



VCDD Recreation Softball FAQ's

1. **What type of softball leagues are offered in The Villages?**
 - a. **Recreation Leagues**

Recreation leagues play twice a week Monday through Friday. Recreation leagues offer players of all abilities to play in a fun competitive environment. There are three softball seasons per year; fall, winter, and summer. For exact season dates please visit the softball season dates page.
 - b. **Neighborhood Leagues**

Neighborhood leagues play each Saturday. Neighborhood leagues are made to build camaraderie within the neighborhood of the residents participating from the same or nearby neighborhood. The recreation department provides single walled aluminum bats for the neighborhood softball leagues. There are three softball leagues per year; fall, winter, and summer. For exact season dates please visit the softball season dates page.
 - c. **Travel Leagues**

Travel leagues are leagues that are non-recreation sponsored leagues. These leagues play 1 to 2 times per week depended on the league. These leagues are formed and implemented by residents of The Villages. Each player in these leagues must sign a waiver of liability and a Recreation Department code of conduct. Travel league seasons vary from league to league. Please contact the Saddlebrook Recreation Center or a travel league representative for league dates and times.
2. **Where are the Softball Fields located?**
 - a. **Kundson Softball Field: 1403 Paradise Drive, The Villages FL**

Knudson is located just north of HWY 441 adjacent to the Paradise Regional Recreation Center
 - b. **Buffalo Glen Softball Complex: 305 Tatonka Terrace, The Villages FL**

Buffalo Glen is located on HWY 466 just west of the Villages Charter High School
 - c. **Saddlebrook Softball Complex: 3010 Saddlebrook Lane The Villages FL**

Saddlebrook Softball Complex is located off of Buena Vista Blvd adjacent to The Villages Polo Fields
 - d. **Soaring Eagle Softball Complex: 4390 Morse Boulevard, The Villages, FL**

Soaring Eagle is located north of CR44 on Morse Blvd.
3. **How do I get involved in The Villages Recreation Softball Program?**

Anyone interested in participating in The Villages Recreation Softball Program can do so by completing the evaluation process. Evaluations are held at the Buffalo Glen Softball Complex every Tuesday morning at 8:00am.

Evaluations are conducted by a team of resident volunteers. For more complete information on evaluations please click on the evaluation link [or](#) contact the Saddlebrook Recreation Center. (259-5377)

4. **I have completed the evaluation process...what's next?**

Once you have completed the softball evaluation process you are eligible to become a roster player or sub in the recreation and neighborhood softball leagues. Applications for all of the recreation and neighborhood softball leagues can be picked up and returned at the Saddlebrook Recreation Center.

5. **What is a softball division?**

Softball divisions are a group of softball players of like ability that form teams and compete against only teams in that division.

6. **How many players are on each Recreation or Neighborhood team?**

Recreation teams typically carry between 12 and 14 players on their rosters. Neighborhood teams typically carry between 12 and 16 on their rosters.

7. **What rules and regulations govern the VCDD Recreation Softball Program?**

The VCDD Recreation Softball Program is governed by the VCDD Recreation Softball Procedures. The in-game rules that each league follows is located on the individual league websites. Anything not covered in the VCDD Recreation Policies or the league rules reverts to the SSUSA rule book.

8. **Are the VCDD Recreation and Neighborhood Leagues sanctioned by a national governing body?**

The VCDD Recreation Softball Leagues are not sanctioned by a national governing body; however the leagues recognize the SSUSA rules as the governing rules.

9. **What equipment is legal in the Recreation and Neighborhood Softball Leagues?**

- Footwear – Rubber cleats, turf shoes, tennis shoes or anything equivalent are legal in the Recreation and Neighborhood leagues. Metal spikes are not permitted.
- Gloves – Mitts are permitted for catchers and first basemen only. Please see SSUSA rules for complete rule on gloves.
- Bats – Recreation leagues are allowed to use any bat with a 1.21 bpf and/or approved for SSUSA play. This includes the use of the senior softball bats. Players provide their own bats for Recreation leagues. Neighborhood leagues use bats provided by the Recreation Department. The bats provided are single walled aluminum bats.
- Balls – VCDD Recreation leagues use .44/375 optic yellow Trump softball. Men use a 12” softball while the ladies leagues use an 11” softball.

10. Where can I find a softball schedule?

The field schedule can be found in the recreation news or by visiting the schedule page. Team schedules can be found on the division websites or can be obtained at the Saddlebrook Recreation Center.

11. Can we practice or rent the softball fields?

Any resident or guest with a valid ID can utilize the softball facilities at any time league games are not being played. The softball fields can be rented for special events by contacting the Saddlebrook Recreation Center.