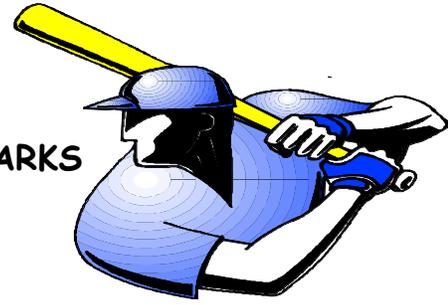


SNOWFLAKE/TAYLOR RECREATION AND PARKS
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SNOWFLAKE/TAYLOR 2015 LABOR DAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Men's - Slow Pitch - Teams can register as an A or B team. Teams will play a single seeding game within the division they register for, for placement into a double elimination tournament. Teams are required to give themselves a ranking according to the division in which they usually participate (A, B, C etc.). Teams that are organized just for this tournament should use these guidelines for their team ranking: Use the highest ranking of the best five players who play in the same division. (Example: A team with 5 A Division players should enter as an A Division team.) A team with 3 players that can hit homeruns consistently should also be in the A Division. B Division rosters will be reviewed to confirm their proper placement in the tournament. The Recreation and Parks Department shall have complete authority to change any inappropriate team ranking. Teams will be accepted (first come first serve) until individual tournament limits have been reached. Teams are guaranteed 3 games.

Coed- Slow-pitch - Same as above except only 1 division. Field split 50/50 - girls to use 11" ball.

Dates - Saturday - Sept. 5th and Monday - Sept. 7th

Times - Games start Saturday morning. Teams should be prepared to play on Saturday and Monday.

Entry Fee - \$225.00 per team payable to the Snowflake/Taylor Recreation and Parks Department. A team will be registered when both entry fee and registration form are received. The deadline is Monday, August 31st by 5:00 pm. Fees will pay for game balls, semi-final and final officials, trophies, and scorekeepers. **ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**

Awards - 1st Place: Individual T-shirts.
2nd Place: Individual T-shirts.

Rosters - Team rosters must be turned in by Monday, August 31st. Team rosters will be frozen at the beginning of the double elimination tournament. Any changes to a team's roster must be made before the start of the team's first double elimination tournament game. Players may not be added to a team roster if they have played for another team during this Labor Day Tournament. Team rosters can not exceed 15 players. League officials will take action on roster violations in accordance with protest procedures.

Playing Fields - The Centennial, Snowflake and Taylor Fields will be used - to be determined by the number of entries. Please make note of the fields you prefer to play on (see roster).

Insurance - Medical insurance is the responsibility of the team or individual. The Snowflake/Taylor Recreation and Parks Department does not carry medical insurance for teams or individuals.

Conduct

1. There will be a display of good sportsmanship at all times. Players, coaches, managers or other team members will not make disparaging or insulting remarks to or about opposing players, officials or spectators or commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. The penalty for violations is prompt ejection of the offender from the game, dugout and area around the dugout. At the discretion of the umpire, a player committing a first offense, may be benched from the point of the infraction and then for the next complete inning. A coach may be asked to leave the dugout and the area around the dugout from the point of the infraction and then for the next complete inning. A player/coach committing a second offense will be ejected from the game, dugout and area around the dugout. A player/coach who continues with unsportsmanlike behavior shall leave the grounds for the remainder of the game or the game will be forfeited. The tournament supervisor/umpire may forfeit a game if team players or their supporters exhibit excessive public abuse in any form.
2. Players, coaches, managers or other team members involved in a flagrant unsportsmanlike act will be ejected and must leave the grounds immediately and the plate umpire should not restart the game until the ejected player/coach is gone. Flagrant acts include but are not limited to:
 - Fighting - Offenders are ejected for all further tournament play. (Minimum event suspension - one year) Length of suspension in all future programs conducted by the Snowflake/Taylor Recreation and Parks Department to be determined according to the offender's involvement in the incident.
 - Pushing - Offender is ejected from game. (Results in a fight-see Fighting)
 - Swearing - Offender is ejected from game.
 - Intimidating an umpire - Offender is ejected from the game.
 - Use of an illegal bat is considered a flagrant unsportsmanlike act. Offenders will be ejected from the tournament on a 2nd offense.
3. There will be no drinking of alcoholic beverages and no smoking/chewing of tobacco on the premises. Violating teams will be ejected from the tournament and no refund will be given. There will be no warnings!

