



Adult Men's Summer Softball 2012 Registration Form

I would like to register a team to compete during the 2012 session(s). If this registration is accepted, I will be responsible for my team's fulfillment of all rules and regulations established for the operation of the league by Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services.

League (check one)		Day (check one)		Location	Fee (# of games)
[]	Men's League – Single Game	[]	Monday (D/E)	Big Willow	\$570 (12 games + playoffs)
		[]	Tuesday (D/E)	Central	
		[]	Thursday (C/D)	Big Willow	
[]	Men's League – Double Header	[]	Tuesday (B/C/D)	Big Willow	\$720 (16 games + playoffs)
		[]	Thursday (B/C/D)	Big Willow/Central	\$765 (19 games + playoffs)

MRPA State & National Tournament Classification							
[]	Class B	[]	Class C	[]	Class D	[]	Class E

Team Contact Information						
Team Name:			Home Phone:			
Manager:			Cell Phone:			
Address:			City:		Zip:	
Email:						
[]	Yes	Would your team like to be scheduled for a practice game the week of April 16 th ?				
[]	No					
[]	Yes	Did your team participate in the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services 2011 Summer Softball league? (minimum of 6 returning players required)				
[]	No					

Payment Information				
[]	VISA	Credit Card #:		
[]	MasterCard	Exp. Date:		
[]	Discover			
Amount to be charged:	\$	Signature:		

Data Privacy Act	
<p>The Minnesota Data Privacy Act requires that the registration information you provide on this form remain as private data. Private data is available to you but not the public. While you may choose to withhold this private data, there may be consequences that could limit the distribution of information to the participant (i.e., no managers list). By signing below, you are consenting to allow registration information to be shared with the coach, supervisor, or instructor and other registered program participants for purpose of administering the activity. This consent will expire upon completion of this activity.</p>	
Release of Liability	
<p>By signing this application form, I am acknowledging on behalf of myself and my organization or group ("the participants") that use of the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation facilities carries a risk of personal injury. The participants RELEASE and DISCHARGE Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services, the Cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka, and their agents and employees, from liability for injuries or damage, including any losses CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY of the released parties. The participants agree not to sue or make a claim against those agencies and agree to hold them harmless and indemnify them from all claims and suits that may be brought as a result of use of these facilities.</p>	
Signature:	Date:

Enclosed is the registration information for the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Adult Men's Summer Softball program. After reviewing this information, you may register your team by:

1. Phone: 952-939-8203
2. Email: send registration form to recservices@eminnetonka.com
3. Fax: 952-939-8311
4. Mail or in-person: 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345

LEAGUE STRUCTURE: The softball season runs for 13 weeks (14-15 weeks for double-header leagues) and begins the week of April 16th. The first round is an optional scrimmage round. Teams wishing to participate in this round must indicate so on their league registration form. Official league play begins the following week. Games are scheduled to begin as early as 6 p.m. and as late as 9:15 p.m. and all teams are scheduled for an equal number of games. No games will be scheduled the week of July 4th. Byes may be scheduled depending on the number of teams in the league.

New in 2012: All men's leagues will have a playoff round. The single-game leagues will have a one-night playoff round for the top 8 teams at the end of the regular season. The double-header leagues will have a double-elimination playoff round for all 8 teams.

The dates of 2012 league play are as follows (excluding scrimmage round):

- Monday Men's Single-Game League (Big Willow): April 23 – July 30 (no games May 28)
- Tuesday Men's Single-Game League (Central): April 24 – July 24
- Tuesday Men's Double-Header League (Big Willow): April 24 – July 24
- Thursday Men's Single-Game League (Big Willow): April 26 – July 26
- Thursday Men's Double-Header League (Big Willow/Central): April 26 – August 2

LEAGUE FEE: Payment must be made at the time of registration.

- Men's Single-Game Leagues: \$570 (12 games + single-elimination playoffs for top 8 teams)
- Men's Double-Header Tuesday League: \$720 (16 games + double-elimination playoffs)
- Men's Double-Header Thursday League: \$765 (19 games + double-elimination playoffs)

REGISTRATION START DATES:

1. February 1: Registration begins for returning 2011 summer season teams (at least 6 players must be returning). Teams will have their 2011 league spot guaranteed until Tuesday, February 7th at 4:30 p.m. Beginning Wednesday, February 8th at 8 a.m., returning teams can register for a different league/playing night than the one they competed in during the 2011 summer season (if any spots are still available).
2. February 15: New teams

The registration deadline is March 9 or until the league fills.

REQUIRED FORMS:

1. Registration Form – Not required for phone registration
2. Team Roster – Must be submitted to the Recreation Services office by April 2nd.

