

2017 FRENCHTOWN CO-ED FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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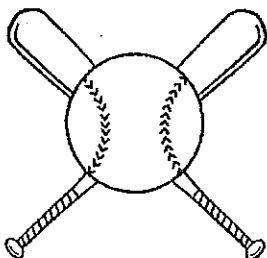
FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP

REGISTRATION FOR FALL LEAGUE

Sign up at Frenchtown Township Treasurer's Office located at 2744 Vivian Rd.

Office hours are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday- Friday.

- Entry Fee of \$200.00 is **DUE WITH TEAM REGISTRATION PAPERS**
- In order to secure your spot, please register as soon as possible (8 teams per league)
- Registration must be received by the Treasurer's office no later than Friday, **August 17th**
- Umpire fee is \$20.00 per team and is to be paid before each game
- Seven week schedule starting August 24, 2017
- Games will be played on Fridays
- USA Softball Official Rules 2017 will be followed in combination with Frenchtown Adult Softball Rules and Regulations



League Director: Al Fernandez (313) 969-7097

Recreation Director: Larry Chinavare (734) 243- 1732

Team Entry Form

Date: / /

Sport: _____ (Circle one) Men Women Co-Ed Other

Night Preferred (number in order of preference)

MON. TUE. WED. THU. FRI. SAT. SUN.

Division Requested: (circle one) A B C D Other: _____

Send forfeit fee deposit to: Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Team Name _____

Sponsor Name _____

Manager's Name _____

Manager's Address _____

Manager's phone number () _____ Evening phone number () _____

New team? _____ Y _____ N

Was this team entered in Frenchtown Recreation Activities last year? _____ Y _____ N

If yes, the name of the team was _____, which played in the _____ league on _____ night.

Has this team played in any other league in the past 3 years? _____ Y _____ N

Where? _____ Team Name: _____ City/Twnshp _____

Please indicate the number of players who have played this sport in:
_____ High School _____ College _____ Professional _____ Other

Please provide any additional detail on the skill level/playing experience of your team members:

The information I have provided is true and correct. As the team manager or representative, I agree to forward all necessary league information to my team members.

Signature of Manager/Team Representative

FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP TEAM ROSTER

Team Name: _____

Sport: _____

Circle one: Men Women Co-Ed

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I am the manager of the above team, and I certify that the above players are all eligible as specified in Frenchtown Rules and By-Laws. I also understand the penalty for using an ineligible participant.

FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP PLAYER CONTRACT/WAIVER

	Name	Address	City, State, ZIP	Phone	Signature
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Field Conditions/Rainout Information

Field conditions /rainout information will be available after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Field conditions/Rainout number (734) 289-2948

The FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL LEAGUE office will remain open until about 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday throughout the season to address emergencies or problems with league play scheduled for the evening. The weather is the single most unpredictable factor affecting any softball season.

“Thunder always accompanies lighting, even though its audible range can be diminished because of background noise” The current recommendation of the ASA is to consider terminating play when the lightning is six miles away (“flash to bang” time of 30 seconds or less). This was developed as a practical way to make a judgment in situations where other resources are not available.

Refund policy

After FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL LEAGUE has filled our league, no refunds will be issued unless another team takes your spot in the league. After the season begins, NO refunds will be issued.

RULES FOR FRENCTOWN TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL PLAY

All FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL LEAGUES will follow the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) code, to be superseded ONLY by League Rules and/or the exceptions and clarifications that follow.

Softballs

The official softballs for all league play will be:

- Adult Slow-Pitch (male) – Worth 375, 44 COR, 12 inch, White/Optic Yellow synthetic
- Adult Slow Pitch (female) – Worth 375, 44 COR, 11 inch, White/Optic Yellow synthetic
- Note for adult slow pitch: Teams must be prepared to play with either color ball if both teams do not have a yellow or white ball.
- All bats in Frenchtown township softball league play must meet ASA Code. For additional information, go the ASA Website, <http://www.softball.org> Procedures for checking bats and accessories (Such as bat rings) will be enforced. Bats or accessories not in compliance will not be allowed to be used in the Frenchtown Softball League.

Age Limit – Adult Leagues

Adult Player should be at least 18 or a graduating senior to participate in a FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL ADULT LEAGUE. Players ages 16-17 must have parent/guardian sign roster/waiver: Players in this age bracket must be 16 on January 1st of the current year.

Equipment

Teams are responsible for providing all of their own equipment.

Two new game balls will be furnished for each game.

Protests

Protests can be filed on any umpires' rule interpretation, but not a judgment call. Before the next pitch-legal or illegal-the umpire must be notified that you are going to continue to play the game under protest.

