



2010 Summer League Team Packet

Dear Manager,

Thank you for choosing to participate at Pelican Park. We intend on making the entire experience an enjoyable one for you and your teammates. To insure that the league begins in a timely manner please review the following information. If you have any questions please contact us at 337-896-5000 or www.PelicanPark.net

- **Team Roster and Player Fee Deadline-** Attached you will find a “Team Roster”. This roster must be completely filled out and submitted, when you turn in your registration fees. This may be submitted Monday-Friday.
- **Game Balls-** As indicated in the registration form, Pelican Park has a facility ball. All leagues are required to hit the Pelican Park stamped ball, which can be purchased anytime at Pelican Park. We encourage that you purchase the balls when you come to register your team in order to prevent any delays on opening night (\$60/doz). Pelican Park will be using the Classic and Classic M for all League Play.
- **Adult Softball League Rules and Regulations-** Please familiarize yourself with this document. *It is the coaches’ responsibility to familiarize all teammates with these rules.*
- **Schedules-** Schedules will be posted on www.PelicanPark.net. Managers are responsible for making sure teammates get a copy of the schedule. Managers are also responsible for checking the League Website regularly, to make sure there have been no changes to the schedule, due to unforeseen circumstances.
- **Employment Opportunity-** Applications are available on the first floor for anyone interest in working at Pelican Park or LAUA as an Umpire
- **Rainout-** Pelican Park rainout number is 337-232-7007. Please try this number first.

Pelican Park

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1. **Objective:** The objectives of the PELICAN PARK ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE will be to operate, develop and provide a quality adult softball program for all park participants with the goal of enhancing softball in the area.
2. **Administration:** A Rules Committee will be made up of one At-Large Member and one Umpire, and chaired by the Director or Asst. Director of Pelican Park. This committee, as requested by Pelican Park Management will act on grievances, altercations, or extenuating circumstances.
3. **Playing Rules:** the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Slow Pitch Rule Book will govern all rules NOT covered in this document, which will be available upon request.
 - a. **Minimum Players:**
 - i. In the Men’s program, a minimum of 9 players can start a game. However, an out shall be declared when the tenth position in the lineup is scheduled to bat. A tenth player may be added to the tenth position any time before the end of the game. Any team that starts a game with 10, 11, or 12 players may drop to a minimum of 9 players to finish the game. All vacant spots in the lineup will be declared an out every time that lineup position is due to bat. If a team starts with 9 or 10 players they are not allowed to add the eleventh or twelfth player at a later time. Exception: A player, who has left the game under the blood rule, may return. (USSSA Rule Book- Rule 13 Sec 2)
 - ii. In the Men’s Program, any untouched fair fly ball over the fence will be considered a home run. **Once a team has hit its allotted home runs, every home run after that will be declared an out.**
 - b. In the Mixed Program, teams will be allowed to begin the game with a minimum of 9 players. One gender may not exceed the other by more than one. (EX: 4F & 5M or 5F & 4M) An out will be declared in the 10th position. A tenth player may be added at any time before the end of the game. Teams starting 12 may drop down to 11 or 10 but one gender will never exceed the other by more the one. If a team starts with 9 or 10 they are not allowed to add the 11th or 12th position. Exception: A player, who has left the game under the blood rule, may return.
 - c. **Uniforms:** Teams should wear similar colored shirts for all league games.
 - d. **Game Equipment:** Teams will supply their own equipment. All equipment must confirm to the rules of the USSSA Softball Rule Book. Bats must be permanently stamped with a BPF of 1.20 or less.
 - e. **Game Balls:** All teams must furnish their own Pelican Park stamped balls. Men use a 12” ball and Women use an 11” ball. The ball will only be available at Pelican Park. The cost will be reasonable with discounts for a dozen. Pelican Park will be using the Classic and Classic M ball for all USSSA League Play.
 - f. **Forfeited Games:** Games will be forfeited in accordance with the USSSA Slow Pitch rules. The score of a forfeited game is 7-0. If a team does not have enough players AT GAME TIME, the game will be a forfeit. If a team forfeits three games, or two that are back to back, they could be dropped from the league.
 - g. **Courtesy Runner:** Courtesy runner is allowed. The last out will become courtesy runner. Not a substitute on the bench.

