

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the 2024 Spring season. The season is set to begin Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.  
A few topics to address ...

**Registering your team- Team Managers Only**

You will be able to register your team beginning 1/15/24.

To register your TEAM please create a profile. Follow the link below:

<https://townofnewburgh.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Signup>

**Team Players** - players have to create a profile, Select program [Adult Spring Slow Pitch Softball-Player Registration](#), register under their specific team and sign the waiver. There will be **no charge for player registration**. This will be your team roster. Each player must play in five (5) games to be eligible for playoffs.

<https://townofnewburgh.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

**Divisions-** Division 1 (Wednesday) Division 2 (Tuesday)

\*Final placement of teams in appropriate divisions will be at the discretion of the Recreation Department.

**Payment-** Team Fee \$925. We will continue to offer the option of making two (2) payments, if you choose. Late payment fees will still apply as per payment schedule.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Div. 1 &amp; 2</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment	At time of Registration	\$462.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	4/1/24	\$462.50
<b>LATE FEE APPLIED</b>	<b>4/2/24</b>	<b>\$100</b>

**Website-** The softball website will continue to provide the schedule and rosters for the fall season.

<https://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/default.asp?u=TONMSB&s=softball&p=home>

**Bats-** The Town will supply bats for the season.

**Team Balls & Scorebook-** Each team receives **1** dozen softballs and a scorebook. They will be at the field for your first game. They can be picked up beforehand, if you desire, at the Recreation Department - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday.

\*Additional softballs can be purchased at the Recreation Department for \$5 each.

Looking forward to a great season.

Best of luck,  
Jason

## **TOWN OF NEWBURGH ADULT SOFTBALL 2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**GAME TIMES:** Games will be played at 6:25, 7:30 and 8:35 pm on CH 1 and CH 2. **NO** grace period for any of the games. It is recommended that your team arrive at least 10 minutes before game time.

**SOFTBALLS:** Town supplied softballs only. We will use the Trump – USSSA Classic M softball for all leagues.

**POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS:** Check Softball website for game cancellations.

**MAKE-UPS:** Make-ups may require teams to play doubleheaders or on an off night – **Thursday or Friday nights**.

**RULES 2024:** USSSA Rules are in effect plus additional add ons or local rules.

### **ADDITIONAL RULES:**

- (a) There will be 1, 2 or 3 AH's in any game. Optional for each 10<sup>th</sup> player can be added at any time. An 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> player may be added until the lead batter comes to bat for the second time. There is **NO** DH.
- (b) Thirteen players in the book may play the field or AH at any time during the game. However, the line-up must stay in the same order.
- (c) Illegal pitch will be called in flight.
- (d) 1-1 count starts each BATTER. Umpire will call this. Example: 1<sup>st</sup> strike count becomes 1-2 not 0-1. Batter is out on 1<sup>st</sup> foul after strike 2.
- (e) 15 run mercy rule after 5 innings, **INCLUDING PLAYOFFS**. Flip flop rule remains.
- (f) Re-entry rule one time for each starter with a player not already in the game. The substitute player replacing the starter then replaced by the starter is done for the game.

**SCOREBOOKS:** **HOME TEAM** will keep official game scorebook. Recommending both teams keep a scorebook. League will supply scorebooks to each team. First and last names required. This will be strongly enforced. Please cooperate. If there is a forfeit, please put line-up in scorebook to get credit for game played for playoff purposes.

**PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY:** Players must play in 5 games with first and last name in the scorebook.

**PITCHING AREA RULE:** 50' rubber + additional 6'. The Town of Newburgh is recommending the pitcher wear personal safety equipment.

**REVIEW BOARD:** Will oversee all appeals of suspensions and protests as well as formal complaints against umpires, scorekeepers, players or teams.

**FORFEITS:** The Recreation Department reserves the right to drop a team after 2 or more forfeits. There will **not** be any refunds. All players showing up for game time will receive game credit.

**SHOES:** Metal spikes are **not** allowed.

**ROSTERS:** A player may only play for one Town softball slow pitch division (1 or 2) and only on one team. Any player violating this rule shall be suspended indefinitely and the games participating in illegally are subject to forfeits. All players must be registered prior to playing in a game. All players will be required to sign waivers- one (1) for USSSA and one (1) for the Town of Newburgh.

**UNIFORMS:** Players should wear the same color game jerseys. Numbers on jerseys are encouraged, but not required.

**SCHEDULES:** Schedule and problems scheduling will be taken into consideration before the schedule is made, if requested by team. However, when the scheduling is completed, please **DO NOT** ask for exceptions and/or changes. Make-up game requests because of lack of players will not be honored.

**GAME BALLS:** Each team should have 3 new balls at each game. Give one to umpire before the game. The home team supplies next ball and visitors the fourth ball and so on.

**COURTESY RUNNER RULE:** See USSSA Rule Book (page 50).

## **PLAYER CONDUCT**

1. Alcoholic beverages are **NOT ALLOWED** nor will they be tolerated on any field especially in the immediate playing area. Managers are responsible for their team and fans in the immediate area of the benches. Managers and/or players found consuming alcoholic beverages on the immediate playing field or surrounding areas are subject to immediate ejection from the game.
2. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players at the field. In order to keep this under control, all managers should advise their players that the failure to follow the rules of good sportsmanship will result in their being removed from the game and possibly suspended from future games.
3. Use of obscene or vulgar language may result in an automatic ejection from the game. Umpires are advised to strictly enforce this rule whenever the language is excessive or personal. NO warning is necessary before an ejection for obscene or vulgar language. This is a RECREATION league.
4. Should a player be ejected from a game, he/she must leave the field of play immediately or risk the chance of his/her team forfeiting the game. Umpires also have the authority to remove a player from the County facility.
5. The Town of Newburgh Recreation Department reserves the right to discipline participants for unsportsmanlike conduct.
6. Any player who intentionally pushes, shoves or strikes an umpire or official scorer either with his/her person or an object may be suspended for the remainder of the year and possibly face a lifetime ban depending on the degree of action.
7. The league reserves the right to suspend any player(s) that exhibit behavior that is detrimental to recreation softball – profanity, fighting, taunting, umpire abusing, etc. Players and coaches can be suspended for violations.
8. Anyone, players or managers, ejected by an umpire may be suspended from the next game his/her team plays. A second suspension will result in a 3-game suspension; third offence player will be disqualified for the season. This action will take place pending notification of the umpire involved.

## 2023 Softball \*New Rule

### Player Game Credit

Registered players will receive game credit for games played after the date they have officially registered to play on [townofnewburgh.recdesk.com](http://townofnewburgh.recdesk.com).

Players **MUST** be officially registered before game credit will be applied. Players are to register on [townofnewburgh.recdesk.com](http://townofnewburgh.recdesk.com) for each new season. Registration does **not** carry over from one season to the next.

Players will no longer receive credit for games played before registering as a player.

**Example:** Player Name: John Smith

Game 1 3/7/23 – **Not Registered, No Credit**

Game 2 3/14/23 – **Not Registered, No Credit**

**\*3/15/23 John Smith Registered as a player on [townofnewburgh.recdeck.com](http://townofnewburgh.recdeck.com)**

Game 3 3/21/23 – **Game Credit Applied**

Please note players must play in 5 games to be eligible for the playoff.