

## **SOFTBALL EVALUATIONS OVERVIEW**

**Purpose:**

To provide players interested in joining the Recreation Softball Program the opportunity to be placed in an environment that best fits his/her softball playing ability.

**Where:**

Buffalo Glen Softball Complex (west of The Villages Charter School Buffalo Ridge Campus on CR-466)

**When:**

Every Tuesday at 8 AM except for holidays, rainouts, and during maintenance closures. Evaluations are also not held during practice week. Scheduled maintenance closures, practice dates, and league dates can be found on the softball webpage. Listen to radio announcements on Tuesday mornings for cancellations. You may also sign up for E-Notifications online at [districtgov.org](http://districtgov.org) (Radio: AM 640 or FM 102.7)

**First Timers Requirements:**

Sign in time is 7:45 AM. Participants will need their Villages ID card, photo ID, telephone number, Village name, and glove (bats are provided). Participants will sign a waiver of liability and the Recreation Department Code of Conduct. Participants are asked to wear proper softball attire and shoes. Rubber cleats, turf shoes, and tennis shoes are acceptable for softball evaluation participants. No metal spikes.

**Qualifications:**

Men – Villages Resident or renter with valid ID age 50 or older

Women – Villages Resident or renter with valid ID age 50 or older

**Procedure:**

Three days of evaluations need to be completed within six months of your first Evaluation. Each Evaluation will last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours per session, depending on the number of participants.

**Upon Completion:**

Participants will be eligible to sign up as substitutes in the Recreation and Neighborhood Leagues immediately. For their initial season, players must sign up for the league they are evaluated for. They will be eligible to enter the next season's draft as a full-time player. Players may move up or down one league after their initial season. Players who have not played in 3 calendar years must attend a Re-Evaluation before signing up to play.

*Please contact Saddlebrook Recreation Center with any questions regarding softball at 352-259-5377*