



Dear League Manager:



CANTON Leisure Services
Creating Community
Through People, Parks, Places and Programs

Welcome to the 2011 Season!

We are very excited for the upcoming softball season at the Canton Sports Center. Our staff is dedicated to organizing fun and competitive leagues, keeping the complex safe and clean, and creating a family-friendly atmosphere! It is important that all managers share the schedules, rules and facility information with all players on your team.

Our website, csc.canton-mi.org is where you will find up-to-date information on league schedules and standings, along with tournament information and other "happenings" at CSC and in Canton Township. The league board, located just outside the office and the website are great ways to stay informed throughout the season. Check these areas often for league updates.

We expect players in our programs to compete with class at all times. Please only register players on your roster that respect the game, the rules, the opponents, the staff and the efforts made to share quality times through softball. Please contact our staff by phone anytime with questions, suggestions or concerns at (734) 483-5600.

Enjoy your Season!

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Managers Meeting – Monday, April 4
Opening Day for Session I – Friday, April 8
First Pitch Qualifier – April 9 & 10
Free Team Practice Week – April 5 thru 7

One Pitch Tournament – April 6 & 7
Registration for Session II – June 1
Strawberry Festival – May 21 & May 22
Bacardi Silver "Boo Bash" – October 15 & 16

Kickers All Star Grill (734) 482-1600

Located at the Canton Sports Center, Kickers All Star Grill is a full service restaurant and party facility. Kickers is open Monday-Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., and 10 a.m. – 1a.m. on Saturday & Sunday. Kickers can host your party up to 300 people. Please call for more information.

THANK YOU TO OUR LEAGUE SPONSORS:

Kickers All Star Grill
Comfort Inn, Plymouth
Pepsi-Cola
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Canton Sports Center

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Phone: (734)483-5600 Fax: (734)483-6940

Weather line: 734-483-2913

Website: csc.canton-mi.org

2011 Tournament Schedule

Date

April 6-7

April 8

April 9-10

April 16-17

April 23-24

April 29-May 1

May 7-8

May 14-15

May 21-22

May 27-29

June 3-5

June 10-12

June 16-19

June 24-26

July 1-3

July 8 -10

July 15-16

July 24-30

July 30-July 31

August 6-7

August 13-14

August 20-21

October 8-9

October 15-16

Tournament

Welcome Back ONE PITCH

(FREE to LEAGUE TEAMS that register by March 17)

Opening Day – Softball Leagues

First Pitch Qualifier Men's C, D, E

OPEN

EASTER WEEKEND

USSSA Baseball – Cinco De Mayo

AA Spring Kick-Off

PRIDE Fastpitch

Madonna Classic- High School Tournament

USSSA Men's E Hall of Fame

USSSA Strawberry Festival Adult

Men's C/D/E Mixed D Women's C

USSSA Boys Baseball Memorial Classic

USSSA Canton Baseball Classic

PRIDE Fastpitch

ASA Compuware Fastpitch

USSSA - AA Boys Baseball State

ASA Motor City Showdown

USSSA Girls Fastpitch State

Special Olympics

USSSA Boys World Series

CSC Baseball Bonanza

USSSA Men's States Church, Men's C, Men's E

USSSA Mixed State

USSSA Octoberfest Baseball

“Boo Bash”- USSSA Adult Men's and Co-Ed



**Canton Sports Center Official Team Roster
2011 Player's Contract and Release of Liability Waiver
PLEASE PRINT**

Team: _____ **Manager:** _____ **Day:** _____ **USSSA ID#** _____

Session: _____ **Tournament:** _____ **League (please circle):** Men Coed **Class:** _____

EACH OF US, THE UNDERSIGNED PLAYERS, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE, AGREE AND UNDERSTAND THAT:

1. I am 18 years old or older.
2. Playing softball is hazardous and may result in injury.
3. Sliding is dangerous to myself and other players. I will slide at my own risk.
4. Other aspects of softball are dangerous and may result in injury. I will observe all fences, barriers and obstructions prior to the game.
5. Metal spikes are prohibited.
6. I will not fake tag players; I will not crash into other players; I will not throw my bat and/or equipment or conduct myself in a hazardous manner.

