

Manager's *Manual* ADULT SOFTBALL



2009



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Mailing Address - Rivershore Sports Complex, PO Box 17505, Covington, KY 41042

Physical Address - Rivershore Sports Complex - 7842 River Road, Hebron, KY 41048

Phone Numbers

Park Phone: 859-586-8500

Field & Weather Hotline: 859-392-0017

When traveling to our park - please note that driving down Rt. 237 (North Bend Road) to Rt. 8 is not the recommended way to go. Many times semi-trucks get stuck at the intersection of Rt. 237 & Rt. 8 (River Road) - impeding your ability to get to the park. It is recommended that if you take Rt. 237 that you turn right onto Tanner Road and then left onto Rt. 8 - River Road to travel to the park!

Welcome

Manager / Coach / Player,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all players, managers, coaches and spectators to Rivershore Sports Complex for the 2008 season!

The park is now, as in 2007 & 2008, under the control and ownership of Doug and Tom Noll. Our management staff will be at the park on a daily basis making sure that leagues and tournaments run smoothly and in the best interest of you the participants.

The management staff and I have come up with some interesting things that will hopefully make playing softball at Rivershore a pleasurable and affordable experience this year. Our goal during the 2009 season is to put the FUN back in the sport of softball and grow our leagues for both the recreational and competitive players. We are working hard to bring events to the park that you and your team will want to participate in from fun and relaxing tournaments to serious National Invitational events. Check out the tournament schedule found on pages 8 & 9 or on our web site at www.rivershoresports.com !

As in the past during my tenure at the park my door is always open to listen to your concerns, suggestions and ideas so that we can make Rivershore the #1 facility for you and other teams! You are the reason we are here!

Our staff motto remains

"Our Team Is Here To Serve Your Team!"

and you can count on a friendly atmosphere and clean facility each time you walk through our gates.

Respectfully,

Patty

Park Manager
Rivershore Sports Complex

Angel

Assistant Park Manager
Rivershore Sports Complex

Manager's Responsibilities

Managers are responsible for the following:

- ❖ Payment of all league and/or tournament entry fees.
- ❖ Supply a completed roster to the park office prior to playing their first game.
- ❖ Making sure that all 'added' players have signed a roster prior to taking the field.
- ❖ To maintain control of players and spectators of his/her team at all times, before, during and after a game.
- ❖ Maintain communication with the park office / manager in the event of a known forfeit at least 24-48 prior to scheduled game so that we can notify your opponent.

Communication

Field & Weather Hotline - 859-392-0017

Our Field & Weather Hotline is updated on a daily basis if the weather is questionable. We update the hotline at about 4:00 pm. A decision will not be made prior to that and could be made as late as 4:30 - 5:00 pm based upon the weather and our attempt to get your games played.

Please use our Hotline when checking on the status of games - 859-392-0017. This number handles 1,000's of calls at once.

Rivershore Sports Complex Web Site

www.rivershoresports.com

In an effort to 'go green' we use the web site and email for a high percentage of communication with any and all players, coaches and managers.

Our web site is divided into four main areas.

1. Adult Program
2. Youth Program
3. Umpire Program
4. Park Information

Please bookmark our site to keep up to date on happening's at Rivershore!

Email

I communicate with all managers via email. It is imperative that you provide our staff with an email address for yourself or a designee from your team for communication purposes. Updates will be emailed when a league schedule has been posted, changed or a team has called us to cancel a game.

Please take a moment to add the following emails to your "SAFE" list as we will be using them to communicate with you during your season.

We typically use either "Softball" or "Rivershore" in the subject line when communicating with you!

newsletter@myonlinenewsletter.net

patty@rivershoresports.com

rivershoresportsplex@fuse.net

angel@rivershoresports.com

cincysoftball@fuse.net

League Fees / Deadlines

Spring and/or Summer League Fees for an eight (8) game season are \$395.00 this includes games played Sunday through Friday. Fall league fees are \$250 for eight (8) game - four (4) week double header season and shall be played Monday through Friday. If your team played during the *Spring & Summer*, the Fall League Fee is \$225.

Spring season projected start date is the week of April 5th - weather permitting. Our league week runs Monday to Sunday. Summer Season projected start date is the first week of July - weather permitting and based upon completion of Spring Season. Fall League projected start date is the second full week of September.