h. Park Home Run Rules

- i. Home Run Limits

League	# Of Home Runs
Men’s League	4
Mixed League	2 Women & 2 Men
Corp League	4
Women’s League	4

4. Protested Games:

- a. All games protested must be based on a playing rule. No protest will be accepted based solely on a decision involving an umpire's judgment. All protests must be made orally to the umpire at the time of the rule in question; that is, before the next pitch is thrown or a live ball situation occurs. Following the oral protest, the manager on duty will resolve the protest on the spot, or as quickly as possible. Protests will not be allowed after the game is over.
- b. The Umpire will have the right to check identification (player cards) if a player is suspected of playing under a different name.
- c. **Termination of Games:** the termination of games will be in accordance with the rule book with the following exception
- d. If a team is leading by ten or more runs at the completion of the 5th inning or 4 ½ innings, if the home team is ahead, or leading by fifteen or more runs at the completion of the 3rd or 2 ½ innings, if the home team is ahead.
- e. The Flip/Flop rule will be in effect for all League Play
 - i. In the inning when the run rule is exceeded and the home team is losing, the home team will remain at bat and become the visiting team. If the team (new visiting team) does not score enough runs to reduce the run difference below the run rule the game is over. If they reduce the run difference below the run rule then the new home team will bat. If they subsequently score enough runs to exceed the run rule the game will be over, if they do not the game will continue under that format. If the situation reverses, the teams would flip/flop again. (USSSA Rule Book- Rule 4 Sec 3 F)

5. General Guidelines:

- a. **Starting Lineups:** Managers will be responsible for seeing that their lineups are posted on the “**Line Up**” board **15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time, with players’ first and last names.** Managers may obtain the line up sheets from the pro shop or concessions stand.
- b. **Dugouts:**
 - i. Only persons directly affiliated with the teams will be allowed on the playing field or in the dugout. Coaches, managers, or team captains are asked to keep all non-players out of team areas. ***Under no circumstances are there to be children in the dugout!***
 - ii. **No beer or alcoholic beverages may be brought into the dugout. Anyone leaving the playing area to have a drink of alcohol will not be allowed to return to the game. Failure to comply with the officials’ request in this matter will result in a forfeit.**
 - iii. Smoking is allowed only outside the gates of the playing field.
- c. **Postponement of Games:**
 - i. Pelican Park does not postpone games except for inclement weather, unsuitable playing conditions or light failure.
 - ii. In the event of rainy weather we will not make a determination until 5:00pm.
 - iii. Rainouts will be posted on www.PelicanPark.net or you can call 337-232-7007.
 - iv. Once a game has begun the umpires will have the right to suspend the game and all postponements will be the decision of the park management. A game postponed because of rain will resume at the point of postponement. A game is deemed complete after four innings have been played, unless completed as per the rule book.
- d. **Make Up Games:**
 - i. Rescheduling of makeup games: Pelican Park will try to reschedule games on league nights, but may have to use other nights to complete the session. Coaches will be notified of changes.
 - ii. Other schedule changes of any kind must be brought to the attention of park management for consideration.
- e. **Player Cards:**
 - i. All players that have paid their player fees and put their name on the roster will receive a player's card. This card is to be carried at all times and must be shown at the front gate for

free admission. Any player who fails to carry their player's card will have to pay the gate admission fee to enter the park.