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The umpire will gather the teams together and announce that a protest is being lodged. Official score book must reflect the score and if necessary, the ball/strike positions of the runners. The umpire will initial the score book. Your protest-along with a \$30 filing fee-must be turned in at FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP TREASURES OFFICE, in writing, within 48 hours of the game. Your filing fee will be returned if the FRENCHTOWN SOFTBALL COMMISSION (Which consists of the Recreation Director, League Director and Head Umpire) upholds the protest. Otherwise the fee is forfeited.

Forfeited Games

Sow Pitch -- Teams MUST have nine (9) players to start a game and not exceed 20 players. It does not matter if your team is the home team or visiting team. If you forfeit your game, the umpire will turn in the score as 7-0 win for the opposing team. The team forfeit fee the team paid earlier will then be used to pay the umpires for that game.

Games in Progress called due to inclement Weather

Any game that is called due to threatening weather and/or rain will be considered a complete game if:

- A) 5 complete innings were played, or
- B) 4 ½ complete innings were played and the home team is ahead. If the game does not meet these two conditions, the League Director will attempt to re-schedule the game from the point that the game was suspended. In this case, teams MUST record the number of outs remaining pitch count and identify the batter so the game can continue correctly.
- C) If a game is called in the top of inning 6 or 7, then the score will revert back to last complete Inning played for purpose of determining win/loss.

FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL LEAGUE will determine IF, where and when the additional games can be rescheduled. A major determining factor will be whether or not a particular game (or games) will have an impact on the league championship.

LEAGUE RULES – ALL ADULT LEAGUES

Time Limits

1 hour – 15 minutes

Game Time starts time starts at the END OF THE PRE-GAME CONFERENCE. Umpire is to record the start time.

No new inning will be started if time has expired

The inning will be completed if the team that is behind in the score is at bat.

If the "home" team is at bat when time expires and is also ahead in the score, the game is ended.

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The Game/Tiebreaker Procedure

Slow pitch (ASA ruling)

20 runs after the 4th inning. 12 runs after the 5th inning. 10 runs after the 6th inning.

Umpire Fees for League Play

League	1 umpire \$20.00	2 umpires \$40.00
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Umpire pay on Games Called Due to Rain or Other Threatening Weather

If three (3) complete innings OR one-half the time limit have been completed, the umpire is entitled to keep the game fees. If the umpire works less than three (3) complete innings OR less than one half of the time limit, the game fees will be returned. In this situation, if both teams involved agree to re-schedule the game, umpires will be paid a full game fee.

Uniform Requirements.

FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL LEAGUE will not require official uniforms for adult league play. However, appropriate attire is expected; shoes and shirts are required.

Short-handed Player Rule for ALL Adult Leagues

Slow Pitch—Teams MUST have nine (9) players to start a game. It does not matter if your team is the home team or visiting team. If through injury or ejection a team drops to 8 players, then the game is ended. If a team is forced to forfeit the game the umpire will turn the score in as a 7-0 win for the opposing team.

The game will not be delayed to wait for a player to arrive from the parking lot or while the player is on the bench preparing to play. For all other starting times ...game time IS starting time! Umpires will NOT officiate the game if the teams involved in a forfeit still wish to play "practice game"

Pitching Rules

See the ASA code with these exceptions:

Men's Open Slow Pitch League only. Players will start with a 1 ball-1 strike count, courtesy foul ball on strike three.

Use of a pitching mat will be mandatory. A ball making contact with the plate will NOT be considered a strike. Only the mat surface.

Home Run Rule for Adult Slow Pitch League Play

Men's Slow Pitch: Three (3) up over the fence home runs

Excess over-the fence home runs will be an out. Batter will not be required to run the bases on any over the fence home run and/or four base award in slow pitch leagues only With progression Batter is responsible for retrieving his own ball.

Playing Field

ASA Code will be in effect. Exception: fence, safety bases and other variations will take precedent over ASA rules as needed for league play.

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Player Classification/rosters for League Play

Every player on every team must be listed on the official ASA team roster

Each player on each team MUST sign the team roster.

All adult leagues are classified based on the level of competition desired.

Player may play on 2 teams maximum and not on the same night

If a player wishes to switch teams within the same league, **FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL DIRECTOR** must be notified and the player MUST first obtain a written release from their current manager.

Any player requesting a release should be granted one unless extenuating circumstances are involved. In that case, the manager should submit a written explanation to the **LEAGUE DIRECTOR**, why the release is not being granted.

