



**Parks & Recreation Department  
Athletics Division**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE: January 3, 2012**  
**TO: Prospective Adult Men’s Spring Industrial, Church & Open Softball Teams**  
**FROM: Bryan Welch, Assistant Athletic Supervisor**  
**SUBJECT: Men’s Spring Softball Organizational Meeting**

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The Gastonia Parks & Recreation Department will hold its organizational meeting for the 2012 Adult Men’s Spring Softball Open, Industrial and Church Leagues on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting will be held at the Recreation Administrative Office (Memorial Hall), 109 W. Second Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052.

**It is mandatory for a team representative to attend this meeting.**

All leagues fees, rules and regulations will be discussed at this meeting.



**\*IMPORTANT RULES\***

1- Ball: .40 COR or less and shall have a compression of 325 pounds or less under the ASTM test used under the USSSA Softball Ball License Agreement. Ball: Shall have a white or optic yellow cover. Shall have “USSSA CLASSIC M” in 1/8” letters and the USSSA logo with a 1-1/8” diameter. Letters and Logo in blue color, applied to be indelible.

**NO OTHER BALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

2- Home Run (over the fence) limit is five (5) per game. All others will be counted as an out.

**\*RULE CHANGES\***

1- The Home Team will be the official scorekeeper. The Home Team may defer the scorekeeping responsibilities to the Visiting Team if they do not have anyone to keep the score. It will be up to each team to verify the score after each inning.

2- If a team has nine players at game time, there will be no grace period to wait on the tenth player.

3- Teams can start a game with no less than 9 players. 10<sup>th</sup> player may be added to the end of the batting order at any time with no penalty. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> player cannot be added.

4- The batting order can be dropped from 12 to 11 or from 11 to 10 or from 10 to 9 with a penalty being an out recorded each time the dropped batters slot comes up in the lineup. If the batting order is dropped to 8 for any reason the game will be declared a forfeit.

If you have any questions please contact me at (704) 869-1019 or by E-mail: [bryanw@cityofgastonia.com](mailto:bryanw@cityofgastonia.com)

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