

# STRATTON RIDGE SPORTSPLEX



# SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL 2010



**CLUTE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
STRATTON RIDGE SPORTSPLEX RULES AND REGULATIONS  
REVISED JANUARY 2010 (\*\*NEW OR REVISED INFORMATION)**

**1. ADMINISTRATION**

- 1.A. This organization shall be known as the CLUTE ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES, operated by the Clute Parks and Recreation Department for all leagues scheduled at the Stratton Ridge Sportsplex.
- 1.B. The head of the Clute leagues will be the Clute Parks and Recreation Department or its appointed agents. In all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, the Clute Parks and Recreation Department or its appointed agents, shall have jurisdiction.
- 1.C. Team managers, players and league officials are responsible to be knowledgeable of all the current year's rules and regulations pertaining to CLUTE ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES games and facilities. The current year's A.S.A. rulebook and the CLUTE ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES Rules and Regulations will be used in regard to all situations affecting the softball leagues at the Stratton Ridge Sportsplex.
- 1.D. The Protest Committee shall be comprised of at least three of the following five persons: Director of the Parks and Recreation Department(s), Clute Parks and Recreation Personnel, A.S.A. representative of District 27 and/or three (3) A.S.A. certified umpires. The current year's A.S.A. rulebook and the current year's Clute PARD Rules and Regulations will be used in determining the validity of any protest. The decision of any league official regarding a forfeit or ejection is final.

**2. COMPLEX REGULATIONS**

- 2.A. All players at the Stratton Ridge Sportsplex must be at least 18 years of age (Exception - see rule 2.H)
- 2.B.\*\*\* No team player / coach / manager may consume alcoholic beverages during the course of a game, inside or outside the playing field and/or facility. Any violation will result in the offending team receiving a forfeit. Concession stand personnel, parks department personnel and / or UMPIRES - have full authority over the game and grounds and may recommend ejections or ask individuals to leave the area. Concession stand personnel, parks department personnel, umpires not on a playing field have the authority to inform the game umpire of a player or players drinking alcohol during a game. If beer / alcohol is found in the dugout and no player can be identified with the beer, then the MANAGER OF THE TEAM IS AUTOMATICALLY EJECTED, or in the case of a non-playing manager, both the manager and the third base coach will be ejected. The CLUTE ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES or any appointed agents or game officials will not be liable for any injury or action resulting from consumption of alcoholic beverages. SIGNS ARE POSTED IN THE DUGOUT REGARDING ALCOHOL.
- 2.C. Smoking will not be permitted on the fields or inside the dugouts. Please dispose of the butts properly when smoking elsewhere on the premises.
- 2.D. Zero tolerance policy on illegal and/or altered bats will be used at the Stratton Ridge Sportsplex (See Rule 3K, b) If the bat "rattles" or has a dent, it will be removed from the game.

## COMPLEX REGULATIONS (continued)

2. E. No glass containers of any kind are allowed at the Stratton Ridge Sportsplex.
2. F. Forfeiting of THREE (3) OR MORE regularly scheduled games, for any reason, shall be an automatic suspension from further league play for the forfeiting team. No refunds will be given to a team that is suspended from league play.
2. G. INTENT TO PROTEST:
1. Must be noted on the umpire information sheet by the umpire and signed by both coaches/managers.
  2. If protest is a disputed play or call, it must be done before the next pitch.
  3. If protest is the question of player eligibility, the intent to protest must be done at least before the last pitch is pitched.

**NOTE: The intent to protest does not constitute an official protest.  
To file an official protest, see League Rule 6A-6D.**

### 2. H. ADULT SLOWPITCH CHURCH LEAGUE CRITERIA

Players must be 16 and older (16 & 17 year olds must have a parent's release/consent form.  
All players must either be on the church role or a prospective member (total allowed prospective members per team will be 4 on the men's league and 4 on the Co-Ed (2 males and 2 females).  
Up to 3 Churches may combine to form 1 team (any combinations of players).  
Roster limit is 25. (Award t-shirt limit per team is 20).  
Roster requires the signature of the minister, pastor, and/or priest.  
Games will begin no earlier than 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.  
Teams will play 1 - 2 games per night.  
ASA playing rules will govern the competition.  
Teams will be registered ASA.