Players may be added to the rosters at any time. However, 1st scheduled game in July is the final deadline for adding ANY new players to team rosters for summer softball. September 12 for Fall Ball.

Disciplinary Action for Adult Leagues

Frenchtown Township Softball will follow a general "three strikes and you're out" rule in ALL Adult Leagues.

REMEMBER: Team managers/Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players and fans before, during and after games.

A player or coach who is ejected for the first time will NOT be allowed to play/coach the next regularly scheduled game.

A player or coach who is ejected for the second time in a season will be suspended for the season.

FIGHTING

Player/coaches involved will be suspended for one calendar year from the date of the violation.

EXCESSIVE VERBAL ABUSE/THREAT TO AN UMPIRE:

Three (3) week suspension.

ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH AN UMPIRE:

Suspension for one calendar year from the date of the violation.

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Intentionally causing an injury to a game official or another player

Lifetime Suspension.

It is the responsibility of the coach/ manager to insure that the suspension(s) is served. Failure to do so will result in the addition of one game being added to the suspension until the disciplinary action is satisfactorily served. Failure to comply will result in additional disciplinary action being taken against the coach and team involved.

If a player or coach wishes to have any suspension action, repealed then an appeal form must be submitted in writing within 48 hours of the incident that led up to the suspension, to the League Director. The League Director, Recreation Director and the Lead Umpire Scheduler will then review the appeal, uphold or reverse the disciplinary action or recommend another appropriate course of action.

Frenchtown Township General Ordinance #196 states that alcohol for consumption is illegal before, during and after League Play on Township property. Anyone and/or their teammates who may be witnessed in violation of this ordinance by the Township Ordinance Enforcement Office, the Township Recreational Director or the Township Adult Softball League Director, may/will forfeit the game for that night with no refund. If Frenchtown Township Ordinance #196 is enforced, you could be cited for 90 days in jail and a \$500.00 fine.

1st offense 2 game suspension

2nd game offense 1-year calendar suspension from the date of the incident. An appeal may be made to the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Department:

ADULT SOFTBALL BY-LAWS/RULES/REGULATIONS & ADDENDUM/UPDATE ((Revised 2-17-2010))

RULE1 Playing Rules

- Section 1 Game time is forfeit time. Line-ups are due to the scorekeeper 5 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
- Section 2 (a) Teams must have nine (9) players officially reported to the score keeper before the 1st out o the 1st inning end and throughout the remainder of the game to avoid a forfeit. If the 9th and 10th player shows up anytime after the game has started, he/she must be added to the line-up in the 9th and 10th spaces respectively. Teams may not add an EP after the game has started.
(b) (Coed only) Coed teams can start with eight (8) players as long as at least four (4) are female. Coed teams must have (9) players officially reported to the scorekeeper before the 6th out of the first inning ends and through the remainder of the game to avoid a forfeit. See Rule 3, Section 16 for additional Coed rules.
- Section 3 (a) League games will be played with a 3-2 count as follows: Each batter will start his/her turn at bat with a 1 ball – 1 strike count. Each batter will have one foul ball to waste.
(b) A time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes and 5 complete in innings have been played the game will until a winner is determined.

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© If a game is tied after 1 hour and 15 minutes and 5 complete innings have been played the will continue until a winner is determined.

(d) Each team is allowed three warm -up pitches at the beginning of the first inning and no warm-up pitch between innings. If a warm-up pitch is thrown between innings, it will be assessed a ball to the first batter.

- Section 4 Home team will occupy the dugout that is on the third base side.
- Section 5 The team at bat is responsible for promptly chasing all foul balls and returning them to the nearest fielder or the home plate umpire at the first dead ball opportunity.
- Section 6 N/A
- Section 7 (a) League ball will be designated and provided by the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and /or the Frenchtown Recreation Department. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Section 8 N/A
- Section 9 N/A
- Section 10 The A.S.A. Blood Rule will be in effect. Managers are responsible for providing their own first aid supplies
- Section 11 Substitutions
(a) All teams using the EXTRA PLAYER (EP) must do so in accordance with the A.S.A. Code. Rule 4. Section 4. (Extra Player SP only)
(b) Removal of EP after the game has started will result in and automatic out.
(c) All substitutions and players re-entering the game must be reported to the umpire and scorekeeper.
- Section 12 Re-entry Rules
(a) If a player re-enters the game illegally as a fielder or a runner, there is no penalty other than he/she must be removed from the game immediately when discovered.
(b) If the player re-enters the game illegally as a batter, an out will be called if The illegal re-entry is discovered after a pitch has been made to the illegally re-entered batter and before a pitch is made to the next batter or before all infielders have left fair territory. If an illegal re-entry is discovered before a pitch to the illegal re-entered batter or after a pitch to the next batter, the illegal player is removed and replaced at the time of discovery.
© If a runner must be removed from the game due to injury or because he is discovered to be an illegally re-entered player and cannot be replaced by a legal substitution, an out must be called.
(c) if a team that started with 10 or 11 players loses a player (could loose 2
(d) players if they have started with 11) for a any reason 9illness, injury, ejection for example) and does not have an equal substitute an OUT shall be declared each time the removed player (s) time at bat is reached. Any player who has left the game under these circumstances cannot return to the lineup.
- Section 13 The ASA Run Ahead (Mercy Rule) will be in effect.

