Tournament Championships on Saturday, September 10, 2016. A 3 game minimum and 3 separate divisions (Men's silver, Men's bronze, and Co-Rec D Recreational) will be offered. A great day of softball, playing against Apple Valley league teams from different nights. Umpires and game balls are provided. **Tournament cost is \$100.00 and the registration deadline is Tuesday, August 30th.**
8. USSSA Fall Men's state tournament will be October 8-9 at Bielenberg in Woodbury. The playing divisions will be:
 - "Silver" division is for teams with ANY players who played on a team that was classified as "C" or higher during the summer season.
 - "Bronze" division is for teams in which ALL players only played "D" or "E" during the summer.
9. USSSA Fall Co-Rec Competitive & Recreational State tournaments will be October 1-2, at Lac Lavon in Burnsville. (Co-Rec fee is \$200.00.)
10. League games will not be played on Friday, September 2nd, Sunday, September 4th, or Monday, September 5th (Labor Day).
11. **Glass bottles and containers are not allowed in the softball complex or parking lot.** Please inform all players and fans of this city ordinance. The consumption of beer is allowed at the softball fields, but must be kept out of the team bench area. (BEER IN CANS ONLY- No glass bottles, hard liquor, or kegs).
12. **Casual Profanity** Casual profanity pertains to expletives and verbal unsportsmanlike language that most likely involves a player uttering them out of frustration. This type of behavior is penalized by OUTS being declared against the offending team. If the team is at bat and unsportsmanlike words are used, the next batter will be declared out. If the act is committed by a player remaining at bat he/she will be called out. If the defensive team commits the act, the first person to bat in the

next inning will be declared out. If the violation occurs in the bottom of the last inning where the fielding team might not bat again, player ejection may result. If the team has an eligible substitute they can continue the game. Games may be ended by a casual profanity out! The outs will be treated as a delayed ball situation.

13. **Forfeits:** Teams must provide a minimum of 24 hours notice to the league director and opposing manager if they are forfeiting. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 per forfeited game fine. Fines must be paid at least 48 hours prior to the start of a team's next game. Teams will not be allowed to play until all fines are paid in full. League Director: 952-953-2316.
14. **BEFORE YOU BUY A NEW BAT** - Take a look at this notification from the USSSA National office. It also pertains to current bats too. <http://www.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/SoftballBat.pdf> ; All bats legal for league play in the summer of 2016 will also be legal for fall ball. Only bats with the USSSA thumbprint are allowed.

Listed below are descriptions of all leagues offered during the fall 2015 season:

All games will be umpired by certified USSSA umpires. Fall league fees: \$515.00 per team for a 7-week, 14-game season.

Friday Co-Rec D Recreational Silver Doubleheaders – A more competitive doubleheader league for “D” Recreational teams! Play two games on Friday evenings starting August 19. The leagues will use an 11” softball when females are batting and a 12” softball when males are batting. Homerun limit 2. (Men or Women)

Friday Co-Rec Lower D/E Bronze - This league will be more recreational in nature and is for lower “D to E” recreational teams. Play two games on Friday evenings starting August 19. The leagues will use an 11” softball when females are batting and a 12” softball when males are batting. Homerun limit 2. (Men or Women)

Sunday Men's D Recreational Silver Doubleheaders – Play on Sunday evenings starting August 21. The league is intended for average “D” Recreational teams. Homerun limit 2.

Sunday Men's Lower D/E Bronze Doubleheaders – Play on Sunday evenings starting August 21. The league is intended for less competitive, recreational teams. (USSSA Class “D –E”) Homerun limit 2.

Monday Men's D Recreational Silver Doubleheaders – Play on Monday evenings starting August 22. The league is intended for average “D” Recreational teams. Homerun limit 2.

Monday Men's Lower D/E Bronze Doubleheaders – Play on Monday evenings starting August 22. The league is intended for less competitive, recreational teams. (USSSA Class “D –E”) Homerun limit 2.

Tuesday Men's D Recreational Silver Doubleheaders – Play on Tuesday evenings starting August 23. The league is intended for average “D” recreational teams. Homerun limit 2.

Tuesday Men's Lower D/E Bronze Doubleheaders – Play on Tuesday evenings starting August 23. The league is intended for recreational teams in nature (USSSA Class “D – E”) Home run limit 2.

Wednesday Men's D Recreational Silver Doubleheaders – Play on Wednesday evenings starting August 24. **The league is intended for the best of our Men's D Recreational teams.** Home run limit 2

Wednesday Men's Lower D/E Bronze Doubleheaders – Play on Wednesday evenings starting August 24. The league is intended for less competitive, recreational teams. (USSSA Class “D –E”) Home run limit 2

Thursday Men's D Recreational Silver Doubleheaders – Play on Thursday evenings starting August 25. The league is intended for average “D” recreational teams. Homerun limit 2.

Thursday Men's Lower D/E Bronze Doubleheaders – Play on Thursday evenings starting August 25. The league is intended for recreational teams in nature (USSSA Class “D – E”) Home run limit 2.

Doubleheader leagues play a 7-week, 14-game schedule; all games will be back to back doubleheaders: All FALL LEAGUE FEES ARE \$515.00 PER TEAM.

Game balls are provided for all league games as part of your registration fee. Team gift cards for 1st and 2nd place in league play will be awarded in all divisions, plus league championship T-shirts for the 1st place team in each division. **PLAY BALL!**

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To register for a fall softball league, complete the registration form on the back of this form and submit it with full payment of the appropriate league fees. Cash, money order, Visa, MasterCard or a sponsor check from a business are acceptable forms of payment. Personal checks will not be accepted. Registration priority for the fall leagues will be as follows:

Last year every team who signed up prior to the deadline (Thursday, July 21st) were accepted into the Apple Valley Fall league. Team registrations will be accepted after the July 21st deadline but will no longer receive PRIORITY status. Late registrations will be taken on an as needed basis.

Where do I sign up? Once you have completed the registration form and marked your payment type (below), you can submit the form & payment in the following ways:

1. Copy and save registration form document and e-mail to lfrey@cityofapplevalley.org, then call with a credit card number so the payment can be processed. (Most teams prefer this method.)
2. In person: you can drop off at the Apple Valley Community Center, 14603 Hayes Rd.
3. Fax to 952-953-2306. (Please confirm that the fax was received)
4. Mail to "City of Apple Valley," Attn: Parks & Recreation, 7100 147th Street W, Apple Valley, MN 55124

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