



Northampton Parks & Recreation Men's Softball League - Summer 2026



NORTHAMPTON PARKS & RECREATION

League Director:

Brooke Fairman, Recreation Supervisor

Anticipated Start Date:

Monday, May 4, 2026

The league runs through late July/early August.

ENTRY FEE

A forfeit fee is built into the total team registration fee so the umpires are paid if a team forfeits. Any unused portion of a team's forfeit fee will be refunded at the end of the season.

League Fee: \$350.00 per Team
+ \$150.00 (Forfeit Fee)
= \$500.00

Each team must pay the umpire cash at the field. The fee is \$25.00 per team per game. During the playoff finals, the umpire fee is \$35.00 per team per game (two umpires per game).

*Additional non-resident and/or extra player fees may apply. Refer to "Player Eligibility" section. All checks payable to NPRD. Any check returned will be subject to a \$25.00 service charge. Balances then must be paid in cash. **Teams will be dropped from the league unless the balance is paid in full.***

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The Northampton Parks & Recreation Department operations and programs are partially funded by City tax dollars. Therefore, non-residents must pay an additional fee for all programs.

Residents - Anybody whose primary residence is in or an individual who owns property in Northampton, Florence or Leeds is considered a resident. Players who are trying to meet this requirement **must** have their residence or property listed on the roster so it can be confirmed. Teams that misrepresent addresses to meet the residency requirement may be dropped from the league.

Non-residents - Anybody who does not live or own property in Northampton, Florence or Leeds. Non-residents must pay an additional **\$10.00 each**.

There is a maximum of \$100.00 for all non-resident fees due per team other than entry and player fees.

Copies of proof residency must be submitted with team rosters for all new resident players.

Proof may consist of a copy of a pay stub, license or a recent bill. Information must be current.

The Recreation Department may decide a player is "too talented" for the level of competition in the division and reserves the right to remove them from the roster. In this case, any non-resident fees involved would be refunded.

PLAYING TIMES & SITES

Days/Times: Mondays - Fridays, 6:00 & 7:00 PM
Sundays, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Locations: Maines Field, 570 Riverside Drive

ROSTERS

Please print or type clearly. All changes must be made in writing on the league Add/Drop Form and be accompanied with all appropriate fees and proof of residency as specified in the league rules. **All players must provide complete addresses on rosters.** Non-rostered players found participating on teams without consent will make teams forfeit the remainder of the season, including games played, with players suspended from future league play.

Player Add/Drop Deadline is Friday, June 12, 2026.

PLAYER CONDUCT AND SAFETY FORM

Regulations regarding player conduct and safety information are the responsibility of the team member. Please read them carefully. No team will be accepted unless these forms are signed by all players and turned in at the time of registration.

A copy will be made for the manager upon request.

SEASON SCHEDULES

Available by Friday, April 24, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to share their season schedule with their team.

Season schedules will be emailed to each team manager and can also be found online. The link can be found on NPRD's website under the "Softball" tab.

Team balances must be paid in full and rosters and the manager signoff section of the Player Conduct Form must be submitted in order to receive the season schedule. Player signoffs must be submitted by each team's third game.

Registration DEADLINE:
Thursday, April 16, 2026

All fees, rosters, proof of residency and the Manager Signoff Player Conduct Form must be turned in by this time. Everything must be turned in together. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is limited space in the league.

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413-587-1040**

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www.northamptonma.gov/recreation**



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DIVISIONS

North and South

- North is more competitive than South.
- **Both divisions play a 20 game schedule with double elimination playoffs.**
- Home team is responsible for keeping score.

Be sure to indicate your **preference** of division on your roster form. **The division your team plays in will be decided by Parks & Recreation staff and based on the number of teams in the league**, but your preference will be considered. Final team placements will be decided according to the roster each team submits. **Final league standings/playoffs will be used to determine where teams play in future leagues/division.**

REQUESTS

Any date(s) your team cannot play **must** be clearly indicated when you turn in your information. Please indicate the dates on the front of your roster form. It is **not** guaranteed you won't play those dates, but we will try to accommodate requests. Double headers are possible to ensure all games are completed in time. We **cannot** schedule games around other town's leagues or tournaments. No games (regular season, playoffs or makeups) will be switched once they are scheduled. Playoffs will be scheduled immediately after the conclusion of regular season. **We cannot accommodate any scheduling requests for playoffs.** For teams who share players in both the Men's and Coed Leagues, we will do our best to avoid scheduling playoff games at conflicting times, so long as this is indicated on the roster form.

BATS

All bats must be stamped with ASA or USA (2020) approved stamp, 2013 or later, as seen below:



Umpires have consent to check all bats prior to the start of the game.

GAME SCORES

The winning team manager is responsible for reporting the final score within 24 hours of the game. This can be done on the website or via email or phone to the Parks & Recreation Department. It is important to report scores in a timely manner to so that playoff brackets can be determined as equitably as possible with all season information.

HOME RUN RULE

Teams at Maines Field are allowed only **5 home runs** per game. All subsequent home runs after this limit has been reached will result in an out.

RESERVING PRACTICE FIELDS

Teams who have registered, paid in full and turned in all rosters/forms may reserve practice fields as soon as the DPW deem them playable. A team may reserve two practice times at a time. Additional fields can only be reserved after the two dates have passed.

Only team managers can reserve practice fields. Managers may reserve a field by calling the Recreation Department at 413-587-1040, stopping by the office or emailing Brooke at bfairman@northamptonma.gov. An email will be sent to confirm all practice information within 1 day of the request.

PLAYER'S POOL

If you are interested in playing in our Adult Softball League but do not yet have a team, please **fill out your information in our Player Pool**. This list will be distributed to team managers who are looking for additional players to complete their rosters for the season.

MANAGERS - If you are seeking additional players for your team, please consider individuals from our Player's Pool. We will receive information from many interested players via this pool. Please contact Brooke, bfairman@northamptonma.gov, to receive an updated list prior to the season and through the Player Add/Drop deadline. Please let Brooke know if you add one of these players to your team so she can remove them from the pool.