Weather plays a key role in the completion of any league schedule - please watch the web site for up to-date information on 'games completed' or rescheduled.

No team will be permitted to take the field unless their **league fees are paid in full**.

Deadline to register your team is two weeks prior to a season’s start date. Please watch the web site for completed league games of a given season to determine the next start date of each season.

Game Procedures

Game Times

Teams must be prepared to take the field at game time. All games are scheduled 1 hour and 10 minutes apart.

Grace Period


There shall be a 10 minutes grace period for the first scheduled game of the evening. However, the game time clock shall start at the scheduled game time and no game may 'run' into the following games starting time. Teams will forfeit their games if they cannot field a team after the ten minute grace period. The forfeit will go on the game standings as a 0-7 loss. Teams may 'use' the field until 5 minutes prior to the next game scheduled start time.

Line-Up Cards / Game Scores

Line-Up Cards

Prior to taking the field, managers need to pick up their line-up cards from the Office. Line-up cards will be completed with Team Name, date, game time, field number and Home / Visitor marked prior to your arrival. It shall be the team /manager's responsibility to see that each person

This area will be completed for each game by Rivershore Staff. Managers are to pick up prior to game time from the Office / Pro-Shop.

		Team Name:	Spider Monkeys							
		Date:	4/9/08	Time:	6:30 PM	Field #	4			
Visitor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Home										
	Pos.	Batting Order		Starters		Sub.				
1.	1B	Mark Smith								
2.	SS	Joe Sells								
3.	3B	Mark Thomas								
4.	P	Sam Young								
5.	C	Ted Brown								
6.	RF	Bill Waters								
7.	2B	Ed Jones								
8.	RCF	Tom Kilgore								
9.	LF	Terry Lang								
10.	LCF	David Williams								
11.	AH	Mike Snyder								
12.										
13.										
14.										
FINAL SCORE									WIN / LOST	

Managers are responsible for completing both First & Last Names of each player in the game!

playing the game is listed by both their first and last name. Line-up cards will be cross referenced with your rosters, all players that are on your line-up card must appear on the roster or your team or you will forfeit games with non-rostered / illegal players.

Game Scores—League Standings

It shall be the manager’s responsibility to confirm that games scores are reported correctly each week. Results of games will be posted on both the bulletin board either outside the office or on the north side of the building and the web site on a weekly basis.

Home Team shall be the official book and is responsible for keeping the scorebook during the game. However, both teams must verify with the Umpire any discrepancies and correct prior to leaving the field.

League Rules

Each Team Manager shall receive a USSSA & ASA 2009 Rulebook and Scorebook. All league play will follow USSSA rules with the following amendments and / or exceptions:

- ❖ All Men’s games have a 1 hour time limit, after the time limit is up the game is continued as a 1 pitch and shall be completed.
- ❖ All Co-Ed games shall have a 65 minute time limit. At the completion of the 65 minutes, teams shall finish the inning and games will be considered a complete game.
- ❖ If after 7 innings, tie games go to a 1 pitch in the men’s division. There shall be no ‘one-pitch’ in the co-ed game.
- ❖ Teams may begin the game with 8 or 9 players. They may add their 9th or 10th player anytime during the game. Teams will not be assessed an out for the 9th or 10th ‘empty’ slot.
- ❖ Teams may bat all players and play any 10 in the field.
- ❖ Teams may add the 11th or 12th player before the start of the 2nd inning.
- ❖ One new game ball will be provided by the park. Any additional back-ups will be the team’s responsibility.
- ❖ Do not run out Home Runs or 4 Base Awards.
- ❖ The Run Rule will be:
 - 20 after 3 innings.
 - 15 after 4 innings.
 - 10 after 5 innings.
- ❖ Metal Spikes are prohibited; violators will be ejected from the game.
- ❖ Team Rosters must be turned in before the first game of each season.
- ❖ Players may only play for one team in a league and must be a rostered player.
- ❖ Players may be added to a roster up until the 6th week of each season.

Managers or players ejected from a game are automatically suspended from the next game, NO EXCEPTIONS! Anyone ejected a second time is suspended for 2 games and a third ejection will result in a suspension from all play at Rivershore Sports Complex.

Sportsmanship / Profanity

Rivershore is a *FAMILY* friendly facility and **NO** profanity will be tolerated on or off the field of play! In addition, we will not tolerate any fighting on the property. Please see the Managers Responsibilities on page 4, "To maintain control of players and spectators of his/her team at all times, before, during and after a game."

