



CANTON Leisure Services
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Canton Sports Center

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How do I get involved in a youth sports group?

Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association

Teams are offered for baseball and softball players from ages 4-18 years old. Players that are residents of Plymouth, Canton and/or students in the Plymouth-Canton school district are eligible to participate on teams in the spring and fall seasons. Games are held in Township Parks and School fields. For more information visit gcybsa.com or call (734) 394-5358.

Pride Girls Fastpitch

The Pride is a community and competitive travel girls fastpitch softball organization. The Pride organization and teams are located in the adjoining communities of Plymouth, Michigan, and Canton, Michigan. The Pride is community based organization, part of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA). Girls that live within the Plymouth-Canton communities or attend ANY school in Plymouth-Canton including Public, Private, Charter and Home Schools are eligible to play for the Pride. The Pride offers 3 levels of play designed to offer fastpitch opportunities for girls to participate from community competition to travel teams that compete at a national level. In 2009 the Pride will host teams in the 10U, 12U, and 14U and 16-U Elite divisions. For more information, please visit their PC Pride Website.

Canton Soccer Club

Players interested in outdoor soccer, ages 5 to adult, are welcome to join the Canton Soccer Club. Two full seasons are offered, in Spring, April through June and Fall, September through November. Registrations are offered typically four months prior to the start of a new season. Registration forms are available at the club office located inside High Velocity Sports on Michigan Av. or at the Summit and are available on line at www.cantonsoccerclub.com. Try outs for the Select and Premier travel teams begin mid June, please see the web site for updated information. Adult Teams are always looking for additional players 30, 40, and 50+. The CSC will also be offering a U23 Premier team for the first time in club history, please contact the club office for more information regarding U23. For all questions regarding outdoor soccer, please contact the club office at 734-480-7046 or email us. Non residents are welcome.

Canton Amateur Hockey Association

Teams of all ages/abilities including recreation and travel, are encouraged to check out the outstanding facilities and great practice times. Enjoy our knowledgeable and friendly staff of coaches. New player registration begins in March. For more information, go to www.cantonhockey.org or phone us at 734-544-4460. The fall season runs from September through March. The spring season runs in April and May. The Learn to Play program is accepting registrations for ages 5-9 and clinics are held throughout the summer.

Plymouth-Canton Steelers Football

Football players and cheerleaders from ages 8-14 living in the Plymouth-Canton Communities are eligible to participate in the football program. Check out www.plymouthcantonsteelers.com for current information or contact Lew Stewart at 734-673-9631.

Canton Lions Football Club

Football players and cheerleaders from ages 8-14 years old are eligible to join the Canton Lions Football Club. Registration for the 2007 season occurs first week of April. For information on the upcoming season please contact Willis Champman, Unit Director at (248)981-1969. Check out the web site at www.eteamz.com/cantonlions.

Community Ed Basketball

Teams available for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Registration dates are Wed., August 24 & Tue., September 13 at Pioneer Middle School. For more information email cebl@pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

Canton Little League

Recreational League Baseball Divisions

eteamz.com/cantonlittleleague

Any player who will reach the proper age before August 1, of the year in question shall be eligible to compete in Little League Baseball. Must have proof of residency, attend Plymouth-Canton School District and present a birth certificate. Tryouts to place all players on a team are held in March. Recreational League Baseball divisions: Seniors 14-16 yrs. Juniors 13-14 yrs. Majors 11-12 yrs. Minors 7 - 10 yrs. League practices start in April with the league complete at the end of June followed by the All-Star tournaments in July. Teams will play a 18 to 26 game schedule within their own league and Belleville. (This is not a travel league) All games played in Canton, Plymouth and Belleville area. For more information call: Don Lohrmann (734) 398-5142

Are there park rules at the Canton Sports Center?

Yes. The following are park rules for the Canton Sports Center:

- Beverages, alcohol and food purchased outside Canton Sports Center will not be permitted in the complex, including the parking lot area. 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.
- 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.
- Smoking is not permitted on the field of play by umpires, managers or players.
- Sorry, pets are not allowed on the premises.

How do I find out about field availability?

Please go to the Canton Sports Center website at csc.canton-mi.org and at the lower right of the home page is the athletic field request form. Please fill out this form with details of your request. You will be contacted within 48 hours of your request.

What kind of special events does Canton Sports Center host?

The Canton Sports Center plays host to numerous weekend and week long events.

USSSA Slo-Pitch Softball Tournaments, Moose International

USSSA Fastpitch Softball, Compuware, PC-PRIDE,

USSSA Baseball, Senior Softball World Series, Special Olympics

A new Fall Carnival was brought to CSC in 2008 which includes rides, games, and entertainment. Check out the website for 2009 details

How do I know if games or practices have been cancelled?

Typically the best way to find out about field cancellations are by calling the Canton Sports Center weatherline. That phone number is 734-483-2913. This message is updated everyday at 9am and 4pm to let players know the status of fields, games and practices. For the youth teams parents can also go to www.gcybsa.com for locations outside of the Sports Center.

What Is Victory Park?

Victory Park began as Canton Softball Center, a privately owned premier softball complex. Year in and year out the center was identified as the nation's best softball complex. Canton Softball Center consists of 12 enclosed lighted softball fields, each with its own players benches, electronic score board and spectator stands. The park also includes a 300 seat restaurant in the middle of the complex. The parking lot has space for over 600 cars.

Two events occurred in 1999 which would change the future of Canton Softball Center. First, the United States Postal Service was scouting Canton for a new post office location. Canton agreed to sell to the United States Postal Service a portion of Griffin Park (along Canton Center). The site consisted of two very tired softball fields. Canton was continuing to grow and the need to replace and add new ball fields was apparent. At the same time the owner of Canton Softball Center indicated that the complex would be sold and removed to make way for industrial users. After completing a financial analysis it was determined that Canton would purchase the facility. It was also determined that the complex would continue as a softball business while offering a new home for greater Canton's junior baseball/softball league.

In 2001 and 2002 improvements were made to the softball center complex. A new boulevard entrance was constructed along with new underground utility installation and repaving of the existing parking lot. A restroom pavilion building was also built in the center area between the ball diamonds to provide bathroom facilities and a sheltered picnic area. In addition, a new reader board sign was installed at the park entrance and over 200 trees were planted throughout the site.

Along with the new infrastructure improvements at the softball center additional sports programs were established including flag football and cricket. Therefore, the center was renamed to reflect the diverse sports usage from Canton Softball Center to Canton Sports Center.

The purchase of Canton Softball Center also included 15 vacant acres along Michigan Avenue. For the better part of five years hockey parents voiced their desire for Canton to construct an indoor hockey facility. After many visits to other community facilities and estimating the cost of construction and forecasting operational costs it was determined by Canton officials not to construct a publicly owned facility. Instead the community solicited proposals from organizations interest in constructing a facility on land provided by Canton. In 2002 Artic Edge Ice Arena opened to rave reviews. The two sheet ice facility includes locker rooms, training facilities, concession areas, a pro shop and party rooms.

At approximately the same time Canton officials were approached by a group who wished to construct a state of the art indoor soccer facility. The development group suggested that they be extended the "same deal" as the ice arena operators. Canton rejected this request because of the belief that the community, over the years, had done a great deal to support soccer. The development group decided to purchase the property and construct a soccer facility. High Velocity Soccer was constructed in 2002 and includes 3 indoor soccer fields, one roller blade rink, 2 small pee wee soccer fields and a concession area.



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