ROSTERS:

- Teams must submit the official Recreation Services Team Roster form to the Recreation Services office by 4:30 p.m. on April 2nd. The Team Roster form is included in the softball registration packet or can be downloaded from the city of Minnetonka website: www.eminnetonka.com.

- Team rosters may have a maximum of 20 players and must include the name, full address, and phone number(s) for each player.
- Additional players may be added to the team roster up until the seventh league game, but a player must be on the team roster before they compete in a game.
- Players must be added to the team roster by the Team Manager or by the player who is being added.
- Game schedules and equipment will not be distributed to a team until a team roster has been submitted and approved.

GAME SCHEDULES: League schedules will be emailed to Team Managers the first week of April. The team's roster must be received before the team's schedule will be sent. Games that are rained out may be rescheduled on any available night, including Fridays. The week of July 4th is also reserved for make-up games.

WEATHER HOTLINE: In the case of inclement weather, call the Recreation Services Weather Hotline for updates on the status of the evening's games. The Weather Hotline # is 952-939-8355.

PLAYOFFS: All men's leagues will have a playoff round. The single-game leagues will have a one-night playoff round for the top 8 teams at the end of the regular season. The double-header leagues will have a double-elimination playoff round for all 8 teams. In addition, all teams have the option of participating in MRPA/USSSA Regional and State Tournaments. Tournament dates and registration information will be sent to Team Managers once the season begins.

CONDUCT VIOLATION POLICY: The following incidents will be assessed a \$20 per violation fee:

1. Unannounced Forfeit – To avoid a fee, forfeits must be reported to Ann Davy, Program Manager, by phone (952-939-8357) or email (adavy@eminnetonka.com) by 3 p.m. the day of game.
2. Player Ejection
3. Unrostered Player

Players will be notified by Recreation Services if they have been assessed a conduct violation fee. Payment of the violation fee must be made by 12 p.m. on the team's next game day.

EQUIPMENT: The league fee includes 12 softballs (18-21 for double-header leagues) and a scorebook. An equipment bag will be assembled for each team and must be picked up at the Recreation Services office by the Team Manager (or other team representative) the week of April 9th. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. An official team roster must be submitted before equipment can be picked up.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Participants must have completed their freshman year in high school to be eligible for any adult softball league.
2. Players who are currently suspended from participating in other sports communities are ineligible to compete in Hopkins-Minnetonka leagues.
3. The participation of an unrostered player in any league or playoff game will result in forfeiting that game to the opposing team. The Program Manager shall determine whether other games the player participated in shall be forfeited also.
4. Opposing managers, as well as Recreation Services, may initiate checks on eligibility. Showing proof of a player's identity by photo id may be required at game time.
5. Players cannot play on more than one team in the same league or on the same night.

LEAGUE RULES: Official rules enforced will be those in the USSSA Official Rule Book and the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association State Tournament Rules and Guide Book. The following are Hopkins-Minnetonka rule exceptions:

1. A minimum of eight players are required to play a league game. Games will start precisely as scheduled when a team has eight players. A 5-minute grace period will be granted to teams playing in the first scheduled game of the night. All other games will start as scheduled with no grace period. A player must be on the field ready to play at the scheduled game time to be considered one of the eight players or the game will be ruled a forfeit. In the case that a team does not have the minimum number of players needed to start the game, they must inform the umpire that they will be forfeiting but will be permitted to pick up players in order to play a scrimmage. The scheduled umpire will be the game official. An umpire will not officiate a game forfeited due to the ejection of a player.
2. Games are limited to 1 hour in length. Tie games will stand as a tie with each team receiving $\frac{1}{2}$ a win and $\frac{1}{2}$ a loss. A minimum of 4 innings or 40 minutes is required for a regulation game. Games not of regulation length due to interruptions by rain, darkness or protest, will be rescheduled and continued from the time of interruption. Teams must make their best effort to field the same team as the original game.
3. Run Rules:
 - a. Games will be automatically terminated when a team is 10 or more runs ahead after 5 innings, 15 or more runs ahead after 4 innings, and 20 or more runs ahead after 2 innings.
 - b. Flip-Flop Rule - When the visiting team has reached the run rule by the end of the inning prior to the run rule going into effect, the home team remains at bat and becomes the visiting team. If the new visiting team does not score enough runs to reduce the run difference below the designated amount, the game is over. If the team does score enough runs, the game will proceed as normal. If the situation reverses, the teams flip-flop again.
4. All leagues will use a three-ball/two-strike count with one courtesy foul (dead ball) for league and playoff games.
5. All teams must choose one of the following methods of batting and inform the umpire which method they will be using:
 - a. Round Robin: All players present at game time are eligible to play using a continuous batting order. Teams may not add any late arrivals to this order, but they may substitute them for an original player. A player may be removed from the order only if due to an injury or having previously informed the umpire of the pending change. A player leaving without notification will be declared out. Teams may field any 10 players defensively as long as the batting order remains unchanged.
 - b. Additional Hitter: Teams may employ an additional hitter, allowing them to bat 11 players. Any 10 of the 11 players may play in the field as long as the batting order does not change. Teams must be able to complete the game with 11 players or the game will be forfeited.
 - c. Batting 8, 9, or 10: Teams may play with as few as eight players if that is all that is available at game time. Additional players may be added as they arrive, but a team may play with no more than ten.
6. Limited free substitutions will be allowed only when teams choose the additional hitter batting method or bats ten players. A starting player is allowed to be withdrawn then re-enter one time provided they occupy the same spot in the batting order. Violation of this rule is considered use of an ineligible player, causing a forfeiture of the game.
7. If a team is forced to play with less than 10 players as a result of the ejection of a player for unsportsmanlike conduct, the ejected player will be considered an out when it becomes their turn in the batting order. A team will not be penalized if they have a legal substitute for this player, or if the player is forced to leave a game due to injury or other circumstance.
8. A courtesy runner may replace an injured or handicapped base runner during a game (max of two per game). The courtesy runner must be a substitute from the bench who has not played, or if no substitutes are available, a team must use the player who has made their last out.
9. Teams are limited to three home runs per game (on fenced fields). Home runs over the limit are considered an out. There is an exception for the Thursday Central Men's League in which teams can hit a maximum of six home runs per game.
10. Teams that hit homeruns or foul balls over the fence must send a player to retrieve the ball and return it to play.
11. At all fields without fences, if a fly ball is caught in foul territory and the player's momentum carries the player across the out-of-play line, the ball is dead and all runners are awarded one base. If the ball is intentionally kicked or carried across the out-of-play line, two bases are awarded to all base runners.

12. No player is allowed to disrupt the solid materials within the confines of the batter's box. Loose material may be spread with the foot, but no digging will be permitted. On the first offense, the umpire will warn the batter and the team. On each subsequent offense by any member of the team, the batter will be declared out.
13. Pitchers will be allowed to deliver the ball from a distance of 50' (pitching rubber) and up to 56' provided they stay within the dimensions of the rubber. The pitcher still must present the ball and pause before making their delivery.
14. Only rostered players and managers, as well as one bat person and one scorekeeper, are allowed on a team's bench during the game. No pets allowed.
15. All teams must supply a new official ball for each game. A 3-run penalty will be assessed for failure to provide a new official ball. Teams must provide their own balls for all playoff games.
16. A list of legal bats can be found at www.ussa.com. The listed bats are legal to use in the Hopkins-Minnetonka leagues. Any bats not listed are not legal in any USSA program. Players attempting to use illegal bats may be suspended from the league.
17. If a player develops bleeding during a game, the player must be removed from play until bleeding is controlled and dressed. In this case, the player may leave the game and return without penalty. Game time will not be stopped for injuries. It is the responsibility of the teams to bring first aid supplies to the field.
18. Umpires will determine if a player's physical condition and attire will enable them to be allowed to participate in a league game.
19. Should an umpire not show up for a game, teams should appoint a volunteer umpire, if possible. The volunteer umpire will be paid and the game will count. In this case, the game results must be phoned into the Program Manager at 952-939-8357 along with the name and phone number of the volunteer.
20. Batting practice is not permitted at Big Willow #5 or #6 or on the soccer field.
21. Big Willow Park closes at 10:30 p.m. Games will end and field lights will be shut off by this time.
22. Smoking is allowed on city property, however it is not allowed on the playing field or in the dugouts.
23. If a team withdraws from the league prior to May 9, their past record will be canceled and will not count toward their opponent's record.
24. Teams finishing in 1st place in each league will receive league champion t-shirts and will have 50% of the region or state tournament fee paid for by the league (if they have registered for the tournament).
25. If two or more teams are tied for the league championship at the end of the season, the league champion will be awarded to the team with the best head-to-head record. Co-champions will be named if two teams are still even. In the instance that one team has played more games than another, final standings will be determined by overall winning percentage.
26. Teams forfeiting a game are assessed a \$20 forfeit fee if the forfeit is not reported to the Program Manager by 3 p.m. on the day of the game. If a fee is assessed to a team, the team's manager will be notified and payment must be made to the Recreation Services office by 12 p.m. on the team's next game day. Failure to pay by this time results in another forfeit. Any team with three forfeits will be dropped from the league.
27. League scores and standings will be updated and posted weekly on the city of Minnetonka website – www.eminnetonka.com.