During the games, the umpires will assess an out to the offending team. The penalty will be assessed at the first dead ball and before the next legal pitch.

Definitions of non-tolerated verbiage.

Obscene - Offensive to chastity or decency. Offensive to the sensor. Example - "F" bomb.

Profanity - To treat something sacred with irreverence or abuse. Example: G_d Da__ It.

Vulgar: Offensive to good taste or sensitive feelings. Lack of refinement in conduct or speech.

Example: One finger salute, S_n of a B ____ h. MF.

Taunting or Trash Talking - A sarcastic, biting speech or remark insulting reproach to tease or provoke. Example: You S__ k, You A __ Hole.

Interpretation

All "F" bombs heard by the umpire = Out Assessed. All other words or actions defined above as obscene, vulgar, profane, or unsportsmanlike heard and/or directed to the umpire and within spectator range.

Violation directed personally at an umpire can and will result in an ejection.

Enforcement of this rule is not to be questioned on the field during or after the game with the umpire.

Questions of enforcement should be discussed with Park Manager after the game.

Softballs

Leagues

Each game will be supplied with one new game ball for league games. It will be each team's responsibility to supply additional back up balls should they need them. Softballs will be available in the Pro-Shop at a very reasonable price.

- o One Softball \$ 4.00
- o Three Softballs \$10.00
- o Six Softballs \$20.00
- o One Dozen Softballs \$40.00

Rivershore will be using the - Trump "Classic M" optic yellow softball for the 2009 season. Teams may use other **USSSA** or **ASA** approved 40 cor / 325 compression or lower softballs. However, any softball thrown in for play must be given to the umpire first. Softballs may be either white or optic yellow.

Penalty for using a higher cor / compression softball:

1st Offense Team warning.

2nd Offense Team will their forfeit game.

Tournaments

Teams must supply their own softballs for all tournament play in 2009 and they must be a 40 cor / 325 compression softball or less.

Gate Policy

League Nights

Gate fees shall be \$2.00 for all players and spectators during league nights. One manager from each team will receive a Free Gate Pass for entry to the park at no charge when league fees are paid in full for each season. Senior Citizens - 65 and older are free. Children 16 years and younger are free.

Pre-Sales of Gate Passes

During the spring season we will offer a Pre-Ticket Sale for the nine game season schedule. Cost for a Season Pass is \$15 per ticket. Tickets will only be good for league nights and not weekend events.

Weekends—Tournaments

Gate fees shall be a minimum of \$3.00 for all players and spectators during any weekend event. (Gate fees may be higher based upon event.)

Food / Drinks

- No food or drink is allowed to be brought into the park.
- Any team or team member caught carrying alcohol into the park shall be asked to leave the facility.
- Anyone violating this policy shall be asked to leave the facility. Our liquor laws prohibit any open containers from leaving the park.

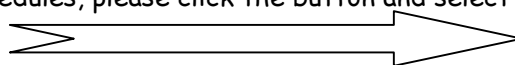
Tournaments

Rivershore Sports Complex has lined up some great events for the 2009 Adult Tournament season! Our schedule is found on our web site by choosing the "Adult Program" and then Tournament Information links. Our schedule for the 2009 season includes the following:

Date	Day	Event	Cost	Type	Start Time
3/13/2009	FRI	Triple Header Round Robin	\$49.00	SP-RR	6PM
3/14/2009	SAT	Bash for Cash		SP-Rental	9AM
3/15/2009	SUN	Bash for Cash		SP-Rental	9AM
3/20/2009	FRI	DH Warm-Ups	\$39.00	SP	6PM
3/21/2009	SAT-PM	Men's Sweatshirt Round Robin	\$125.00	SP-RR	6PM
3/27/2009	FRI	DH Warm-Ups	\$39.00	SP	6PM
3/28/2009	SAT-PM	Men's Play For Free Round Robin	\$99.00	SP-RR	6PM
3/30/2009	MON	DH Warm-Ups	\$39.00	SP	6PM
3/31/2009	TUE	DH Warm-Ups	\$39.00	SP	6PM
4/1/2009	WED	DH Warm-Ups	\$39.00	SP	6PM

