

## GARDEN CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT MEN'S 2026 Spring SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**Men's Spring League** *Is open to any team comprised of male residents, ages 18 and over. This league is also open to any Village business and its employees. In order for a business team to be accepted, a letter from the company must accompany the team's registration verifying that all members of the team work in that company. Former graduates of Garden City High School are also eligible. Eligibility of team and team members is based on the above requirements: All captains must submit a photocopy of each player's driver's license with their team roster. All copies of licenses must be submitted prior to the start of the league play. Spot checks of players may be randomly done during the season.*

*All games for this league are played on weekday evenings at 8:15pm and 9:30pm.*

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The official ASA Slow Pitch Rules will govern all league play, except that all players may bat and alternate positions with fielders. A player's spot in the line-up must stay the same throughout the game. Please follow Community Park rules: no sunflower seeds on turf fields and no alcohol.
2. You are given a form to submit dates you are unavailable to play. Please fill it out. If you need to cancel a game, please give at least 2 days notice. If your team forfeits 2 games during the season you will be expelled from the league.
3. A maximum of 20 players is allowed per roster. Players may appear on only one roster, and may only play for that team. Players must play in a minimum of three games to be eligible for the play-offs.
4. All games will be 7 innings and will start on time as indicated on the schedule, with a 15 minute forfeit time. After a game has become official, (4 ½ or 5 innings), and if one team is leading by 12 or more runs, they will be declared the winners at that time by the umpire.
5. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Whenever possible, determination of cancelations will be made by 2 p.m. Captains may call Community Park at 516 483-2525 after 2 p.m. for field conditions. Otherwise, the decision on playing conditions will be made by the umpire at the field. You can also call Community Park at 516 483-2525 for updates.
6. Captains must write starting lineups in the official scorebook before each game and must notify the umpire whenever substitutions are made. Each team, while at bat, will be responsible for keeping the score in the book and for recovering foul balls. Winning captains must call or email in the score of the game within 24 hours of play.
7. **PLAYOFFS:** The top 4 teams in each division (or top 8 teams if one division) will advance to the playoffs. The home team is determined by a coin flip. You must have at least a .500 win percentage to qualify for playoffs.
8. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** All cases involving both individual and team unsportsmanlike conduct are completely up to the discretion of the umpire. Penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct can vary:
  - a. The player or players involved shall be ejected for the ball game.
  - b. The game may be forfeited.
  - c. The team or player may be suspended or expelled for the league. In these cases, the umpire's decision will be reviewed by the Recreation Department.
9. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Recreation Office within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game. The umpire and opposing team must be notified immediately of the intention to protest the game **BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH IS MADE. PROTESTS BASED UPON JUDGEMENT CALLS WILL BE DISALLOWED.** Protests may only be made on mis-interpretation of a rule. All written protest regarding an ineligible/illegal player must be accompanied by the official scorebook.
10. **Any team that forfeits two games will be eliminated from the league.** All scheduled games will be REGISTERED AS LOSSES.
11. **UNIFORMS:** All teams must be in uniform by the second week of the season. Uniforms may consist merely of identical colored shirts.
12. **PETE ROSE RULE – SLIDING:** If any player has possession of the ball, the runner MUST either slide, avoid the fielder, or surrender the tag. If the player runs through the fielder, he is automatically out and may be ejected from the game at the discretion of the umpire.

13. **THE FAKE TAG RULE:** Any play unnecessarily forcing a runner to slide in to a base when he does not have possession of the ball shall be charged with an obstruction. The umpire shall award the runner an additional base. The player and manager will be issued a warning, and the next time it happens, the player deceiving the runner will be ejected from the game.
14. **SOFTBALLS:** The Clincher is the official ball of the league. Balls will be supplied by the Recreation Department and can be picked up in the Clubhouse building before each game.
15. **BATS:** For safety reasons, no batter may use a donut or a lead bat while warming up. Umpires will determine if a bat is illegal for use in the league.
16. **PITCHING:** At their highest point, all pitches must be a minimum of 6 feet to a maximum of 12 feet from the ground to the top of their arc.
17. **Games will start as indicated on the schedule.**
18. **Double Plays** – any runner who does not slide or gets completely out of the way at second base, automatic double play. No more standing upright or bending over in the path of the shortstop or second basemen trying to complete the double play.
19. **GENERAL RULES:**
  - a. Do not drive your cars down to the field.
  - b. **NO ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED IN VILLAGE PARKS.** Teams found drinking will be subject to Village Summonses, and to possible expulsion for the league.
  - c. The Recreation Department will supply the field, bases, umpires, game balls, and trophies to the winning teams.
  - d. Catchers must wear masks at all times.
  - e. **If the official umpire does not show up for the game, the game should still be played using an umpire agreeable to both teams.**
  - f. No metal spikes allowed, and their use will be considered UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT and subject to the rules pertaining to the same.
19. All league participants acknowledge that there are certain inherent risks of injury in playing softball. The risks include, but are not limited to batting, fielding, pitching, catching, running, sliding, and all other aspects of the game. All bases used in this league are anchored in the ground and are meant to be used as reference points only. The Garden City Recreation Department's Softball League does not cover individual players for insurance purposes due to injuries.
20. Rules and regulations may be amended and updated by the Recreation Department for the proper running of the league.

**GARDEN CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
2026 MEN'S SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE APPLICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the rules and regulations governing the Garden City Department of Recreation and Parks' 2026 MEN'S SPRING Softball League, and I hereby certify that the enclosed application is complete. I also certify that the information contained therein is true. Furthermore, as the **designated manager** of the team, I understand that full compliance with all rules and regulations is required of all teams. This includes compliance with eligibility regulations as well as all applicable Village Ordinances. I further understand that failure to comply with all League Regulations and Village Ordinances may result in suspension or expulsion for the league.

**Team Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Manager's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Manager's Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Contact: Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate's Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**"A" Division:** \_\_\_\_\_ **"B" Division:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Spring league may be one division)

**\*\*\* MY TEAM IS UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

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**\*\*\*We will do our best to accommodate teams, however this league plays Monday through Thursday nights at 8:15pm and 9:30pm. Please be prepared to play on the days and times you are scheduled. You may be required to play 2 games in one week at times. Let me know if you prefer double-headers or to play on different days. Aside from the above dates you are required to play when scheduled.**

**\*\*If scheduled for 2 games in the same week our team prefers double headers: Yes No**

**\*\* We prefer doubleheaders in general: YES NO:**

**SUBMIT ALL COMPLETED FORMS AND FEES TO:  
GARDEN CITY RECREATION 108 ROCKAWAY AVE, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530 ATTN: MEN'S SOFTBALL LG**

**GARDEN CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
2026 MEN'S SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE TEAM ROSTER FORM**  
SUBMIT ALL COMPLETED FORMS AND FEES TO:  
 GARDEN CITY RECREATION 108 ROCKAWAY AVE, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530 ATTN: MEN'S SOFTBALL LG

Rosters and fees are due by Wednesday, April 1st \*\*\* The league will begin play the week of April 20th

**Fees-**

Umpires: \$350. made payable to: *McKraive Sports* - (Must be in check form) check # \_\_\_\_\_

League: \$275. made payable to: *Inc. Village of Garden City*: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Credit Card - No Amex) \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

"A" Division: \_\_\_\_\_ "B" Division: \_\_\_\_\_ (May be just one division for the Spring season)

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