6. Sportsmanship:

- a. **Code of Conduct:** No Player, Coach, or Manager shall:
 - i. Not at any time, lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, threaten to strike, or verbally threaten an umpire.
 - ii. Refuse to abide by an umpire's decision.
 - iii. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an umpire's decision by throwing of gloves, bats, balls, or any other forceful action.
 - iv. Be guilty of verbal abuse upon an umpire for any judgment decision.
 - v. Discuss with the official in an aggressive manner. The only person that should discuss situations with the umpire is the coach/manager.
 - vi. Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in play of the game, against the body and person of an opposing player.
 - vii. Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor on a player, umpire, spectator, or a member of the Pelican Park staff.
 - viii. Be guilty of abusive verbal attack upon player, umpire, spectator, or a member of the Pelican Park staff.
 - ix. Use profane language in any manner or at any time.
 - x. Be guilty of discussion publicly with spectators, in a derogatory manner, any play, decision, or his/her own personal opinion of other players or officials during the game.
- b. **NOTE:** Penalties will consist of a warning or ejection from the game, park and/or program.
- c. **Team-Player Sportsmanship:**
 - i. Any Pelican Park participant, who participates in a fight or altercation, or in any way causes harm to any other program participants either on the playing field or park property before, during or after a game, will be suspended until further review by Park Management and or by the Rules Committee.
 - ii. No cursing, throwing equipment, arguing with the officials, deliberate rough play or other types of unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in either a warning or an ejection.
 - iii. Anytime a player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, he/she will not be allowed to play for a minimum of one week. If the altercations happen again, the rules committee will review the player/coach/manager and disciplinary action will be taken, by the Park Management or Rules Committee.
 - iv. If a player/coach/manager is ejected, he/she must leave the immediate area. He or she may remain in the park, but must be out of sight and sound of the playing field of their game. In some cases it may be necessary to eject the participant from the park property. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit of that game.

7. Eligibility:

- a. **Player Eligibility:**
 - i. All league participants must be 17 years of age or older. Any team may have only one 17 year old playing with a minors release form.
 - ii. **A male may play on 1 Men's team, 1 Mixed Team and 1 Corporate Team per night. Playing on 2 teams (same League) will be suspended for one year.**
 - iii. Once a player signs a roster, he belongs to that team from that date to the seasons end unless he obtains a release. A release may only be obtained after the start of the season. A player may transfer only once per session. A player may drop in classification with the written permission from his current team manager and Pelican Park Management.
 - iv. Corporate Teams will have the option of having three non-employees on their roster. All other players on that corporate roster must be permanent full-time employees of the said company.
 - v. If a team's coach/manager suspects a player playing under a different name, they should approach the umpire and request that the suspected player's identification be checked.

If a manager, scorekeeper or umpire suspects a player playing illegally; they should approach the park manager on duty for further investigation.

- vi. Team using players not on their roster shall automatically forfeit any game in which said players participated. The manager who allows a player not on his roster to participate, and the player who knowingly plays illegally will be suspended immediately. The length of the suspension and date of reinstatement shall be based upon the recommendation of the Rules Committee and/or Pelican Park Management.

b. Team Rosters

- i. **Rosters and fees must be turned in prior to an individual playing. The roster must be filled out completely and signed. All players must be on the roster. No initial or nicknames should be used. Team rosters are unlimited in number. The manager of any team must be on the roster listed as a player. It will be the responsibility of the manager and the player to show proof of registration if questioned.**

- 8. Team Withdrawals:** A team may withdraw from the league at any desired point in the season at the expense of the team itself (no refunds). That team will forfeit all remaining games. In the event a team withdraws from the program, its players may be picked up by teams in other leagues with the approval of the Rules Committee and or Park Management.

9. Post Season Tournament (If Held)

- a. Every team in League will be allowed to participate in the Post Season Tournament if held.
- b. Seeding for the Post Season Tournament will be random.
- c. Entry Fee is \$20
- d. Games will be played on the regularly schedule night of League (if held).

10. Awards

- a. Awards will be given to the top two finishers in league. If teams are in a split league, the top finisher in each pool will receive an award.
- b. The first place finisher in the post-season tournament (if held) will receive an award.

“Pitching Rule”:

Effective immediately, we are implementing the use of a pitchers box at Pelican Park Complex. The box will be painted line that extends 6ft back from the rubber, 1ft on each side of the rubber and 1 ft above the head of the pitcher (imaginary line). Any ball hit through this box will result in an automatic out for the batter and will be declared a dead ball with all runners going back to the base they occupied at the time of the pitch. The following rules will apply: Any ball hit through the box must go past the rubber (in the air) and inside the box to be declared and out. Any ball that hits the ground before the rubber is live and in play. **All calls are judgment calls and cannot be protested.**

“TIMING”

All games will have a 55 minute time limit. No new inning will start with less than 60 seconds. The game clock will be started at game time (signal to be made by umpire).

“BAT TESTING”:

Any player refusing to allow Pelican Park to test a bat will be subject to USSSA Rule 2, Sec 2.