## SOFTBALL INFORMATION/RULES

# *LAYOUT*

**The OPERA Softball Season 2019**

 All games will be played on Wednesday nights at the City of Port Arthur softball fields. The season will be 6 weeks long depending on the number of teams that sign up.

In the event of foul weather, an email will be sent out cancelling games, or the softball director will get in touch with each of the team captains. In an effort to keep the season from extending too long, we will not make up the rainouts.

**\*Please note there may not be a tournament this year due to turnaround schedules!**

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

 If 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's date is TBA and will be on a Saturday. The tournament will be a double elimination tournament. The winning team of the tournament will be awarded either T-shirts for their "tournament players” or a gift certificate to Academy for their team and they will have their team's name engraved on the OPERA Softball Trophy (on display at the OPERA office).

All the games will be officiated by an ASA 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 (409-971-6214) no later than 2 weeks before the first game of the season.

\*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 own balls, bats, gloves, water, and uniforms (optional). Balls are required to be twelve inch 44 or 47 core slow pitch softballs. Super Blue slow pitch balls are legal.

\*Bats are required to be ASA approved.

# *RULES*

\*ASA Guidelines will be used.

\*Each team will bat 10 players. If 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 if they are off 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.

\***Free Agents:** An Opera Member who wants to play Softball, but doesn’t have a team to play for. The Free Agent will be placed on the Roster that represents their Area, Dept, or Unit. If the Free Agent’s area doesn’t have a team, the Free Agent will be placed on the team with the fewest number of players on the roster.

\*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.

\*Children must be 18 years of age or older to participate. If they are 25 years or older, they must have a separate membership.