PLAYER CONDUCT:

1. **Alcohol/Beer:** There shall be no alcoholic beverages, including beer, at any city of Minnetonka parks, Hopkins School District facilities, or Minnetonka School District facilities. This includes the playing field, bleachers, and parking lot area. Do not bring alcohol to these locations. The game officials have been instructed to stop the game until alcohol has been removed from the area, even if it belongs to spectators. Players may not drink any alcoholic beverages before or during the game. If the umpire detects alcohol on the breath of a player, the player will be expelled from the game.

Beer and wine is permitted in Hopkins Central Park, but only to teams having first obtained an approved Alcohol Permit. In these cases, alcohol is restricted to the picnic area only. No glass bottles are allowed in Hopkins parks and no alcohol is permitted in the parking lot or in the park after 10 p.m. Alcohol permits can be obtained through the Recreation Services office by calling 952-939-8203. The permit fee is \$25 and applicants must provide a copy of a form of state issued government identification with their application.

2. The conduct of teams playing in Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services leagues must be above satisfactory. Managers must set examples of fair play and sportsmanship for their players. The Hopkins-Minnetonka Player Code of Conduct is as follows: *"At no time shall any person lay a hand on, shove, strike, use abusive language, or threaten an official of the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Department on park or school property."* Such incidents will require persons to be suspended until the Program Manager considers the case. Maximum penalty shall be suspension from local league play for one season or up to suspension for life. The umpire's authority at a game shall not be questioned. They have been instructed to enforce the league rules. The umpire has the authority to remove a player, coach, or manager from the game for violation of the rules. Players removed from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed to compete in the following game and a \$20 conduct violation fee will be assessed. A second ejection from a game by any one player will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
3. Profanity on or around the playing field, even casual profanity, is not permitted. It is sufficient grounds for expulsion from the premises. Casual profanity pertains to expletives not necessarily directed towards an umpire or player, but made out of frustration for a bad play. In these cases, if the offending team is at bat and the player uttering the profanity has made an out, the following player will also be declared out. If the profanity is made by a defensive player, the first player to bat in their half of the inning will be declared out.
4. Please be respectful of the game facilities and remove all litter from your team's bench and the surrounding area before leaving the game site.

PROTESTS:

1. Notification of intent to protest must be made to the umpire immediately before the next pitch or the protest will be invalid.
2. Protests on rules of the game will not be considered unless they in some way affect the outcome.
3. Legitimate protests must be made in writing within 24 hours after the scheduled time of contest. A \$20 deposit is required for each protest filed. If the protest is won, the protesting team will be refunded the deposit.

REGIONAL/STATE TOURNAMENTS: All teams have the option of participating in MRPA/USSSA Regional and State Tournaments. Teams interested in a post-season tournament must submit the regional/state tournament registration form (to be sent in early May), and a check for the tournament registration fee, prior to the registration deadline of June 15, 2012. Teams that do not submit the registration form by the deadline are ineligible for the regional/state tournament, even if they win the league. Once a team submits the post-season tournament registration form, they are committed to post-season play whether they win the league or not.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Davy: adavy@eminnetonka.com, or call (952) 939-8357.



NOTE: If you'd prefer to complete an electronic version of this roster, please call 952-939-8203 to have one emailed to you.

Team Roster

Sport (select one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Broomball	<input type="checkbox"/> Football
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Kickball	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball
League (select one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Men	<input type="checkbox"/> Women	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rec

Team Contact Information				
Team Name:		Sponsor:		
Manager:		H Phone:	W Phone:	
Address:		City:	Zip:	
Email:				
Asst. Manager:		H Phone:	W Phone:	
Address:		City:	Zip:	
Email:				

Manager's Affirmation: As the manager of this team, I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the team members of the rules and regulations that govern this activity and any consequences that may result if these guidelines are not followed. I obtained the following addresses and phone numbers and know that they are authentic. I certify that all listed players are fully aware of all rules and regulations and the penalties for any violations.

I have read the above guidelines and agree to abide by them: Date: _____

Minnesota Tort Claims Act
 Under Minnesota law, the cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka are not liable for injuries related to the operations and maintenance of facilities used for the provision of recreation programs.



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Team Roster

Team Name:		Sport:	
Manager's Name:			

1.	Name:		
	Address:	H Phone:	
	City & Zip Code:	W Phone:	

2.	Name:		
	Home Address:	H Phone:	
	City & Zip Code:	W Phone:	

3.	Name:		
	Home Address:	H Phone:	
	City & Zip Code:	W Phone:	

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Team Roster

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