Fall Ball 2019 Information

The goal is to provide competitive interleague softball on 4 consecutive Sundays in September. There are no standings in fall ball and no trophies will be awarded. Fall Ball 2019 is sponsored by the Hudson Mohawk League. Games will be scheduled at various locations in the Capital District depending on field availability. Girls must play in the division they will be in next year. The intention is to help them become familiar with rules and competition for 2020.

Key Points

* All teams must be USA Softball registered for the 2020 season that now starts on 9/1/19. The USA Softball team registration ($30 per team) is made out to NYS USA Softball and mailed to Dave Copeland at 192 Tallow Wood Dr., Clifton Park, NY 12065.
* All teams must confirm that they have insurance for the Fall Ball season. Many policies (such as Bollingers Insurance) now follow the new USA Softball year that begins on 9/1/19. Check the Fall Ball web page for additional information and updates.
* **All teams must complete the USA Softball roster** and all players must have a parent sign it. If you already havea new 2020 USA Softball roster for this year’s tournament play that roster will be OK to use for Fall Ball. Make sure the team name on the roster is for a team that has insurance coverage. This roster must be signed by Dave Copeland . It can be scanned and Emailed to him at dcopelan@nycap.rr.com - he will sign it, scan it and Email it back. There is no separate Fall Ball or Hudson Mohawk roster this year – the USA Softball roster must be used. All Coach’s MUST have a current year USA Softball Background Check and have a card with them at all times.

Registration & Instructions for completing the Team Registration Form:

1. Use one form for each team.
2. Team Registration Form and check must be received by Tuesday 8/23/19 to be guaranteed to play. After 8/23/18 teams will be accepted if space is available, until schedules are published.
3. A team does not have to sign up for every Sunday, but they are expected to show up with enough players to field a team if they do sign up. If short and the team they are playing has extra players they may use those players to have enough players to play.

**Payments:**

1. Make check payable to: **Hudson Mohawk Softball League** and send it to:

**Hudson Mohawk Attention: Jackie O'Brien, PO Box 1924, Latham, NY 12110.**.

1. $**84** charge for each Sunday (2 games) includes the $**69** umpire fee per game (only one umpire per game) and $15

for the host league for game balls and field preparation.

Example: A team wants to play all four Sundays (8 games). The manager or league representative (if the manager has not been selected) completes the Team Registration form, sends it with a check for $336 (payable to Hudson Mohawk).

1. Refunds will be made if games are rained out and the umpires do not need to be paid.
2. If a team does not show up for their games, no refund is due. The team will also be responsible for umpire fees for BOTH games ($138).
3. If a team does not show up and there is no advance notification to the Fall Ball Coordinator and the host league they will be removed from the remainder of the schedule.
4. If a team is not a member of a league currently part of Hudson Mohawk, there is a separate fee of $25 per team also payable to **Hudson Mohawk Softball League.**

**Scheduling:**

1. Teams may play each other more than once during the season
2. Not all games will be back to back
3. No guarantee on preferred time of games
4. Host leagues may reschedule games as needed if teams don’t show up or weather delays the games

**Competition Level**

1. Please select an appropriate level of competition so games are as competitive as possible
2. Teams with primarily travel team players will play in the RED division.
3. Teams with primarily recreational league players should play in the WHITE division.
4. Teams in the middle should choose the BLUE division.
5. **Scheduling often requires a team to play at a different level. Most but not all games will be played against teams at the selected level.**
6. Levels may be changed and games rescheduled if a team is not in an appropriate competitive level.
7. Second year teams that do not change age group should be in the RED Division.

**AGE:**

1. For your team. The players age on December 31, 2019 is the lowest age the player can play at. Example player is 12 years old on December 31, 2019 and turns 13 on January 1, 2020 can play at the 12U level or higher.

**RECAP OF FEES/FORMS AND TO WHO**

1. **TEAM REGISTRATION: Cost is $30.00 per team and check is made out to USA Softball of NY and mailed to; David Copeland, 192 Tallow Wood Dr., Clifton Park, NY 12065.**
2. **GAME FEES: Cost is $84.00 for each Sunday. Check is to be made out to Hudson Mohawk and mailed to: Jackie O'Brien, PO Box 1924, Latham, NY 12110.**
3. **NON-HUDSON MOHAWK MEMBERS: Cost is $25.00 per team. Check is to be made out to Hudson Mohawk and mailed to: Jackie O'Brien, PO Box 1924, Latham, NY 12110.**
4. **USA TEAM REGISTRATION FORM AND TEAM ROSTER: Both Forms are to be sent to David Copeland, 192 Tallow Wood Dr., Clifton Park, NY 12065.**
5. **FALL BALL TEAM ENTRY FORM: Form is to be mailed to:**

**Hudson Mohawk Attention: Jackie O'Brien, PO Box 1924, Latham, NY 12110**

**SCAN AND EMAIL A COPY TO Dave\_Copeland@usasoftballofny.com**

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