

Cedar Grove Recreation Department

Men's Softball Information/Rules for 2023

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. There will be a league maximum of 20 teams, please be aware of cut-off dates listed below. This season is first come, first serve.
2. **LEAGUE IS NOW OPEN TO CEDAR GROVE, VERONA, CALDWELL/W. CALDWELL, ROSELAND, FAIRFIELD AND LITTLE FALLS RESIDENTS.** THE ROSTER OF AT LEAST 9 PLAYERS MUST BE SUBMITTED. COPIES OF DRIVER'S LICENSES (**FOR NEW PLAYERS ONLY**), AND A CHECK FOR THE FULL AMOUNT ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER. **NO ACCEPTIONS!** Each team is allowed two illegals to participate on their team.
3. Although roster forms have been changed to include all pertinent information for player liability all on one sheet, ALL players must sign and return an individual COVID-19 Waiver to the Cedar Grove Recreation Department.
4. The fee is \$250.00. All payments will be made at the Cedar Grove Recreation Department, cash (exact change) or checks made payable to the Township of Cedar Grove. NO CREDIT CARDS. Each team will also be responsible for paying one official \$40.00 prior to each game. If only one official, you only pay \$30.00 each. **If you forfeit a game without notification, you will owe \$80.00 and will not be able to continue to play until this fee is paid.**
5. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed after April 10th, 2023.
6. **Absolutely no teams** will be accepted after Friday, April 14th, 2023. **You can request to play at a certain skill level, please note that requesting a competitive level does not guarantee your placement there as Cedar Grove Recreation reserves the right to alter the composition of the divisions.**
7. Games will begin the first week of May, weather permitting. Games will be played Mondays-Thursdays, there are no special requests to when games are scheduled.
8. This league is limited 6 ft – 12 ft arc. and innings will start with a 1-1 count.

Eligibility-

1. Participants must be 18 years or older living in **CEDAR GROVE, VERONA, CALDWELL/W CALDWELL, ROSELAND or LITTLE FALLS.** (no current high school students.)
2. Rosters must be filled out and signed by the team captain with his signature verifying truthful disclosure of all facts.
3. Rosters must be filled out with the name of all players, and how they are eligible to play in this league. Each team is allowed 2 illegals that do not fit the league requirements. **If your teammates have played in prior years, I will not need another copy of ID (unless a new ID was issued to you since last given).** Hereafter, the term “illegal” player shall be used to designate a player that does not fit the above requirements (except they must be 18 yrs. or older).
4. **PLAYERS MAY NOT PLAY ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM, NO MATTER THE DIVISION. IF YOU NEED TO REPORT A PLAYER PLAYING ON MULTIPLE TEAMS, PLEASE CALL THE CEDAR GROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. 973-239-1410 x220.**
5. **If it is determined that a team has used an illegal player-either not listed on the roster or not meeting the above criteria, all games in which that player participated will be declared forfeit. If the team commits a second offense involving illegal players, the team will be dropped from the league. Two forfeits of any kind also constitute automatic expulsion from the league at the discretion of the league director. All past and future games will be counted as a loss.**
6. Rosters are open and players may be added throughout the season. Cut-off for player additions is June 9th, 2022.

RULES/GAME INFO:

- Games will be played May-end of June (post season may go into early July after holiday weekend), Mondays-Thursdays. The schedule will be made by the Rec Department and there will be absolutely NO special requests or exceptions, (times, days, dates, etc). Any cancellation must be made 48 hours before the game or it is considered a forfeit. Cancelled games (unless cancelled by CG Rec Department), will not be made up and will be considered a cancel forfeit. A no show/no call will be considered a forfeit and you are only allowed two forfeits of any kind within the season. **A forfeit without notification will result in an \$80.00 payment that will cover umpire costs. Your team is not permitted to play until this fee is paid to the Recreation Dept. You will not be able to get in touch with Cedar Grove Recreation through email after 4:30pm Mon-Fri or at all on weekends.**
- **BATS WILL BE SUPPLIED AT EACH OF THE TWO FIELDS, OR YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN. MUST BE ASA COMPLIANT/APPROVED. BATS WILL BE CHECKED BY UMPIRES PRIOR AND EVEN DURING EACH GAME.**

- **TEAMS THAT HAVE MORE THAN 2 FORFEITS (notice given or not), WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE LEAGUE.**
- All communication regarding the league must be confirmed by the league director and team captain.
- Each man assumes his own responsibility in the event of an accident.
- All games will be played on the scheduled date. Only inclement weather will be a reason for a change in schedule. There will be a ten-minute grace period after the scheduled time for the start of the game. A team must have 9 players to start playing.
- Curfew for a game is determined by the start time of the next game. No inning at Community Park will start after 9:40pm; **lights are only scheduled until 10:00pm at this field.**
- Rain outs that are to be made up will be rescheduled and properly announced. In the event of inclement/poor weather, a decision will be made by 4:00pm, and an announcement will be posted on CG Facebook (www.facebook.com/CedarGroveRec) and the CG weather hotline (973-230-9944). If the inclement weather happens after 4:00pm, the umpire will make the decision on the field. If the umpire makes the decision to cancel any games, all of the above sources will be changed at that time.
- No metal spikes or football cleats are allowed.
- Protests must be made within 24 hours and accompanied by a \$25.00 check. “Judgment” calls by an umpire are not acceptable as a reason for protest.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and may result in suspension or expulsion of individuals or teams from the league.
- The official ASA softball rules will prevail in all league games. Rulebooks will be distributed as soon as they are available.
- Batting order—ASA slo-pitch rules will apply.
- **This league will be limited 6 ft – 12 ft arc.**
- **All innings will begin with a 1-1 count (1 ball and 1 strike).**
- Designated Hitter (DH) may be used.

There will be no alcohol/drugs on or near the field before, during or after the game. Violators will be subject to suspension and/or arrest.