## 3. LEAGUE PLAY

### 3.A. TEAM AWARDS: Will be based on number of teams per division. Examples of divisions are: (Recreational D / Recreational E, Competitive C,)

In league divisions with at **least 6 - 8 teams:**

Recreational league champions will receive First place T-shirts (max. 20)

Competitive league champions and finalist will receive First and Finalist T-shirts (max 20)

In league divisions with **less than 5 teams**

Recreational league champions will receive first place T-shirts (max. 20)

Competitive league champions will receive first place T-shirts (max 20)

League divisions with more than 8 teams will be based on 8 team increments if possible. League officials reserve the right to change the amount of individual awards based on each league circumstance.

**As of August 2003, the t-shirts for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners will be ordered after the completion of the league in order to get the appropriate sizes. Place your size on your roster form - those not giving a size will receive an XLG t-shirt.**

## LEAGUE PLAY (continued)

3. B. **Ties at end of league:** If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place: we will first look at head to head competition in league. Then the current year ASA code will be used to determine official finish order.

At no time will drawn (\*) games be used when looking at head to head competition to determine a league award. Drawn games may be used to determine team split in certain league circumstances.

3. C. No metal spikes or cleats allowed; however, you must wear shoes. Violation of metal cleats/spikes will cause player to be ejected for the remainder of the league (no less than 8 games and the game being played will be forfeited!).
- 3.D. No exposed jewelry allowed to be worn at any time.
- 3.E. **Games will be 55 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first.** Umpires will be responsible for keeping time on the field. **Game time is FORFEIT TIME. \*\*\* Manager's CONFIRM AND MAKE NOTE of your game start time with the home plate umpire.** In the event of rain or unplayable conditions at Stratton Ridge Sportsplex, games will be rescheduled as quickly as possible. Four and one half innings will constitute a complete game, provided the home team is ahead.
3. F. No game shall end in a tie. The international tiebreaker will be enforced in order to eliminate a tie game.
3. G. Stealing is now allowed in Men's Slow pitch Leagues ONLY. Please refer to your 2010 ASA Rule Book for specifics.
3. H. ***Run Rule: 20 runs after 3; 15 runs after 4; 10 runs after 5.***
3. I. **COMPETITIVE LEAGUES = ONE OR TWO UMPIRES**  
**RECREATIONAL LEAGUES = ONLY ONE UMPIRE**
3. J.\*\*\* **A line-up, with complete names (FIRST AND LAST NAMES - NO NICKNAMES) and positions, must be given to the home plate umpire and opposing team before the game begins. This lineup must be legible.** Failure to comply could result in a forfeit if a protest should be filed. This will be the official batting order and will list all available substitutes as per A.S.A. regulations. The game time can and will start and continue until the umpire has a line up from each team. Please have this ready at game time, so that you may play softball for the entire 55-minute game time.
3. K. Co-ed Recreational Leagues at the Stratton Ridge Sportsplex will enforce the use of the outfield arc that prohibits defensive players to cross until after the pitched ball has crossed the plate.

## LEAGUE PLAY (continued)

3. L. The home team will provide the official scorekeeper. **In case of a score discrepancy, and no book is kept, the umpire information sheet score stands.** **Both team managers and the umpire at the end of the game will sign the Umpire Information Sheet.** The score indicated on the signed umpire information sheet shall become the officially recognized score, unless otherwise noted by the Parks Department representative. **The Manager's signature on the umpire information sheets indicated that he/she agrees with the final recorded score.** If the score is disputed, the manager should sign the umpire information sheet and make a note of the circumstances. **Official league standings will be based on the scores recorded by the umpire on the umpire information sheet.**
3. M. **ALL TEAM NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE VIA EMAIL AND / OR POSTING ON THE CITY WEBSITE. YOUR TEAM MANAGER OR REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THIS COMMUNICATION FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT. ALL INFORMATION REGARDING RAINOUTS / RESCHEDULES / SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE POSTED IN A TIMELY FASHION ON THE CITY OF CLUTE WEBSITE.**