FURTHER, IN CONSIDERATION FOR THE RIGHT TO PLAY SOFTBALL AT CANTON SPORTS CENTER, I AGREE BY SIGNING BELOW THAT:

1. I assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered while on the premises of *Canton Sports Center* before, during and after league play.
2. I hereby release, hold harmless and agree not to sue the *Charter Township of Canton*, it's officers, all parties involved, servants, associations, employees or sponsors for any claims, loss, damage or injury sustained while on the premises of Canton Sports Center. **WHETHER CASES BY ITS NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE**
3. I am aware and understand that copies of the *Canton Sports Center's* Rules and Regulations were furnished to this team's manager at the start of the season and I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to read, understand and abide by these rules.

I THE UNDERSIGNED PLAYER, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT, UNDERSTAND THEM AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

*****ALL PLAYERS MUST COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS CONTRACT*****

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CANTON SPORTS CENTER
Official Adult Softball Team Roster - 2011
Player's Contract and Release of Liability Waiver Form
*****All Players Must Complete Both Sides of Form*****

NAME	STREET	CITY	ZIP	PHONE	Email Address	BIRTHDATE	SIGNATURE
Example John Smith	1234 Plainsville	Carson	48535	734-456-4567	johnsmith@aol.com	1/23/1945	<i>John Smith</i>
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2011 Rules and Regulations

Rules are also available at csc.canton-mi.org

Welcome and thank you for registering your team at the Canton Sports Center (CSC). Every manager should read and become familiar with the following rules and regulations. We hope these policies will contribute to a safe and enjoyable season for all teams.

Section One – Park Regulations

1.1 Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM. Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. (Weekend hours may vary according to activity.) Please contact the Canton Sports Center regarding these hours. Messages may be left on our voice mail system at other times. To leave a message, please call (734) 483-5600.

Due to the tremendous volume of calls during inclement weather, rain out and field condition information cannot be given out over the office phone, please call (734) 483-2913 after 4:00pm (M-F) and after 12:00pm (Sun). Also, field conditions will be updated via the CSC website as soon as possible. Go to csc.canton-mi.org for updated information.

1.2 Beverages, Alcohol and Food

Beverages, alcohol and food purchased outside Canton Sports Center will not be permitted in the complex, including the parking lot area. Bringing these items in is prohibited by Michigan law regulating liquor, beer and food service. No glass containers are allowed on the premises. Drinking fountains are located by all diamonds. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted outside designated areas. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the dugouts or on the field of play by players or non-players at anytime. Anyone purchasing alcoholic beverages must be 21 years of age. Anyone attempting to purchase or consume alcohol under the legal age limit is subject to indefinite suspension from the complex and prosecution to the full extent of the law. Any individual buying alcohol for a person under the legal drinking age will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and will be indefinitely suspended from the complex. Please cooperate with our personnel if they refuse to serve you alcoholic beverages. It is for your own safety and the safety of others. Anyone considered intoxicated will not be served. Please notify management if our personnel are serving anyone who appears intoxicated.

1.3 Parking Lot

No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, motorcycles or unauthorized motor vehicles are allowed beyond designated parking areas. Canton Sports Center is not responsible for damages or theft from vehicles parked in our lot. We are not responsible for cars left in the parking area overnight. Cars left overnight may be towed the following day at the owner's expense.

1.4 Pets

Sorry, pets are not allowed on the premises.

1.5 Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on the field of play by umpires, managers or players.



Section Two – General League Rules

2.1 Manager's Responsibility

Managers are the primary link between their players and the Canton Sports Center management. It is the manager's responsibility to attend the managers meetings and to obtain and read all information and rules regarding league play and to make this information available to his/her players. Manager's must inform our office of changes in his/her address or telephone number. Managers must insure that all players read and sign the team roster before playing and ascertain the eligibility of each player signing the roster. Managers as well as players are responsible for their behavior while at the Canton Sports Center. This includes behavior on and off the field, in the restaurant or the parking lot. Managers and players, please be aware, if your behavior is deemed unsafe, dangerous or unsportsmanlike, it will affect your playing eligibility. We feel that we have a responsibility to other players as well as non-playing visitors to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere and hope you as valued patrons can help us in this effort.

2.2 Player Conduct

Players are responsible for their behavior while at the Canton Sports Center. This includes behavior on and off the field, Kicker's All Star Grill and the parking lot. There will be zero tolerance towards players who use inappropriate language, verbal abuse, and any conduct that is deemed to be unsportsmanlike. The Canton Township Code of Conduct is in the manager's packet.

Scoresheets will feature Team Sportsmanship Ratings. Managers are responsible for filling out their opponent's sportsmanship rating after each game.