Protest - Must be resolved at game site. Umpire decisions, with possible consultation with tournament supervisors, will be final.

Ties - Will be played off in all play. Each team at bat will place their last out on 2nd base.

Bats/Balls - Will be using the ASA sanctioned 52 Core 300 compression ball for men's play. ASA stamped and approved bats only.

Rules & Regulations

- A. Game time will be one hour long or 7 innings. No new innings will start after 55 minutes. Games will be called after 5 innings if a team is ahead by 15 and after 3 innings if a team is ahead by 25. Semi-final and final games will not have the 55-minute rule.
- B. Batters come to bat with a one-ball/one strike count. Fouls count as strikes. Strikes will be awarded if pitched ball hits any part of the base or mat and has a 6' to 10' arch from the ground.
- C. Singles or doubles will be awarded to players hitting the ball over the right field fence in Snowflake. An out will be declared on the 5th over the right field fence single and/or double - (combined total).
- D. Substitution is allowed. A player can only come back in once for whoever took his or her place, (in the same batting order).

- E. Batting order must be submitted in writing to the field supervisors prior to the game.
- F. In case of inclement weather, playing conditions will be decided at the game site by league supervisors.
- G. **NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED IN ANY PLAY.**
- H. A minimum of 9 players can start a game. However an out will be declared whenever the 10th position in the lineup is scheduled to bat. A 10th player may be added in the 10th position anytime before the end of the game. Any team that starts with 10 players may drop down to the minimum of 9 players to finish the game. Any team that starts with 11 players ("EP") may drop down to a minimum of 10 players to finish the game. If a player is ejected from the game for any reason, the ejected player's team must have a substitute available to replace the ejected player or that team will forfeit the game. If a team starts with 9 or 10 players, they may not add an 11th player "EP" to the lineup.
- I. Extra player is optional. If used he/she must remain in the batting order the entire game. "EP" can play defense and be substituted for by a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting "EP" can reenter.
- J. Teams will be allowed one courtesy runner per inning, which must be the team's last out. The same batter can have another courtesy runner if the team bats around.
- K. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch from the 50' to 55' pitchers plate or anywhere in-between. All other pitching rules are in effect. Mat size has been increased to accommodate extra pitching distance.
- L. Equalizer Rule: All division games are equalizer games where no team can be more than 2 out of the park home runs ahead of an opponent. A third out of the park home run would count as an out. In the Men's A Division this rule can be waved if both teams elect to go with a 10 out of the park home run limit with singles being awarded thereafter.
- M. Bats must be ASA certified and must not be included in the ASA Banned Bat List. List will be at the fields.
- N. If third strike is fouled, the batter is out and the ball is dead, no advancing.
- O. A base runner is not required to slide at home plate, however if there is ANY contact between the base runner and the catcher then the base runner is out. Catchers can not deliberately cause contact in an attempt to subvert this rule.
- P. Pitcher Safety Zone: Any batted ball that enters any part of the picture safety box is dead and the batter is out. The ball can not be played once it has entered the safety box, even if it only crosses the corner of the box. A pitcher may play a ball that is outside of the box while still standing in the box. Balls hit 2' above the pitchers head at the pitchers point of delivery will be considered a legal hit outside of the safety box. Rule does not apply if the pitcher is not in the safety zone.
- Q. In the event of rain or any other cause, which prevents a game from continuing, the game will be completed at the first opportunity and will resume from the point of departure.
- R. Authority: League Supervisors and the Director of the Snowflake/Taylor Recreation and Parks Department shall have complete authority in all situations not herein covered.

MOTELS

Osmer D. Heritage Inn Bed & Breakfast 536-2512

Taylor Silver Creek Inn 536-2600

Americas Best Value Inn 536-3888