[WWW.CI.CLUTE.TX.US](http://WWW.CI.CLUTE.TX.US)

**Look under the following tabs: DEPARTMENTS / PARKS AND RECREATION / FACILITIES / STRATTON RIDGE SPORTSPLEX.**

Please have your team use this website to find out their game times, playing fields and any other information they may need. Each team will supply the Clute Parks and Recreation Department with a valid, current email address for someone on the team that will be responsible for receiving softball league information during the work day. It is much more efficient for the parks department to notify all the teams of changes to the schedule via email, than to call each manager or assistant manager and leave messages or interrupt your work. If conditions are questionable, a decision will be made, if possible, by 3:30 p.m. of the playing day for games scheduled that night. Call 265-8392 for information concerning possible rainout games before 5:00 p.m. **After 5:00 p.m., the games will be at the decision of the umpires.**

3. N. **Make up schedules will be emailed to each team manager.** Managers are responsible for providing that information to their players. **Managers are responsible for providing league officials with a VALID email address and a daytime phone number.**

### 3.O. EQUIPMENT

**Teams are required to use the approved league softballs for all games.**

#### **a. BALLS (NEW FOR 2010)**

The ONLY ball authorized for league use will be the Anaconda / Trump brand, model number AK-44-ASA-Y optic yellow. Each manager will get one dozen balls appropriate for the league their team will be playing in. The manager of each team is responsible for having this ball available for play in all league games. Balls will be available for purchase from the Clute Parks Department and /or the concession stand at Stratton Ridge Sportsplex for a reasonable price.

Each team will hit their own Anaconda / Trump softball and "chase" their own home runs. Teams may bring their own softballs, but they must be the same model number as listed above. Each team should mark their own balls and have enough on hand in the dugout, so as not to impede the progress of the game, if multiple foul balls / homeruns are being retrieved.

**THE PENALTY FOR NOT USING THE LEAGUE APPROVED SOFTBALL IS IMMEDIATE FORFEIT OF GAME IN PROGRESS BY THE OFFENDING TEAM.**

- b. **BATS** – Refer to your 2010 ASA rulebook, and / or visit [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) and look under certified equipment. \*\*\* (An updated list is included in this packet) this list changes monthly.
- I. Illegal bats will not be allowed on Stratton Ridge Sportsplex premises.
  - II. Managers are responsible for making sure no illegal bats are associated with their team.
  - III. Umpires will be inspecting bats.
- c. **ILLEGAL / ALTERED BAT OFFENSES (TEAMS)**
- I. Team’s first offense – forfeit of said game and dropped from the remainder of the league with no refund of team entry fees.
  - II. Team’s second offense – forfeit of said game and all other league games remaining and for a minimum of 6 months, teams may not participate in any league.
  - III. Team’s third offense – banned from league play indefinitely.
  - IV. ASA rule 3, Section 1 G – The bat barrel shall be free of audible rattles when shaken. The bat barrel shall not have signs of excessive wear. NEW ASA RULE FOR 2008
  - V. (2009) ASA rule 3, Section 1 F – The bat shall be free of burs, DENTS and visible cracks. IF IT HAS A DENT – THE BAT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM COMPETITION
  - VI. (2010) ASA rule3, section 1D SAFETY GRIP : .....a BAT HAVING A FLARE OR CONE SHAPED GRIP ATTACHED IS LEGAL.
- d. **ILLEGAL BAT OFFENSES (PLAYERS)**
- I. First offense – Player is removed from game (forfeited) and is out until next season.
  - II. Second offense – Games are forfeited – player is not allowed to play for any team for 6 months.
  - III. Third offense – Games are forfeited – player is banned indefinitely from all league play
- e. All illegal bats will be confiscated by the umpire and turned over to the current ASA District Commissioner.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

**A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY OF ILLEGAL / ALTERED BATS WILL BE ENFORCED, NO QUESTIONS, NO DISCUSSION – THIS IS YOUR ONLY WARNING!** The use of an illegal or altered bat will result in an immediate forfeit of team(s) involved in the game in progress and all other remaining games of the season will be forfeited with no refunds.

