



Softball Programs in *The Villages*

The Softball programs in The Villages are under the direction of the Recreation Department and are monitored by the Softball Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB is comprised of one representative from each league (division) presently in operation. The SAB recommends policies to The District Recreation Department for oversight of The Villages softball program. Each division handles their scheduling, rosters, scorekeepers, announcers and umpires.

Listed below are the various softball leagues involving the residents of The Villages.

MENS RECREATION LEAGUES

SADDLEBROOK & BUFFALO GLEN SOFTBALL COMPLEXES

Currently Men's Division III, IV and V play their games on Monday and Thursday, while Division I and II play Wednesday and Friday. Each Division changes complexes after the completion of each season.

KNUDSON SOFTBALL FIELD – The American League Division 5 league plays at Knudson. Games are played on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

LADIES RECREATION LEAGUES

SADDLEBROOK & BUFFALO GLEN SOFTBALL COMPLEXES

The Villages ladies softball program continues to grow and consists of two Divisions. Division I plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays while Division II plays on Mondays and Thursdays. Each Division changes complexes after the completion of each season.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEAGUES – The neighborhood league is designed to create unity and camaraderie within the various Villages. The rules and regulations which govern league play are established to help maintain the less competitive and fun goal of this league. These leagues are open to both men and women residents of The Villages who have completed evaluations. The divisions of this league are structured on area of residence as well as evaluation rating.

LADIES ORGANIZED PLAY – This activity affords ladies the opportunity to sharpen their playing skills in a less structured format. Ladies organized play is on Fridays at the Knudson Softball Field.

TRAVEL LEAGUES

MID-FLORIDA TRAVEL LEAGUE – This is a 50+ men's league open to all residents of The Villages. Players receiving an evaluation of I or II are a good fit for this league. Games are played on Tuesday mornings.

CENTRAL FLORIDA TRAVEL LEAGUE – This men's league is open to all residents of The Villages. Games are played on Tuesday mornings.

70+ CLASSIC TRAVEL LEAGUE – This men's league is open to residents aged 70+. Games are scheduled twice a week, usually in the afternoons. This league runs November through March. Some travel is required for this league. Most destinations are within a one hour drive from The Villages.

XTREME LEAGUE – The newly formed Xtreme League is a ladies only travel league for residents of The Villages. Games are played on Wednesday afternoons November through March.

RESTRICTED BAT LEAGUE – This is a league that is open to all residents of The Villages. Games are played Tuesday afternoons/early evenings.

TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Villages teams are very active in the tournament scene within Florida and throughout the country. The age groups for the tournament teams range from 50+ to 70+.

SOFTBALL RELATED ACTIVITIES – Our programs would not exist without great volunteers. Two very important committees are included in our Softball Advisory Board. They include:

UMPIRES – We constantly need more participants. Training sessions are held periodically throughout the year. Players and non-players are encouraged to become umpires.

EVALUATIONS – This group consists of dedicated individuals who evaluate prospective softball players. A three session evaluation period is required before a resident can receive a rating to play in our Recreation or Neighborhood Leagues.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call the Softball Office at the Saddlebrook Recreation Center, 259-5377. We will be more than happy to assist you.

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