

DSMA Softball: Frequently Asked Questions

CAN I GET MY MONEY BACK IF I DROP OUT?

If you sign up for a league and then decide to withdraw from the league, the DSMA will retain \$25.00 from your entry fee and refund the remaining \$350.00 if you withdraw within five (5) business days after registering. If you withdraw after five business days, the DSMA will retain the entire entry fee.

WHEN WILL LEAGUE SCHEDULES COME OUT?

League play will begin Monday, March 15, 2010. League schedules will be posted on www.dsma.com approximately one week before your first game. **Schedules will not be mailed. If you do not have access to the website make sure you designate someone on your team to do that checking.**

WHAT OFFICIAL SOFTBALL DO WE USE?

Teams must supply their own softballs for league games. Men and Coed-Men will hit a 12" ball, either ASA-approved (.cor 44 or lower) or USSSA-approved Classic M (.cor 40 or lower). Coed-Women will hit an 11" ball, either ASA-approved (.cor 44 or lower) or USSSA-approved Classic W (.cor 44 or lower). Balls may be white or optic yellow, and the ASA or USSSA stamp must be clearly visible. **NOTE: For the Spring season, DSMA will supply each team with 4 new balls and at least 2 used balls before their first game.** Any additional balls must be supplied by the teams.

WHEN DO I GET A ROSTER AND WHEN IS IT DUE?

Roster forms are included in your registration packet or may be downloaded from our website. **A roster must be turned in to your scorekeeper on the FIRST NIGHT OF LEAGUE PLAY. If any changes are made from your first roster, then final rosters must be turned in to the Athletic/Reservations Office or the Kiest Softball Complex no later than Monday, April 12, 2010.** Rosters may be turned in to your scorekeeper *only* on your first league night.

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER THINGS I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LEAGUE?

- All bats on the **ASA or USSSA** 2010 approved bat lists are legal in **all DSMA leagues.**
- All make-up games will be scheduled on your normal league night, usually following the end of the season or in open time slots (e.g. 9:45).
- All league winners receive a team trophy and a set of 15 championship t-shirts.
- All league winners receive either a free entry to the City Playoffs for their classification. Any other eligible DSMA team may enter for a \$100 fee.
- Each player's shirt **must** have a number; permanent numbers are preferred, but tape or markers may be used on a temporary basis.
- Line-up cards may be obtained from the scorekeeper at the field.
- Batters will come to the plate with a count of "1 ball and 1 strike"; the batter will have up to 3 more balls and/or 2 strikes to complete their at bat. **Class D leagues will be allowed an extra foul ball; Class C and C/D leagues do not get an extra foul.**
- BASE STEALING is allowed in all Men's leagues (except Class D and USSSA). Please see Constitution & By-laws for rules.

HOW CAN I RESERVE A FIELD FOR PRACTICE?

Reservations can be made on City of Dallas fields by opening a reservation account at the Athletic/Reservations Office. Evening reservations are \$50 for one hour (beginning at 7:00 pm); daytime reservations are \$25 for one hour. Call the Reservations Office at 214.670.8740 for more information.

WHERE CAN I FIND DSMA ON THE INTERNET?

DSMA has its own website, located at www.dsma.com, with information about league schedules and standings, tournament schedules, upcoming events, a draft list for teams needing players, registration information and much more. You can also contact DSMA via email at dsma@airmail.net, or contact the league administrator, Barbara Barnette, directly at barbara.barnette@dallascityhall.com or at 214.670.6707. PLEASE NOTE: Since email is not always reliable and cannot be guaranteed to be received promptly, please CALL if you have an urgent matter that needs a quick response.