

ABILENE SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Spring 2008

Nelson Park

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Field Rental

Monday-Friday 6:00-8:00 p.m. & 8:00-10:00 p.m.

The cost is \$15.00 for each 2 hours.

Friday, February 15, 2008, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. the office at Nelson Park will be open to take money to reserve fields for the following week. The fields will be available on a first come first served basis with money in hand. Each team may reserve one practice period at this time. If any times are left available they can be reserved starting the following Monday by bringing the fee to Janette Riddle during regular office hours. **NO** field rentals will be accepted over the phone. The rental procedure will be repeated on Friday February 22, Friday February 29, and Friday March 7 for practice the following week. For week-end field rental ask Janette Riddle at the office.

The Association fields will be off-limits for practice except by rental before the season starts. After the season starts fields can be rented for practice on a first come first served basis depending on availability of fields by contacting Janette Riddle at the ASSA office at Nelson Park. Such rentals are subject to being bumped if regular game rescheduling requires use of the time period.

OFFICE HOURS

February 12 - 29

After March 3

NELSON PARK

Monday - Friday 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday 3:30-6:30 p.m.

TEAM SIGNUP PROCEDURES

ENTRY DEADLINE

March 3, 2008

Monday

Nelson Park Softball Office

7:00-8:00 p.m.

All Leagues

At the entry deadline meeting each team must bring at least a **\$100.00 deposit** (non-refundable) and at least **10 Player Contracts with \$15.00 for each** contract turned in. Contracts will **not** be accepted unless they are completely filled out. **With signatures, addresses and Driver's License Numbers.** Secondary players' (up to two (2) per Rec team, **no secondary players' in Church**) must be designated at this meeting; **no** additional secondary players may be added at a later date. All secondary players **must** also have turned in a **primary** contract for another team at this meeting. Each team may turn in only 3 additional contracts from the time their initial contracts are turned in thru March 28. From March 31 thru April 11 each team may turn in an additional 3 contracts. Sign-up will be unlimited from April 14 thru the end of the season. Because of sign-up limit procedures, it will be beneficial for each team to turn in as many contracts as possible at the deadline meeting. After the entry deadline meeting all other contracts must be turned in to Janette Riddle at the Nelson Park office during normal office hours and before 6:15 p.m. after the beginning of the regular season. **No** contracts will be accepted after 6:15 p.m. each day.

The total per game fee for this season will be **\$35.00** per game. We anticipate that no team will have more than 18 regular season games, therefore, if your sponsor wants to pay the entire league fee at one time the maximum would be \$630.00. If you turn in that amount at the Entry Deadline meeting the Association will refund the remaining balance, if any, after the Final Fees meeting. You will be notified of your entry fee balance as soon after the entry deadline meeting as possible. You need to bring the full remaining balance to the Final Fees meeting and we will in turn issue your schedule for the season. **Please DO NOT bring Player Contracts to this final meeting.**

FINAL FEES DUE 7:00-8:00 p.m. Mon March 17, 2008
Nelson Park Softball Office

NOTICE: TEAMS THAT TURN IN FINAL MONEY AFTER THE MARCH 17 DEADLINE WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY OF 1 FORFEIT FOR EVERY BUSINESS DAY THAT THE PAYMENT IS LATE.

MISCELLANEOUS

Players playing with more than one team must decide which team they will play with in the event of scheduling conflicts. Players are not allowed to play in two games at the same time. If both teams end up in the same division of a league, the player must decide which team he/she will play with in head to head games.

All teams must use USSSA approved balls purchased from the ASSA.

The clock will start as soon as both teams agree at the meeting with umpires at home plate or regularly scheduled game time, whichever come first.

Only umpires can start or stop the clock.

Shirts must be of the same predominant color and have at least a six inch number (no duplicate numbers) readily visible to the umpire. Umpires may check team's shirts when coats or jackets are worn over the shirts.

CHURCH LEAGUE teams will be allowed a maximum of three players who are not members of the church sponsoring the team. If a church team elects to use non-members, at least two of the non-members must be included in the contracts turned in at the Deadline Meeting. All Church League games will be played on **Monday** nights. There will be no secondary players in the Church League, but players from the Church League may also play as Primary and Secondary players in the Rec Leagues. No Secondary players on Church teams.

The Spring 2008 season will be played under USSSA rules and sanctioning. All league games will be played with 1 umpire per field. Men's Rec leagues will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Regular Season League Awards will be given as follows:

5 or less teams in a league	1, 2 Team	1 & 2 Individual
6 to 8 teams in a league	1, 2, 3 Team	1 & 2 Individual
9 and over teams in a league	1, 2, 3, 4 Team	1, 2, & 3 Individual

Type of awards will be determined by a vote of coaches on the team signup sheets.

****NOTICE** There will be an additional charge of \$30.00 per check on all returned checks.**

Any team that forfeits two or more consecutive games may be reviewed by the Association Executive Board for the purpose of declaring the team disbanded.

There will be no scorekeepers during regular season games. You will be furnished line-up sheets that will be turned in to the umpire at the pre-game meeting. The umpire will update the scoreboard and record substitutions.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2008**

Feb 11	Organizational Meeting 7:00 p.m.	South Park Rec Ctr
Feb 15	Practice Field Rental 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Nelson Park Office
Feb 22	Practice Field Rental 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Nelson Park Office
Feb 29	Practice Field Rental 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Nelson Park Office
Mar 3	Deadline Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m. \$100.00 deposit and at least 10 contracts @ \$15.00 each	Nelson Park Office
Mar 7	Practice Field Rental 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Nelson Park Office
Mar 17	Final Money Due 7:00-8:00 p.m. Balance of League Fee due DO NOT BRING CONTRACTS	Nelson Park Office
Mar 24	Spring Season to Start	Nelson Ball Parks
Mar 3 - 28	Three (3) Contracts can be added to roster	Nelson Park Office
Mar 31- Apr 11	Three (3) Contracts can be added to roster	Nelson Park Office
Apr 14	Unlimited Contracts can be added to roster Through Season End	Nelson Park Office
May 23	End of Spring Season	Nelson Park Office
Jul 14	Fall Organizational Meeting	South Park Rec Ctr
Aug 18	Fall Season to Start	Nelson/Sellers Ball Parks

REMINDER OF PAYMENT PROCEDURE

In an effort to better serve our customers, The Abilene Slowpitch Softball Association (ASSA) has arranged to accept Visa or MasterCard for Tournament, League Fee, or Contract payment. **No other cards will be accepted.**

As a result, the ASSA **will not accept multi-checks** from teams for any of the above fees nor will the ASSA accept multiple credit cards for these fees. This will mean teams that collect checks or cash from individual players must convert those to one check, cash or credit card charge per team before presenting to ASSA for payment of that particular fee.

Any Visa or MasterCard charge that is turned down as unauthorized from the credit card provider will be handled in the same manner as NSF checks. (\$30.00 charge)

The deadline and final fees meetings will be held in the softball conference room next door to Janette Riddle's Office at Nelson Park.

CONTRACTS AVAILABLE! You can obtain copies of the correct contract form from the ASSA internet site.

www.abilenesoftball.org

The website will also have team schedules, league standings, tournament schedules and general ASSA information available.