2.3 Rosters

The roster consists of a maximum of 20 active players who have completed the eligibility and release form. All completed rosters with players' signatures must be on file on you-competes.com before your first game. Teams will not be permitted to play until a valid roster is complete and are subject to forfeiting games. Rosters may be updated as teams add players to meet the maximum of twenty. Any players added must have information and signature filed in the office before participating in a game. All rosters are final by your 3rd week of league play (or 6th game) This means even if you don't have twenty players listed, your roster is frozen for that session. Only in the case of an injured player may a person be substituted on the official roster throughout the regular season. In order to replace the injured player with another, a written document from the injured player's doctor must be turned in to our office. NO additions can be made once playoff games have begun. A separate team roster must be on file for every league even if the same team plays a different night. Any protest made against a team without a roster on file at the office will result in the protest being upheld. A player removed from a roster may sign with another team, providing it is within the above time limit. Players can only play on one team per league. USSSA Major Players are not permitted in Rec Leagues.

2.4 Payments

Full payment must accompany your registration form in order to ensure a scheduled spot. The Canton Sports Center accepts cash, checks, MasterCard or Visa as payment for fees. Please make all checks payable to Canton Township. Please include on all checks your phone number, current address, and drivers license number. If the bank returns any team checks, your team manager is responsible to repay balance and bank service fees before your next scheduled game

with cash or a cashier's check. You are responsible to cover any checks provided to us by a sponsor. Your team is responsible for umpire fees of \$14.00 per game payable at game time.

2.5 Injuries – Continued Participation

Player, substitute, manager, team member or umpire who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until the bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered. If treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time the individual would not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is umpire judgment. If excessive time is involved, the re-entry rule would apply to players. If there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform or if a bandage becomes blood soaked, in the judgment of the umpire, the uniform/bandage must be changed before the individual may participate.

2.6 Scoring

The home team is responsible for keeping the official score sheet. If, for any reason the home team is unable to do so, the umpire must be notified so that another scorer can be designated. Teams may flip flop during innings and keep score for their own team if both teams agree to it. It is both managers' obligation to confirm that the score is correct before each half inning starts and that the final score is also correct. Please also review your copy and make sure all of the information is correct and readable before you leave your diamond. Incorrect or unreadable score sheets result in incorrect standings! Be sure the final score is written clearly at the bottom of the score sheet and that the correct scores are listed under the correct teams! The home team is on the right side of the score sheet, visitor on the left side.

2.7 Standings

All standings will be posted outside the Sports Center Office and available online at csc.canton-mi.org. All game scores will be recorded and a team will receive a [7-0] win as a result of a forfeit or default. Final league standings will be based on total wins, head to head, and total runs given up throughout the season. In the case of a 1st place tie based on total wins only, a playoff game will determine the tie breaker. A rostered player must have competed in a minimum of six games (M-Th & Sun Leagues) to be eligible for any playoff game and a minimum of two games for Friday Leagues. The playoff game will be played prior to the scheduled playoff dates at the Canton Sports Center's first available slot unless otherwise agreed by both team managers.

2.9 Insurance

Players, managers, coaches and spectators may not be protected by their own private medical or liability insurance while on Canton Sports Center property. Therefore all participants and spectators are encouraged to purchase insurance independently or through the USSSA team insurance plan. Insurance information is available in the manager's packet. Canton Sports Center does not cover individual players under its insurance policies.

2.10 Official Team Roster and Team Contract

To participate in league or tournament play at the Canton Sports Center, all players, managers, and coaches must agree to the following team contract which also appears on the official roster on you-compete.com. In addition, any injured player who remains in a game despite being injured assumes all liability for any additional injury or damage that may result. The following release appears on the Canton Sports Center Official Team

Roster, Players Contract, and Release of Liability Waiver Form and agreement of such is a condition of signing the Canton Sports Center Official Team Roster, Players Contract and Release of Liability Waiver Form for participation at Canton Sports Center.

I do hereby acknowledge, agree and understand that:

1. I am 18 years or older and voluntarily and of my own free will elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league as indicated at the Canton Sports Center.
2. Playing softball is hazardous and may result in injury.
3. Sliding is dangerous to me and other players. I will slide at my own risk.
4. Other aspects of softball are dangerous and may result in injury. I will observe all fences, barriers and obstructions prior to the game. Canton Sports Center encourages the wearing of helmets while playing.
5. Metal spikes are prohibited.
6. I will not fake tag players. I will not crash into other players. I will not throw my bat and/or equipment or conduct myself in a hazardous manner.