**TEAM ROSTERS**

4. A. \*\*\***A team’s official roster must be on file with the Clute PARD prior to the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) night of play.** Manager/coach must turn roster in at the Parks and Recreation office, Monday – Friday by 5:00 p.m. You may also put the roster in a sealed envelope and mark on the outside “Clute Parks & Recreation – Roster Enclosed” and put in the night drop located at the Clute City Hall at 104 E. Main Street. **ROSTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY UMPIRES. You may drop the roster off at the Clute Parks and Recreation Department, located at 218 Hwy 332, or mail it to: Clute Parks & Recreation, P.O. Box 997, Clute, TX 77531.** All correspondence and communication will be done with the manager listed on the official team roster. If the information changes anytime, the Clute PARD must be notified.

**Without a roster on file, the team *WILL* receive a loss for every game until a complete roster is turned in to the proper Parks and Recreation Department. ROSTER DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

## TEAM ROSTERS ( CONTINUED)

TEAMS WILL RECEIVE FORFEITS IF NO ROSTER HAS BEEN TURNED IN AND THOSE FORFEITS WILL STAND EVEN IF THE ROSTER DOES GET TURNED IN AT A LATER DATE.

4. B. The manager of each team must submit a complete and correctly typed or printed roster with each player's first and last name, t-shirt size, date of birth, driver's license number, current mailing address, daytime and evening phone number and signature of player. A player is not considered eligible unless this information is on file with the Clute PARD on the team roster form. Managers will be responsible for verifying the eligibility of their players and getting their roster completely and correctly filled out and turned in at the proper time. Any player who has not properly signed the team roster will not be considered eligible to play on that team. A playing manager must also be listed on the roster and sign the release to be considered an eligible player. The roster limit or maximum is 20 players per team. (Exception of roster limit to 25 in Church Leagues.)
4. C. A PLAYER MAY NOT PLAY WITH TWO DIFFERENT TEAMS ON THE SAME NIGHT AT THE SAME COMPLEX. EXCEPTION: Men's Church, Church Co-Ed and Women's on Thursday night in Clute.
4. D. A photo I.D. (i.e. driver's license, work badge, etc.) must be presented by the person in question, to the protest committee, if requested by the CLUTE ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES (Clute PARD) in order to resolve a filed protest.
4. E. Whenever someone is added or released from your roster an "ADD" player or "RELEASE" player form must be PROPERLY FILLED OUT and given to the umpire prior to the start of the game. A player must be released from his or her old team and sign an "add" (new) player form before the game to be an eligible player for the new team. A properly filled out "add player" form must be on file for each new player added to the roster after the season begins. Your roster cannot exceed twenty (20) players. A maximum of four (4) players may be added to your roster per season. **NO PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED AFTER 4 WEEKS OF PLAY OR 8 GAMES.**
4. F. **Church League Teams:** Players must be sixteen (16) years of age or older. All sixteen and seventeen year olds must complete a release form and have it signed by a parent or guardian and file it with the Parks Department Personnel before they can play on a Church League team.
5. **FAMILY ATMOSPHERE RULE      PROFANITY DURING THE GAME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**
5. A. *Casual Profanity pertains to expletives not directed at umpires or opposing players, but uttered by a player, manager/coach frustrated with themselves, a teammate or a situation. If the offending team is at bat and the profanity is used, the player is out unless the result of the play is an out in which case the next batter will be declared out. If the offending team is in the field, the first player to bat in their half of the inning will be declared out. It is possible for a team to come to bat with one or more outs already recorded or lose their turn at bat altogether. Outs will be treated as delayed dead ball situations. Profanity directed at opposing players or umpires must always be penalized by ejection. The umpire will, based upon his judgment, enforce the profanity rule by calling the next batter out on the offending team. If the team is at bat, and there is profanity used in any form, then the next regularly scheduled batter will be ruled out, and not allowed to bat. If the team is on defense and the profanity offense occurs, then that team's first scheduled, physical batter in the next inning will be ruled out. If the profanity is ruled unsportsmanlike, then the offending player will be ejected and removed from the game in progress and will be ineligible for the next scheduled game.*

