## SOFTBALL INFORMATION/RULES

# *LAYOUT*

**The OPERA Softball Season will begin May 29, 2025**

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All games will be played on Thursday nights at the City of Beaumont softball fields. The season will be 6 weeks long with a Tournament TBA. The first two rain outs will be made up the following week. Each rain out will put the weekly schedule back. If we have three rain outs, we will cancel the 6th week games and play the tournament.

The order of the wins/losses from the season will determine the seed for the OPERA Softball Tournament.

In the event that two teams have the same number of wins/losses, whichever team won the game that they played against each other will be given the higher seed. The tournament will be a double elimination tournament.

All of the games will be officiated by an Umpire.

# *TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES*

# \*Each team is required to have their OPERA application and dues, softball dues, liability release forms, and team rosters turned into the OPERA Office before the season starts.

\*No profanity will be tolerated at the softball fields. This is a family event and should be treated as such.

\*The teams that play the last game of the night will be required to pick up the trash on their fields.

\*No glass containers will be allowed on the premises.

\*Each team is required to supply their bats, gloves, water, and uniforms (optional). In addition, each team is required to supply their own softballs. Softballs are required to be twelve inch 44 or 47 core slow pitch softballs.

\*Bats are required to be USSSA approved.

\*Softballs for Men will use the classic Plus 12 inch optic yellow, with a red USSSA-stamped logo. Women can use Classic W (11”) optic yellow with a blue USSSA-stamped and blue stitching or the Men’s.

# *RULES*

\*Each batter starts with 0 strikes 0 balls, but if batter hits foul ball with 2 strikes, the batter is out.

\*Any line drive hit between the width of the pitching rubber and the pitcher’s height will be a dead ball out. If the ball contacts the ground first in front of the rubber, it is a live playable ball.

\*Each team will bat 10 players. In the event that a team only has 9 players, an out will be awarded each time that it is the 10th batters turn. If a team only has 8 players, then two outs will be awarded. If a team only has 7 players, then the team will forfeit. Teams can bat more than 10 players as a DH. Teams that chose to bat only 10 players; those 10 batters have to play the field, if a player is replaced during the game he will come out of the batting line up and be replaced with the new player. If a Team chooses to bat the extra players as DH, the extra DH doesn’t have to play the field. Teams have to declare before the game starts if they are batting only 10 or using the DH to bat the extra players.

\*2 pickup players will be allowed per game as long as they are off of another OPERA softball team and both coaches agree before the game.

\*There is a 3 homerun limit per game. Each homerun after that will be considered an out.

\*There will be 1 courtesy runner allowed per inning and that runner will be the most recent out made.

\*No players will be allowed to be added to your roster after the first game.

\*Teams are not required to strictly use players in their area or department. If a Player wants to play for a specific team and the team approves, the player can be added to the Team’s Roster. Only OPERA members can play in the OPERA Softball league. OPERA member’s children must be 18 years old and fall under current OPERA guidelines for eligibility.