Further in consideration for the right to play softball at Canton Sports Center, I agree by signing the Canton Sports Center Official Team Roster, Players Contract and Release of Liability Waiver:

1. I assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered while on the premises of Canton Softball Center.
2. I hereby release, hold harmless, and agree not to sue the Charter Township of Canton, its officers, all parties involved, servants, associations, employees, USSSA, advertisers or sponsors for any claims, loss, damage or injury sustained while on the premises of Canton Softball Center whether caused by its negligence or otherwise.
3. I am aware and understand that copies of the Canton Sports Center rules and regulations were furnished to each team's manager at the start of the season and that copies are available in the softball office. I also understand and agree that it is my responsibility to read, understand, and abide by these rules.

Section Three – Schedules, Make-ups, Forfeits and Rainouts

3.1 Scheduling

Your first game time will be available on day of registration. Final league schedules are available the FIRST NIGHT of league play on you-compete.com. It is the manager's responsibility to lookup a league schedule, verify all scheduled games and inform all players regarding game times. League schedules may include single and doubleheader games. Please confirm field assignments at the league board located at the main entrance to the fields. You can utilize the web site for current schedules. Due to the demand for diamond space and to be fair to all teams, we cannot guarantee any special requests as to playing times. We will try our best to accommodate your team when possible. Schedules are subject to change as deemed necessary by the League Coordinator.

3.2 Make-Up Games

If league games have to be re-scheduled due to a rainout, or any other circumstance, new

schedules will be available on the CSC website within 48 hours of the cancellation. Due to the heavy demand for diamond space, make-up games may be rescheduled on any day of the week. It is the manager's responsibility to inform his/her players of make-up games. Also please have your players check the bulletin board before game time for important information regarding make-ups, diamond changes, etc. If a team drops from your league early in the season, the Canton Sports Center staff will make every attempt to reschedule the rest of the season's games involving the dropped opponent.

3.3 Forfeits

After a team forfeits their 2nd game they will be removed from the league for that season unless they pay an additional \$30.00 within 48 hours of their 2nd forfeit. Paying this \$30.00 is the only way a team will be able to stay in the league.

3.4 Rainouts/Field Condition Information

Any information regarding rainouts, delays, etc. will be put on our field condition number (734) 483-2913. It is wise to have your players call the field condition number before every game for current information, even when weather is not threatening, as other events may affect game schedules. Please do not call the business office for field conditions. All evening games will have their first update at 4:00 p.m. for that particular night, with periodic updates as needed. Sunday leagues will have an update by Noon on their scheduled day.

Section Four – Playing Rules

4.1 Official Game

The USSSA 3-2 COUNT RULING will be in effect. A batter will be allowed 3 balls and 2 strikes. A regulation game is 7 innings. League games, in the event of inclement weather, are official after 3 ½ completed innings if the home team is ahead at the time. If the game is called prior to an official game (3 ½ innings) the league coordinator will schedule make-ups based on games left in the season of tie-breaker results. If incomplete games are made up at a later date, all games will start over with a new 1st inning and possible new roster, umpire, etc. If the team at bat is losing and ties at the time of the cancellation and the game is later than the fourth inning, the game will revert back to the last complete inning. NOTE MANAGERS: There is a difference between a "DELAY" and a "CANCELLATION." It is your responsibility to know which decision has been made by the Umpire-in-Chief; ASK! In the event of a DELAY, please keep your players together and be ready to resume play at a moments notice. If games are delayed, restart information will be announced over the PA system in the restaurant and/or available in the business office for MANAGERS. We ask that ONLY MANAGERS should be in the office requesting information about GAME DELAYS. It should be NOTED that umpires do not cancel games, only the Umpire-in-Chief or Sports Center Management may cancel a game. PLAYERS cannot be sent home by their managers unless the games are officially canceled!

