

# ABILENE SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Spring 2010

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 12, 2010, 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 19, Friday February 26, and Friday March 5 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 - 26  
March 1 and after

## NELSON PARK

Monday - Friday 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday 3:30-6:30 p.m.

## TEAM SIGNUP PROCEDURES

### ENTRY DEADLINE

February 22, 2010 Nelson Park Softball Office  
Monday 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**. A player may play with as many Rec teams as they desire as long as the contracts for each of those teams is turned in at the deadline meeting. In the Church League a player may play for one Church Team. Any player with a contract turned in at the deadline meeting cannot be added to any other team at a later date. Each team may turn in only 3 additional contracts from the time their initial contracts are turned in thru March 26. From March 29 thru April 9 each team may turn in an additional 3 contracts. Sign-up will be unlimited from April 12 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 8, 2010  
Nelson Park Softball Office

**NOTICE:    TEAMS THAT TURN IN FINAL MONEY AFTER THE MARCH 8 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.

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 players on more than one team in the Church League, but players from the Church League may also play with as many Rec League teams as they so desire.

**The Spring 2010 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:

3 or less teams in a league	1 Team	1 Individual
4 to 8 teams in a league	1 & 2 Team	1 & 2 Individual
9 and over teams in a league	1, 2 & 3 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 2010**

Feb 1	Organizational Meeting 7:00 p.m.	South Park Rec Ctr
Feb 12	Practice Field Rental 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Nelson Park Office
Feb 19	Practice Field Rental 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Nelson Park Office
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Deadline Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m. \$100.00 deposit and at least 10 contracts @ \$15.00 each</b>	<b>Nelson Park Office</b>
Feb 26	Practice Field Rental 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Nelson Park Office
Mar 5	Practice Field Rental 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Nelson Park Office
<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>Final Money Due 7:00-8:00 p.m. Balance of League Fee due DO NOT BRING CONTRACTS</b>	<b>Nelson Park Office</b>
Mar 15	Spring Season to Start	Nelson Ball Parks
Feb 22 - Mar 26	Three (3) Contracts can be added to roster	Nelson Park Office
Mar 29- Apr 9	Three (3) Contracts can be added to roster	Nelson Park Office
Apr 12	Unlimited Contracts can be added to roster Through Season End	Nelson Park Office
May 20	Planned End of Spring Season	
July 5	Fall Organizational Meeting	South Park Rec Ctr
<b>Aug 2</b>	<b>Deadline Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m. \$100.00 deposit and at least 10 contracts @ \$15.00 each</b>	<b>Nelson Park Office</b>
<b>Aug 16</b>	<b>Final Money Due 7:00-8:00 p.m. Balance of League Fee due</b>	<b>Nelson Park Office</b>
Aug 23	Fall Season to Start	Nelson Ball Parks
Oct 28	Planned End of Fall Season	

## REMINDER OF PAYMENT PROCEDURE

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

ASSA **will not accept personal checks** in payment of league fee, contract fee, tournament fees or ball purchases. Only cashiers checks, money orders, debit cards, credit cards, sponsor checks, and cash will be accepted.

**Any Visa, MasterCard or Discover 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.

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