

# Men's Softball League

# LEAGUE INFORMATION

HG Sports - A Ministry of Hickory Grove Baptist Church

## **League Information for Church Teams Not Affiliated with Hickory Grove Baptist Church**

Registration Dates:	April 30–May 22, 2017
Church Team Entry Fee:	\$475.00
Open To:	Men 17 years of age & older
Due at the Time of Registration:	Payment in Full Completed Roster
Submit Payment & Roster to:	Hickory Grove Baptist Church Attn: Nichole Taylor 6050 Hickory Grove Rd. Charlotte, NC 28215

### Conduct of Players

All league participants and fans are expected to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner, remembering to well-represent our God, our church and our families. Any player who does not conduct him or herself in a Christ-like manner will be ejected from the game. Cursing, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct and abuse towards an official or another player will result in immediate suspension from the league for the year. Refunds will not be given. Any fan demonstrating the same conduct will be asked to leave the premises immediately.

### Dress Code

Registering team will provide their own jerseys. If you are registering multiple teams, each team should be assigned a different color. Teams are required to wear matching jerseys on game days.

### Fees Include:

- Game balls
- Practice field
  - Upon availability
  - Must be scheduled with HG Sports Staff
- Lights on field (if needed)
- Game officials
- 8 games
- League tournament

### Mobile Alerts

We ask for each team member and coach to sign up for mobile alerts to receive updates on cancellations or delays due to inclement weather. Monday–Friday, the decision to cancel or delay games/practices will be made by 3:00 pm on the day of the game/practice. You may register for alerts at [www.hickorygrovesports.org](http://www.hickorygrovesports.org).

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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

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2. All rules will be observed in accordance with any other league policy rules or ASA Slow Pitch Softball rules.
3. There is a 4 home run limit. Any home run hit after the 4 home run limit is used will be an out. Inside the park home run will not be considered in the home run count.
4. Infield fly rule does apply.
5. A forfeit will be declared if a team fails to field 9 players at the appointed game time. There is no penalty for the 10th position. Players arriving after the game has started may be added to the end of the batting lineup without penalty. After the 3rd inning, no player can be added to the lineup; substitutions only.
6. The winning coach must report the score before 12:00 pm the following day to rogerwoodell@hgbc.org (Main) or dandezordo@hgbc.org.
7. No inning will be started after 1 hour and 15 minutes; NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. Courtesy runners may be used for one player only, per inning. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out.
9. A 15 run rule is in effect after 4 complete innings; 10 runs after 5 complete innings.
10. The starting pitcher may be taken out and re-substituted into the pitcher position one time.
11. There will be a five minute grace period for the start of all games. If the first game runs beyond the start time of the second game, no grace time will be allowed.
12. In order to prevent forfeits, teams may pick up players from other teams participating in the LEAGUE only, two players maximum. Pick up players must be placed at the bottom of the batting order. This is for the regular season only. Pick up players will not be allowed once tournament play begins.
13. Website information: [www.hickorygrovesports.org](http://www.hickorygrovesports.org). We will try to maintain updated information on our website, which will include standings, rainouts, schedules and rosters.
14. You may bat up to 12 players (2 DH), and they may freely substitute on defense.
15. Batters will start with a one ball, one strike count. With two strikes, the batter is allowed one foul. On the second foul, the batter is out.
16. No metal cleats are allowed.
17. No Ultra or Ultra II bats allowed. All other bats are legal.
18. Games will be 7 innings, or until time has elapsed.
19. Each player must appear on a HG Sports team roster in order to participate in the game.
20. All pitchers must use the screen on the glove side. The screen must stay in the spot designated by the field director or the umpire.
21. If a batted ball hits the screen once, ball is considered foul. The second batted ball that hits the screen will be an out. If a defensive player throws the ball and hits the screen, ball is live.

All coaches and players need to register to receive mobile alerts for inclement weather schedule changes.

Register at [www.hickorygrovesports.org](http://www.hickorygrovesports.org).

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# CHURCH TEAM ROSTER

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Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Each player must read the following statement and sign the roster form before participating in HG Sports Softball League. Incomplete rosters will not be accepted.**  
I understand that by signing this roster I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by HG Sports, and have read and understand each provision of the Waiver and Release of Liability stated below and I agree to abide by them, and certify that the information provided is correct.

Player's Name (Printed)	Address	Phone Number	Birthdate	Signature
Coach's Information	Coach's Information	Coach's Information	Coach's Information	Coach's Information

**Waiver and Release of Liability:** By signing this document, I hereby absolve HG Sports, Hickory Grove Baptist Church and any individuals, groups, or organizations officially connected in any manner with the recreation program of all liabilities including equipment loss, property damage, personal injury, or death. I understand that insurance coverage is my responsibility, and that I have read and agree to the terms stated above. I understand that photos may be captured during practices and competitions by HG Sports for use in promotional media and my participation in the league implies my consent.