



**CITY OF BLAINE**  
Parks and Recreation

10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449

DATE: January 2019  
 TO: Adult Softball Managers and Players  
 FROM: Jerome Krieger, League Director  
 Parks and Recreation Department  
 SUBJECT: 2019 Blaine Softball Program



Please read all information carefully. If you have questions you can email me at [JKrieger@blainemn.gov](mailto:JKrieger@blainemn.gov) or call me at 763-785-6161. Visit the Parks and Recreation website at [www.blaineparks.com](http://www.blaineparks.com) for additional recreation programs and activities.

## 2019 Blaine Adult Softball Leagues

LEAGUE	DAYS	GAMES	BEGINS (tentative)	HOMERUNS ALLOWED PER GAME	TEAM FEE
Men's D Doubleheader	Mon	22	April 22	3	\$975.00
Co-Rec D 11"/12" Doubleheader	Tue	20	April 23	3	\$925.00
Men's D Doubleheader	Wed	22	April 24	3	\$975.00
Women's D	Thu	10 + playoffs	April 25	Unlimited	\$650.00
Women's D Doubleheader	Thu	22	April 25	Unlimited	\$975.00
<b>Men's D</b> <b>5 - 5 - 5</b> <b>New for 2019</b>	Fri	20	April 26	3	\$525.00
Co-Rec C/D 11"/12" DH -	Fri	20	April 26	3	\$925.00

All entry fees include softballs.

## NEW FOR 2019:

We will be in our second year with all of our summer games to Aquatore Park (9191 Lincoln St.). We will be offering our first 5 – 5 – 5 Men's league on Friday nights. A team only needs 5 players to play a game. The game consists of three 5 player teams playing at one time. Team "A" hits first while Team "B" plays the infield and Team "C" plays the outfield and catcher. After 3 outs Team "A" goes to the outfield, Team "B" goes to bat and Team "C" plays the infield. You keep rotating until everyone has hit 4 times or the time limit expires.

## MANAGERS' MEETING:

I am working with Sticks and Stones to see if we can do a softball meeting at the bar like last year. I will let you know as we get closer to April.

**REGISTRATION DATES** (teams must register during their applicable dates below!) **(Registration will not be taken beforehand.)** Due to less spots than last year, there is no guarantee to get your spot back.

1. **February 4, 5 & 6, 2019:** All returning summer teams
2. **February 7 & 8, 2019:** All returning fall teams
3. **February 11, 2019:** All New teams
4. **April 5, 2019:** Last day to register a softball team – only if space is available.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Online Registration – Teams can register online at [apm.activecommunities.com/blaineparks](https://apm.activecommunities.com/blaineparks)

Teams can also register by phone, mail, email, fax (763-785-6191) or in person at Blaine Parks and Recreation Department, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN, 55449. Business hours are, M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Items required at time of registration are:

- Full Entry Fee – **We will not hold spots with a deposit or partial entry fee.**
- Team Registration Form

Checks payable to "City of Blaine". Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards accepted.

## ELIGIBILITY:

*We reserve the right to investigate player eligibility at anytime. All players must be age 16 or older as of September 1 of the current year.*

## ROSTER:

A completed roster must be done before a team's first game. **Failure to submit a completed roster form constitutes an ineligible team.** Players may be added to the roster until **June 1st**. Any player or manager who falsifies information on the registration form or team roster will be subject to suspension from the league.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Online registration

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/blaineparks>

No games - Wednesday, July 3, Thursday, July 4 or Friday, July 5.

All of the bats will need the "USSSA logo (thumb print) above the handle. Old USSSA bats are illegal for league and tournament play in Blaine.

## **CONDUCT/ FORFEIT FEES:**

### **Conduct:**

Any team or player that damages park property will be liable for the cost to repair the damage prior to their next game.

### **Forfeit Fee Policy:**

All leagues must start a game with at least eight (8) eligible players. Teams may finish with eight players. The first game on the field will be forfeited ten (10) minutes after the scheduled starting time. On all games after the first game of the night, there is no 10 minute grace period. If you have less than 8 players it is a forfeit.

A \$25 fee will be charged to teams that forfeit a scheduled game. This fee must be paid prior to the team's next game or that game becomes a forfeit. Double-header leagues will be required to submit \$25 or \$50 prior to their next scheduled double-header depending on if they forfeited one or both games. Three forfeits constitute removal from the league.

## **EQUIPMENT:**

### Softballs

Blaine Parks and Recreation Department will provide teams with 1 game ball per home game plus one extra for a back up ball. Softballs distributed at the Parks and Recreation office.

### Bats

For a list of legal bats visit the USSSA National Website at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com)

## **PRACTICE FIELD RESERVATIONS:**

Blaine Adult Softball Teams may reserve fields for practice within the following guidelines. We will begin reserving fields for the week of **April 8th on April 1st (if weather permits).**

1. Practice field reservation requests must be phoned in at 763-785-6161 or e-mailed at [JKrieger@ci.blaine.mn.us](mailto:JKrieger@ci.blaine.mn.us). Teams can receive a permit either by e-mail or from the Parks and Recreation Department during office hours.
2. Two field reservations per team, one per week; one hour each.
3. Field reservations may be requested up to seven [7] days in advance.
4. No field reservations on weekends or before 6:00 p.m. weekdays. First come, first serve.
5. We will not light fields for practice, unless team applies for park Reservation Permit. Fee is \$42.85 per hour for lights.
6. No Field Reservations after **April 19.**
7. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any field reservation due to unplayable field conditions.
8. Fields available for practice reservations are Aquatore Park (3), 9191 Lincoln St. NE.