4/2/2009	THU	DH Warm-Ups	\$39.00	SP	6PM
4/3/2009	FRI	DH Warm-Ups	\$39.00	SP	6PM
4/4/2009	SAT-PM	Men's Spring Season Warm-Up	\$79.00	SP-RR	6PM
4/11/2009	SAT-AM	Men's USSSA "D" NIT	\$275.00	SP	9AM
4/12/2009	SUN	Park Closed- Easter			
4/25/2009	SAT-PM	Men's Midnight Madness	\$99.00	SP-RR	8PM
5/9/2009	SAT-PM	Men's Late Night	\$99.00	SP-RR	8PM
7/11/2009	SAT-PM	Men's Metro Qualifier	\$125.00	SP-RR	7PM
7/18/2009	SAT-AM	Special Olympics Invitational	Volunteers Needed		9AM
7/18/2009	SAT-PM	Men's Midnight Madness	\$99.00	SP-RR	7PM
7/19/2009	SUN-AM	USSSA Rec Qualifier for 8/22 Tourney	\$150.00	SP-RR	9AM
7/25/2009	SAT-AM	Border Wars – Individual Registration	\$15.00	SP-RR	10AM
7/25/2009	SAT-PM	Border Wars (date if needed)		SP-RR	10AM
7/26/2009	SUN-AM	Fall League Fee RR	\$125.00	SP-RR	10AM
8/1/2009	SAT	ASA Metro Tournament Games		SP	10AM
8/2/2009	SUN	TBD		SP-RR	
8/15/2009	SAT-AM	Special Olympics Regional Tournament	Volunteers Needed		9AM
8/15/2009	SAT-PM	Co-Ed Fall League Fee Round Robin	\$125.00	SP-RR	7PM
8/16/2009	SUN-AM	Men's Fall League Fee Round Robin	\$125.00	SP-RR	10AM
8/22/2009	SAT	Men's E-Rec / Mixed Couple State Tournament	\$150.00	SP-DbI Elim	9AM
8/23/2009	SUN	Men's E-Rec / Mixed Couple State Tournament	\$150.00	SP-DbI Elim	9AM
8/29/2009	SAT	Team Alex - Cystic Fibrosis Benefit	\$125.00	Benefit	10AM
8/30/2009	SUN-AM	Team Alex - Cystic Fibrosis Benefit	\$125.00	Benefit	9AM
9/12/2009	SAT-AM	Play for Free Round Robin	\$99.00	SP-RR	10AM
9/12/2009	SAT-PM	Co-Ed Midnight Madness	\$99.00	SP-RR	7PM
9/19/2009	SAT-AM	Spring '10 League Fee Round Robin	\$125.00	SP-RR	10AM
9/19/2009	SAT-PM	Men's Midnight Madness	\$99.00	SP-RR	7PM
9/20/2009	SUN-AM	Spring '10 League Fee Round Robin	\$125.00	SP-RR	9AM
9/26/2009	SAT-PM	Co-Ed Midnight Madness	\$99.00	SP-RR	8PM
10/10/2009	SAT-PM	Spring '10 League Fee Round Robin	\$125.00	SP	8PM
10/17/2009	SAT-AM	Spring '10 League Fee Round Robin	\$125.00	SP	10AM
10/18/2009	SUN-AM	Sweatshirt Round Robin	\$125.00	SP-RR	9AM
10/30/2009	FRI	Halloween Spooktacular	\$100.00	SP	6PM
10/31/2009	SAT	Halloween Spooktacular	\$100.00	SP	10AM

For updated tournament schedules, please click the button and select Tournament Information.



Additional events may be added during the season and based upon weather in November.

Tournament Registration

All teams interested in participating in any event must register either online or by stopping by the park office and completing a registration form. No team will be placed in an event without a registration form on file.

Playground

Children must have adult supervision while playing in the playground. No fighting / rough-housing will be tolerated while in the playground.

Cornhole

The cornhole games are available every evening during league play. They are stored in the office. Please feel free to ask, or help yourself if you and your team would like to use them.

Flag Football

Rivershore is preparing for a Fall Flag Football league on a trial basis in 2009. Please watch the bulletin boards for updated information.

Other Events - Youth

Do you have children that play softball or that would like to play softball? Rivershore is hosting leagues, tournaments and clinics for all ages in the spring, summer and the fall. Check out the Youth Softball links on the web site for more details!