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- Section 14 Addition Co-ed Rules
- (a) The batting line up must alternate male and female. (Exception: Females may bat in the place of a male, but males may not bat in place of a female.)
 - (b) Co-ed teams are allowed to use the Extra hitter (EH0 Rule and bat with 12 batters , but at least 6 batters must be female.
 - (c) Co-ed teams are allowed to bat with 9 or 10 batters, but at least 5 batters must be female. (Exception: If a team does not have more than 4 females available, the team may (in order to avoid a forfeit) bat 5 males and 4 females, BUT the team must take an OUT where the female batter is missing.) This rule is to be implemented only to avoid a forfeit when a team does not have more than 4 females available.
 - (d) For co-ed league lay, male/female defensive positioning is at the option of each team.
 - (e) If a male batter is awarded a base on balls, the next batter (female) has the option to hit or be awarded a walk.
 - (f) All batters shall hit a 12" ball.

RULE 3

- Section 1 **Scheduling**
Make up games.
- (a) Men and Women League Games will normally be made up the first available Friday or as determined by the League Director.
 - (b) Co-ed, Fast pitch and Modified Fast pitch Leagues will normally be made up at the end of the season on the same day the league is scheduled.
 - © The Frenchtown Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to re-schedule or cancel make up games at its discretion, whichever is in the best interest of the program..
 - (c) Make up games will be rescheduled in the order that they were cancelled.
- Section 2 For information of game cancellation due to inclement weather call at 289-2948 after 4:30 p.m.

- Section 3 Managers are responsible for contacting the Frenchtown Township Adult Softball Director to find out the date and time of their rescheduled games. Failure of a team to show up for a rescheduled game will result in a forfeit.

RULE 4

- Section 1 **Forfeits**
Each team will pay a limp sum of \$40.00 at the time of team registration for the Forfeit Fee Deposit. If a team forfeits, the fee will not be collected at the field, but \$40.00 must be paid to the umpires at the next game before a team is allowed to participate. If a team does not forfeit during the season, they will be refunded \$40.00 after the season is over.

RULE 5

- Section 1 **A.S.A FEES**
All teams entering the Frenchtown Parks and Recreation Adult softball Program will automatically be registered in the ASA.

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RULE 6

Tournament of Champions

- Section 1 The Frenchtown Tournament of Champions will be held after the Division winners are declared for the men and women's slow pitch leagues. This tournament will be conducted for the summer and fall softball programs.
- Section 2 Qualifiers will consist of winners from 2 rounds with a first half champion and a second half champion.
- Section 3 The Tournament of Champions will be a single elimination event.
- Section 4 Teams participation more that 1 night must declare which team will qualify for the T.O.C.
- Section 5 Any player competing on more than 1 team MUST declare which team he will play with in the T.O.C. by the end of the last game of the season. NO player can compete on more than 1 team in the T.O.C.

LARRY CHINAVARE
Frenchtown Recreation Director
Updated 2/18/2010

FRENCHTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PROTEST FORM

(Please print)

Sport (circle one): Softball Baseball Volleyball Basketball Other: ()

League Name: _____

Date of Contest: / /

Scheduled game time and location: _____

*Manager/Team filing protest: _____

*Opposing Team Name: _____

*Point of contest when protest was made (i.e. inning, period, half, balls, strikes, Outs, people on base, etc. Be specific!)

Score of contest when protest was declared _____ in favor of _____

Head Official Name _____ Phone: _____

Fellow Official Name _____ Phone: _____

Scorekeepers Name: _____ Phone: _____

*State the rule violation and protest reason:

*Manager/Coach signature: _____

Date: / /

Receipt of \$ _____ dollars from (Name) _____

*Received by _____
(Scorekeeper/League Director/other)

RESULTS/DETERMINATION by FRENCHTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Comments:

*Signed: _____

Date: //