## 6. PROTESTS

### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE PROPER PROTEST FORM FOR A PROTEST TO BE CONSIDERED:

- \* Date, time, field, inning in progress and league
- \* Protesting team name and manager, as well as opposing team name and manager.
- \* The name of the umpire(s) calling the game.
- \* The rules and regulations of the ASA or local rules under which the protest is being filed.
- \* The information and all pertinent details that caused the protest action.
- \* If protesting a player's eligibility, you must turn in the entire proper name, not a nickname.
- \* \$25.00 protest fee ( refundable if protest is allowed )

6. A. Protests will be considered based on the current year's A.S.A. rulebook and the Clute PARD rules and regulations.
6. B. All written protest must be filed the next working day after the incident in question (24 hours or Monday if the incident occurred on Friday); however, **the intent to protest must be noted on the UIS (Umpire Information Sheet) and signed by the protesting manager.**  
All protest must be filed with the Clute PARD during the next working day between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
6. C. Protests based on player's eligibility will be ruled on by the Clute PARD Protest Committee using the official team rosters and the current year's rules and regulations for eligibility. **The use of an ineligible player will constitute a forfeit, if properly protested. If the determination of eligibility is upheld for use of an ineligible player twice in one season, this will cause the offending team and player to be suspended for the remainder of the season being played, with no refunds.**
6. D. The decision rendered by the protest committee must result in one of the following:
1. The protest is considered invalid and the game score stands as is and the protesting team forfeits the \*\*\* \$25.00 protest fee. The fee will be forfeited to the Clute PARD.
  2. When protest is ruled valid because of a misinterpretation of a playing rule, the decision will be corrected and the game shall be replayed from the point at which the wrong decision was made. The game will be rescheduled.
  3. When protest for ineligibility is determined to be valid, the offending team shall forfeit the game, and the \*\*\* \$25.00 protest fee will be returned to the protesting team.

## 7. CONDUCT

7. A. Any player(s), coach(s), manager(s), or person(s) associated with a team (i.e. fans) in any way who verbally or physically assaults or threatens an official of the game, a Parks Department representative, complex official or any other person, will be ejected from the complex with one minute to leave the field and five (5) minutes to the complex. THE GAME IN PROGRESS WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC FORFEIT BY THE OFFENDING TEAM.

### NOTE:

Complex is defined as the playing area, structures, adjoining park facilities and roads.

**The above player(s)/manager(s) ejected will be suspended from ANY league play at the facility for the remainder of the season and/or a minimum of 8 scheduled games.**

7. B. Any Unsportsmanlike behavior is reason an individual may be 'EJECTED" from the complex by an umpire or complex official. Unsportsmanlike behavior could involve players, fans, etc. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR: includes but is not limited to the following: profanity, public intoxication, fighting, taunting, talking trash, unnecessary roughness, etc.**

**Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior will NOT BE eligible to play the remainder of the game in progress and their next scheduled game.**

**If a game in progress is disrupted due to opposing players being involved in unsportsmanlike behavior, the game will be stopped, all offenders will be ejected and both teams will forfeit the game.** This behavior, if flagrant in the opinion of the umpire or park official, will automatically cause the teams involved to forfeit their next scheduled game as well.