4.2 Game Time

Game time is forfeit time. Team managers may choose to give the opponent a maximum of 10 minutes to field a team. When this game starts it will be official and time waived will be deducted from the 1 hr. 10 minute time limit rule. This rule is applicable to the first game time only (6:25 Monday-Friday, 3:10-Sunday). A team (except Co-Ed teams; refer to section 6.1) must start with a minimum of seven (7) players at GAME TIME. A team may add an 8th, 9th or

10th (no A.H.) player at any time to the bottom of the line-up when play is dead. IF ONE team DOES NOT have the minimum number of players at GAME TIME, the OPPOSING team may, as a courtesy, agree to wait for more players to show up. Time will still start at scheduled game time and the time delayed will be deducted from the scheduled time. EXCEPTION- If the ENTIRE team is completing a game on another field, the umpire may delay the game. If a team loses a player(s) for any reason and cannot fill the vacancy(s), the vacancy(s) becomes an automatic out(s). The vacancy(s) may be refilled at any time. EXCEPTION: When an umpire deems that a player may not continue due to application of the CONTINUED PARTICIPATION RULE (see 2.5), the vacancy(s) will be passed without penalty. NOTE: We reserve the right to modify this rule at any time during the season.

4.3 Time Limit

No new inning shall be started after one hour and ten minutes from the start of the game. The inning must be completed unless both teams agree to terminate the game at any time. MANAGERS - it is not mandatory for an umpire to notify teams as to the amount of time remaining to play in a game; therefore please take initiative to ask the umpire for the remaining time.

4.4 Mercy Rule

A 20 run mercy rule will be in effect after 3 ½ innings for all league games unless otherwise notified. A 15 run mercy rule will be in effect after 4 ½ innings. A 10 run mercy rule will be in effect after 5 ½ innings.

4.5 Pitching

Pitching arc is THREE feet to TEN feet. The ball must be pitched underhand at a slow speed with a minimum arc of three (3) feet before it crosses any part of home plate. The pitched ball may not rise any higher than ten (10) feet above the ground. The speed and the height of the ball are left entirely to the judgment of the umpire. The umpire shall warn a pitcher who delivers a pitch with EXCESSIVE SPEED. Repeating such an offense will cause the pitchers removal from the PITCHING POSITION for the remainder of the game. A pitch that does not arc the full three feet, as required, may not be an excessive speed pitch! The pitched ball must be released within five seconds from the time the pitcher has the ball and the batter has taken their position in the batters box. Once the pitcher begins the delivery motion, the batter may not request time out. The pitcher may pitch from the Pitching Plate or from the Pitching Area, an area the width of the Plate and up to six (6) feet behind the Pitcher's Plate.

4.6 Home Run Limits

Men's Super D: 3	Men's D Comp: 2	Men's D Open: 2	Men's D (Rec): 1
Men's E: 0	Coed Comp: 2	Coed Open: 2	Coed (Rec): 1

Note: Any home runs over your class limit will result in a dead-ball out with no runners advancing. This applies to untouched (by a player) over the fence home runs ONLY. Teams are responsible for retrieving their own home run balls hit over the fence and returning them to the umpire before the end of the inning!

4.7 Foul Ball Rule

The foul ball rule is as follows: The batter is out if the batter hits two foul balls after one strike. If the second foul ball after one strike is caught, base runners may not advance.

4.8 Additional Hitter

This rule is optional and applicable to only Men's Leagues! A team may insert ADDITIONAL HITTERS (One or Two) into the line-up before the start of the game. The batting order must remain constant; however any 10 of the 11 or 12 players may take a defensive position throughout the game. Failure to declare an A.H. prior to the game precludes the use of the A.H. for that game. If the A.H. is appealed, and not officially in the game, this results in EJECTION of that player. No previous at bats will be penalized. The A.H. is part of the re-entry rule and may re-enter once.

4.9 Re-Entry Rule

Any of the STARTING players (A.H. included) may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he/she is in the game. A substitute who has withdrawn may not re-enter! All re-entries by any starter must be reported to the umpire and the official scorer. There is no penalty for unannounced PROPER re-entry. IMPROPER re-entry results in the original player as well as the substitute player being ejected from the game.

4.10 Courtesy Runner

This rule is easily misunderstood, so please read carefully and ask your umpire before your game for the definition of the rule. If a manager requests a courtesy runner, the opposing manager has the option to grant or DENY IT on each occasion. If granted, the person who made the last out will be the runner. In Co-Ed, the runner must be of the same sex. PLEASE REMEMBER, that this is a COURTESY GRANTED by the OPPOSING TEAM.

4.11 Substitution

All substitutes should, as a courtesy, report to the umpire and the opposing team before such player enters a game. There is no penalty for unannounced substitution.

