

2007 NORTH METRO CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

1. The NMCSL season will begin on March 3rd and end on June 23rd
2. No games will be played on April 7th (Easter weekend) and May 26th (Memorial Day weekend)
3. All games will be played at Blackburn Park (2 fields, 8 games per week)
4. Game times will be 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 and 12:15
5. All teams are expected to be ready to play when their game time arrives. There will be a five minute grace period for the 8:30 games only; after that, the game is a forfeit
6. Games will be 75 minutes long; time will start on the first pitch
7. Teams tied after seven innings will play one additional inning only
8. A 15 run rule will be in effect after 5 innings (or 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead)
9. The home team will be the official scorekeeper for each game
10. Teams will play 16 regular season games, including 4 double-headers
11. There will be a tournament at season's end, double-elimination for the top six teams, single-elimination for the bottom six teams (the two surviving teams will then be a part of the double-elimination bracket)
12. There will not be any time limits for playoff games, though the 15 run rule will be in effect for all games (excluding the championship game)
13. Teams may start a game with 7 of their own players and pick up an 8th and 9th player from other teams. Teams may play an entire game with 8 players. No team may pick up a 10th player. No player pickups will be allowed in the playoffs
14. Teams must have their numbered uniforms by March 31st, the fifth week of play
15. Teams will not be penalized for a single forfeited game; any additional forfeits will result in a \$25 fine
16. Any player ejected from a game will be automatically suspended the following game. A second ejection will be penalized with a three-game suspension and a \$25 team fine
17. Players must participate in a minimum of 5 games to qualify for the playoffs
18. Batters will start with a one ball, one strike count (two foul balls per at bat before the batter is out). The arc of a pitched ball is to be 12 feet maximum and 6 feet minimum
19. The team coach, manager or representative is the only person who may initiate a protest or question a call with the umpires
20. Each team will be provided one new softball per game. The second new softball should not be put in play until the home team comes to bat. Teams should have backup softballs ready for any ball hit out of play
21. Team roster forms will be provided along with team scorebooks. Roster forms must be filled out by the fourth weekend of play
22. One-half of a team roster must be members of that team's church
23. Double-wall bats with a core rating of 1.2 or below are allowed; any bat above that core rating is illegal and will be thrown out (refer to the updated ASA banned bat list)
24. Players must attempt to avoid contact with fielders and runners at all times. Players running to first base should use the safety base outside the foul line
25. Teams may bat an unlimited lineup (if they choose) and may have unlimited courtesy runners (last player to record an out in the batting order). Free substitution is allowed, with returning players maintaining their same position in the batting order

26. Sportsmanship is to be maintained at all times. Inappropriate language or taunting will not be tolerated at any time and is subject to ejection (umpires discretion)

Teams will be divided into groups of six based on last year's standings (1-6, 7-12). While each team will play against each other at least one time throughout the year, teams will play a second game against the five other teams in their group. Last year's final standings, team names and acronyms are as follows:

1. St. Jude Catholic (SJC)
2. Christ the King Catholic (CTK)
3. Dunwoody Baptist II (DBCII)
4. Peachtree Presbyterian (PPC)
5. Dunwoody Baptist I (DBCI)
6. Dunwoody United Methodist I (DUMCI)
7. Mt. Vernon Presbyterian (MVP)
8. Rivercliff Lutheran (RLC)
9. Dunwoody United Methodist II (DUMCII)
10. Atlanta Jamat Khana & Ismaili (ATLJK)
11. Chamblee United Methodist (CUMC)*
12. Life Ministries Church (LMC)*

*new team added to the NMCSL this season

Teams will play four doubleheaders throughout the year. Four teams will play doubleheaders each week

Tie breakers will be determined by head-to-head competition, run differential (run delta) and total runs scored, in that order

League fees for this year will be \$1000 per team. Makes checks payable to the North Metro Church Softball League