7. C. **The use of any ejected player by any team before the player is eligible to play again will result in the offending team receiving a forfeit and being dropped from the remainder of the league in progress with no refunds.**
7. D. **The Clute Parks and Recreation Department has the right to remove a team from any league if the team is considered a detriment to the league.** Reasons for a team to be removed from a league could include the following, but is not limited to these: threats, constant complaints and ejections, public intoxication, and disregard of league and complex rules. If a team is removed from a league due to the above, they will NOT receive a refund or be allowed to participate in the next scheduled league.
7. E. **If the Police Department is called to the facility due to the actions of a team(s), the team(s) involved will be given forfeits for the game in question and all games remaining on the schedule or a minimum of eight (8) games. No refunds will be given.**
7. F. **Any player that intentionally hits at a pitcher will be ejected and banned from the league for at least 6 months.**

**8. Re-Classification**

**\*\*\*8. A. League Officials reserve the right to place teams according to each league circumstances.**

**9. \*\*\* Homerun Rules - 2010 (Note: The below information is a guideline, but could change during the year, based on teams input.) This rule may be voted on at the pre-season meeting, by poll or ballot by team managers. It is the team manager's responsibility to be aware of the current season /league home run rule. The home run rule will appear on the initial schedule sent to manager's each season.**

**9. A. Section 1 D - 1 (RECREATIONAL) Leagues will allow one (1) over the fence homerun per team per game. Any additional ball hit over the fence will be considered an out and a dead ball called by the umpire. This applies to any Men's, Co-Ed or Church RECREATIONAL LEAGUE.**

**Section 2 E - 1 (RECREATIONAL) Leagues will allow no over the fence homeruns per team per game. Any ball hit over the fence will be considered a 1/2 inning ending out.**

**9. B. COMBINED (any mixture of competitive and recreational teams) Leagues will be allowed two (2) over the fence homeruns. Any additional ball hit over the fence will be considered an out and a dead ball called by the umpire. This applies to any combined Men's or Co-Ed league offered as a COMBINED LEAGUE.**

**9. C. C - 1 (COMPETITIVE) Leagues will allow three (3) over the fence homeruns per team per game. Any additional ball hit over the fence will be considered a single. This applies to any Men's or Co-Ed COMPETITIVE LEAGUE.**

**10. NEW FOR 2009**

**10. A. One umpire per field - when game involves two class D or E recreational teams.**

**10. B. CLASS E TEAMS = Zero Home Run Limit - any over the fence home run is a 1/2 inning ending out.**

**10. C. CLASS "E" RECREATIONAL LEAGUE will receive a first place trophy - no individual awards.**

**10. D. ALL ASA ADULT SLOW PITCH - (per 2010 ASA rule book)  
Prior to the pitch the batter will enter the batters box with a one ball one strike count.**

**10. E. All approved bats must have the certification mark and be on the list of approved bats.**

**NEW FOR 2010**

- 10.F. **The official bat shall bear either the ASA 2000 certification mark or the ASA 2004 certification mark as shown in the 2010 ASA Rule book and must not be listed on the ASA Non-Approved Bat list, and must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA or, MUST BE IN THE SOLE OPINION AND DISCRETION OF THE UMPIRE, HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED PRIOR TO 2000 AND IF TESTED, WOULD COMPLY WITH THE ASA BAT PERFORMANCE STANDARD.**
- 10.G **RULE 3, SECTION 1D SAFETY GRIP - .....A BAT HAVING A FLARE OR CONE SHAPED GRIP ATTACHED IS LEGAL. Any tape applied to the safety grip must be in a continuous spiral. (eliminates the extra tape issue)**
- 10.H **RULE 3, SECTION 7 - Characteristics of approved equipment cannot be changed. Examples include icing or cooling of any equipment. Approved bats shall not be rolled, shaved or modified to change their characteristics from that produced by the manufacturer. **WARMING SLEEVES ON BATS ARE NOW APPROVED.****
- 10.I **RULE 6, SECTION 3H - The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground while not exceeding a height of 10 feet from the ground.**

**Lake Jackson and Clute (Texas ASA - District 27) Slow Pitch League Umpires will allow a 12 foot arc on a pitched ball as a legal pitch.**



ATTACHED IS A LIST OF BATS THAT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN LEAGUE PLAY; HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT AN ALL INCLUSIVE LIST. BATS MUST HAVE THE CURRENTLY ACCEPTED ASA CERTIFICATION MARK TO BE CONSIDERED LEGAL. \*\*\* IF YOU HAVE A DOUBT ABOUT A BAT YOU USE, OR YOUR TEAM USES, OR THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO PURCHASE - PLEASE CHECK THE ASA WEBSITE AND / OR THE CLUTE PARK DEPT. FOR UPDATED INFORMATION. BATS ARE FREQUENTLY ADDED TO THIS LIST.