Section Five – Protest, Eligibility Protest, and Ejections

5.1 Protest

Umpire judgment calls are not subject to protest!! Umpire will discuss disputes on the field with the MANAGER ONLY. Players are not to question an umpire's call or ruling. Only when there is a difference of opinion between the protesting team and the umpire regarding the application or interpretation of a specific playing rule, may a protest be lodged. The protest must be made to the umpire BEFORE the next pitch or the protest is invalid. In the event of a protest, the game shall be halted to note all of the specifics (team offended, situation, exact rule protested and any other important information.) After all notations are made, the game shall continue. At completion of the game, the protesting manager will bring his copy of the score sheet to the office and inform the office manager of the protest. At that time, the team manager will post a \$20 protest fee for investigation of the protest. Upon posting of the fee the Umpire-in-Chief will review the protest and make a decision. If the protest is upheld, a date will be selected by the office to continue that game from the POINT of PROTEST. In instances where teams advance to another game that evening (playoffs/tournaments etc.) the game shall be halted at point of protest and shall continue until a decision has been reached. **WHEN A PROTEST IS UPHELD, the \$20 PROTEST FEE IS RETURNED TO THE TEAM; WHEN A PROTEST IS DENIED, THE FEE WILL BE FORFEITED.**

5.2 Eligibility Protest

NO PROTEST WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE FINAL OUT OF A BALL GAME! Any eligibility protest must be brought to the attention of the umpire before the game ends. At notification of protest, the umpire will circle and note the protested players name and sign the score sheet along with the protested player. It is the protested manager's and players responsibility to appear at the office immediately following the game with a copy of the score sheet. The protesting team must post a \$20 protest fee for each player being protested. IF A PROTESTED PLAYER FAILS TO APPEAR AFTER A GAME, HIS TEAM WILL BE CHARGED WITH A FORFEIT! Players are responsible for having PROPER PICTURE IDENTIFICATION (Drivers License, etc.) in their possession while playing at the Canton Sports Center. All Players MUST be on the team roster with a VALID signature.

5.3 Ejections

Fake tags, bat throwing, crashing, unsportsmanlike conduct (on or off the field), use of vulgar language, and alcohol in the dugout or cigarettes on the field of play, may result in ejection from the game. If ejected from the game, that player may be suspended from future games. The Umpire-in-Chief and Sports Center staff will determine all player and/or team penalties. **Note:** There will NOT be a mandatory warning given to the team before each game. Managers, this is your warning!!! Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans, and are subject to suspension for failure to maintain these responsibilities. **If you are ejected for touching, striking or punching an umpire, opponent, teammate or CSC staff there will be an immediate suspension with the assurance that other actions will be taken through the Public Safety Department as deemed necessary. Teams ejected from the complex for any reason will not be eligible for a refund! The circumstances of their ejection will be reported to the USSSA Michigan & National offices.**

Section Six – Coed Rules

6.1 Coed Rules

Batting Order: Co-Ed teams may have any combination of male and female players listed on their roster. Teams must start with a minimum of eight players which requires 4 males & 4 females. Once an 8 team roster is established, a 9th player may be added with the 10th spot being an out. The 9th player addition may be male or female. A team may start with a maximum of 12 players which requires 6 males and 6 females. Once the game begins, the addition of an 11th or 12th player is not allowed. If team starts with less than 10 players, they may add players, up to 10, throughout the game. Male and female players must alternate in the batting order. There are no distance restrictions to the fielding positions of any players. Also there are no restrictions as to the rotation of fielders.

Balls: A USSSA licensed 12" mid-compression softball will be used for male and female will use a USSSA licensed 11" for batters.

Base on Balls: When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter in the line-up having the option to walk or to bat.

Other Co-Ed Rules: All playing rules not specifically covered in the above rules shall be

governed by Canton Sports Center Rules and Regulations and USSSA rules.

THE OFFICIAL DIAMONDS:

A. 70 foot baselines shall be used in all adult programs. Exception: Special playing rules may be adopted by the USSSA Board of Directors in selected Men's Major and "A" events. Example: To figure the distance from home plate to 2nd base for 70 foot bases you multiply $70 \times 70 \times 2$ which equals 9800 and then the square root of 9800 which equals 98.99 or 98 feet 11 inches.

B. Pitcher's distances of 50 feet for both men and women along with a pitching area the width of the pitcher's plate up to six (6) feet behind the back edge of the pitcher's plate.

THE BASES: other than the home plate shall be 15 inches square and not more than 3 inches high. They shall be made of canvas bags, plastic or other suitable materials filled with soft padding. They shall be WHITE, RED or ORANGE in color. All BASES must be securely fastened at their designated places.