**ILLEGAL BATS ARE NOT EVEN ALLOWED ON THE STRATTON RIDGE SPORTSPLEX PREMISES.**

Visit [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) and look under certified equipment for more information on bats.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: PLEASE CALL THE CITY OF CLUTE PARKS DEPARTMENT AT 979-265-8392 OR 1-800-371-2971.

EMAIL US AT: [cluteparks@att.net](mailto:cluteparks@att.net) or [buzz@mosquitofestival.com](mailto:buzz@mosquitofestival.com)

The city website is [www.ci.clute.tx.us](http://www.ci.clute.tx.us) There will be information posted about current leagues / schedules / standings / tournaments / rainout dates / and rain out information.

# IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

1.) SOFTBALL IS A RECREATIONAL SPORT. Please remember that most people you will encounter at the ball park have other jobs and responsibilities to go home to. These leagues are a place for you to get some exercise, have some good fellowship with friends and family and have some fun. This venue is available to your recreational use; please don't abuse it or the people that share their recreational time with you. Good sportsmanship is as important a goal to accomplish as winning every game. Please have a good time and enjoy your recreational time, but remember everyone else would like to enjoy their time here also. It's a game, have a little fun.

2.) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – (NO GLASS CONTAINERS AT PARK) If you must drink alcoholic beverages at Stratton Ridge Sportsplex, we have a very simple rule. You may drink before and after your game. You cannot drink alcoholic beverages during the 55 minute ball game. We ask that you respect this rule. It's simple = okay before and after, but not during.

3.) APPROVED LEAGUE SOFTBALL - All teams will hit the same brand / model ball during the 2010 Clute Stratton Ridge Sportsplex and Lake Jackson MacLean Park softball leagues. Each team will receive one dozen balls at the manager's meeting. If your team needs to purchase more softballs, they will be available at both complexes for a reasonable price. We will be approaching Academy about stocking this ball in their Lake Jackson store. Call Clute 265-8392 or Lake Jackson 297-4533 regarding pricing, location and availability of softballs for slow pitch softball leagues. The penalty for using a different ball in a league game and being properly protested will be immediate forfeiture of the game being played, if the infraction is brought to the umpire's attention by the opposing team or parks official. If the offending team corrects the ball situation before the opposing team "protests" then all play stands, the correct ball is entered into the game and play continues.

4.) CITY OF CLUTE WEBSITE - [www.ci.clute.tx.us](http://www.ci.clute.tx.us)

From the first page, click on Departments, on the drop down menu click on Parks and Recreation, on the drop down menu click on Facilities, on the drop down menu click on Stratton Ridge Sportsplex.

The Stratton Ridge Sportsplex page will have ALL of the information you will need to know about adult softball leagues in Clute. Schedules, Rain Out information, reschedules, upcoming tournaments and / or leagues. We need email addresses from each team, at least one or two, all teams will be notified by email for such events as make up games, change in schedule, forfeits, etc. This is the most efficient way for us to contact each team. Please make sure that the parks department has a current email address for the manager or assistant manager of each team.

5.) FAMILY ATMOSPHERE RULE – Please watch your language and actions while on the playing field and / or bleacher area. There are many people who come and cheer on their friends and family members. Sometimes frustrations build and things are said, but please try to control these outburst. This rule gives the umpires a tool, to keep things under control on the playing field. Please keep in mind that this is a "recreational" opportunity for you and not a place you should be releasing frustrations and obscenities at fellow participants.