NOTE: A safety base is optional. The safety base shall be 15 inches by 30 inches and not more than 3 inches high. The safety base should be positioned such that the white portion is located where first base would normally be (in fair territory) and the colored portion (red or orange) should be in foul territory. Any batted ball hitting the white portion should be fair and any ball hitting the red or orange portion should be foul. On the initial throw to first base from the infield or outfield, the batter-runner **MUST TOUCH** the red or orange portion of the base but not the white. If legally appealed by the defense, the runner will be called out. The defensive player **MUST** always touch the white portion. This rule is in effect only on the initial play at first base. This does not include:

1. Returning to the base after over running,
2. Running on a base hit to the outfield (runner may touch the red or white part) or
3. Re-tag to advance on a fly ball. **EFFECT:** If the base runner uses the orange portion at any time after the first attempt at first base and is not in contact with the white portion, then he is considered off the base.

LEGALLY ADOPTED GLOVES: May be worn by any fielder.

A. Catchers and first basemen may wear a glove or mitt of any size; all other players are restricted to a finger type glove with the space between the thumb and forefinger not exceeding more than 4-1/2 inches at the top. The webbing shall not be constructed to form any type net or tray.

B. Multicolored gloves are legal.

A SHOE: shall be considered legal if it is made with either leather or canvas uppers or similar materials. The soles may have soft or hard rubber cleats. Metal cleats are prohibited. Shoe sole or heel projections other than the standard shoe plate are prohibited. The all-purpose molded cleat softball shoe is legal. All players must wear shoes.

Catchers may wear MASKS:

EFFECT Sec. 9 **TO PREVENT INJURY** it is strongly recommended that all protective equipment be worn.

BASE PATH: refers to an imaginary line 3 feet to either side of a direct line between two bases. The runner is restricted to the 3 foot line in some cases.

Section Seven – Equipment

7.1 Bats, Warm-up Bats, Shoes & Glove

Bats: Bats must be USSSA approved. Please visit: www.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/LegalBats.asp

Warm-up Bats: No donuts, lead bars, or fins are allowed. Warm-up with bats are only allowed in the on deck area. No swinging of bats allowed outside of the playing area.

Shoes: No Metal spikes are allowed! Shoes must be worn by everyone on the playing field and dugout.

Gloves: All players must wear a glove. Catchers and first basemen may wear a first basemen's glove.

7.2 Uniforms

Shirts must be worn while at CSC. Teams are encouraged to wear jerseys, however it is not mandatory.

7.3 Game Ball

Each game is given one new ball and a back-up ball before each game.

Section Eight – Playoffs & Awards

8.1 Playoffs

All teams are eligible to compete in the playoffs. Team Managers will be issued a "Playoff Card" the week prior to the last night of league play. This card must be turned into our office by the designated date to compete in the playoffs. Failure to do so will result in the team missing the playoffs. Playoff brackets will be formed once all league play has concluded.

8.2 League Awards

Sponsor Trophies – 1st place. Individual Awards - 1st place. Twelve awards per team. Additional awards may be purchased by placing an order in the softball office.

Tournament Information

Aside from being the home for over 360 adult softball teams, the Canton Sports Center is the host site for over 30 local, regional, state, and world tournaments. Here is some information on a few tournaments that CSC hosts:

Welcome Back One Pitch Tournament (April 6 & 7): This is a fun tournament for any and all of our league teams. As it says in the title, it is a “one pitch” tournament, so don’t be too selective!

First Pitch Qualifier: This is the first qualifier in the state of Michigan. We offer a Men’s C, D & E as well as a Coed division. Come out to CSC and take your first swings for the year!
April 9 & 10

Strawberry Festival Tournament: This is a long standing tournament at CSC. We offer a Men’s C, D & E as well as a Coed division. Bring your family out for a good time!
May 21 & May 22

Boo Bash Tournament: Returning for a fifth season, this spooky tournament gives teams the final opportunity to play ball before winter sets in. *October 15 & 16*



Canton Township Code of Conduct

The Charter Township of Canton strives to provide premier facilities, programs and services so that community members have the opportunity to participate in the highest quality of diversified fitness, recreation, social and educational opportunities. Guests and participants are entitled to responsive service in a welcoming, safe and enjoyable atmosphere. At the same time, Canton Leisure Services expects a reasonable and proper behavior from those who visit the facilities and attend programs.

To meet this goal Canton Leisure Services has established this code of conduct. It is the key to good conduct and proper consideration for other people.

A. Zero Tolerance

A zero tolerance stance will be taken as it relates to criminal behavior.

B. Guidelines

1. Individuals will be advised of their inappropriate behavior or action. If behavior continues the individual may be asked to leave the premises and is subject to suspension. If behavior is severe or potentially life threatening, the individual will not receive a warning and shall be subject to an immediate one year suspension from the facility or program with no refund of any fees paid. Canton Leisure Services also reserves the right to confiscate annual/daily passes or program registration of anyone whose behavior creates a disturbance for others or for repeated behavioral offenses.
2. If the offending individual is a minor (under the age of 18) the parent/guardian will be contacted for removal from facility or program and suspension.

C. Refusal of Admission

Canton Leisure Services reserves the right to deny admission or service to anyone who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or in violation of any facility/program rules and regulations.

D. Discretionary Rights

Canton Leisure Services Management reserves the right to make discretionary adjustments to misconduct penalties depending upon the circumstances.

E. Appeals

Individuals may appeal the suspension within two days of notice of the written dated suspension and per the Suspension Review Policy.

EXAMPLES OF MISCONDUCT AND RESULTING ACTION

(NOTE: This list is intended to be used for example only is not all inclusive and subject to discretionary adjustments.)

EXAMPLE MISCONDUCT

POSSIBLE RESULTING ACTION

Discharge Of Fire Extinguisher
False Fire Alarm

Up to one year suspension from facility, contact of legal authority (issuance of ticket and trespass notice), financial restitution to recharge or replace extinguisher and to repair any damage to facility.

Punching, Hitting, Fighting,
Assault and Battery

Minimum of one year suspension from facility, contact of legal authority (issuance of trespass notice).

Vandalism

One year suspension from facility, contact of legal authority (issuance of tickets and trespass notice) financial restitution to repair damage to facility, equipment or grounds.

Verbal Abuse
Insubordination Towards A Staff Member

Up to one year suspension from the facility, contact of legal authority (issuance of tickets and trespass notice).

Smoking

Immediate daily suspension from the facility, contact of legal authority if a minor.

Loitering

Contact of legal authority (issuance of trespass notice).

Possession, Sale Or Distribution
Of A Controlled Substance

Contact of legal authority (issuance of trespass notice, legal action) permanent suspension from facility.

Unauthorized Entry

Contact of legal authority (issue of trespass notice, legal action) possible suspension from facility.

Unauthorized use of recording device.

Contact of legal authority (issue of trespass notice, legal action) suspension from facility.

F. Suspension Policy and Review Procedure

Violation of the Leisure Services Code of Conduct may result in a suspension from a Leisure Services facility/program. The suspended individual shall receive a written notice of suspension citing the reason for suspension and a trespass notice. If the individual visits the property/program during the notice, a warrant will be issued for their arrest.

The suspended person (or their guardian) shall have the right to an appeal via telephone or scheduled meeting within two business days of the date of the suspension notice. The appeal shall be made to the applicable management representative. If the appeal is denied, then the appeal process shall continue to the next management level within two business days of each denial in the following order:

- a. Full Time Supervisory Staff Member issuing the suspension
- b. Applicable Division Supervisor
- c. Applicable Division Manager
- d. Leisure Services Director

Failure to request an appeal within the specified time will terminate the appeal process.

If the suspension is upheld through this appeal process, the individual may request a hearing before the Suspension Review Board as a final resort as follows:

Suspension Review Board Procedure

1. Suspended individual (or their guardian) shall submit a written request for review within seven business days from the Leisure Services Director's decision.
2. A meeting with the Review Board shall be scheduled within five business days of the receipt of the request. The Review Board shall consist of any three citizen members from the Leisure Services Advisory Committee with any one member presiding as chairperson.
3. Leisure Services staff shall provide a copy of all reports, data, and documents surrounding the incident and verbally present the facts in support of the suspension.
4. The suspended individual (or their guardian) shall have the right to present facts in opposition to the suspension.
5. The Review Board shall review all information and announce their decision within two business days.
6. Review Board may decide to:
 - 1.3.1 Uphold the original suspension
 - 1.3.2 Uphold the suspension with a modification
 - c Overturn the suspension
7. All decisions of the Review Board are final.
8. The suspension shall remain in effect pending the appeal and review board process. The suspended individual may not visit the Canton Leisure Services facility/program from which they were suspended.