

Missoula Parks and Recreation Adult Sports – Returning To Play

To our valued adult sports players:

We hope this message finds you and your family safe and well. Over the last few months, we’ve all had to adapt to monumental changes in the way we live, work, and play to protect public health. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we work together to reopen facilities safely and resume recreation programs.

Here is our plan for Summer 2020 Adult Sports Leagues:

- Sports leagues can begin in June, as the [Governor’s Coronavirus Task Force](#) has moved the state to Phase 2 of the [“Reopening The Big Sky” plan](#), effective June 1.
- Weather permitting, Parks and Recreation Adult Sports Leagues will begin June 15.
- **Registration and team fees are due Monday, June 1.** Teams may register with a credit card at www.missoulaparks.org/register. To register with a check, please mail your payment and [registration form](#) to Parks and Recreation, 600 Cregg, Missoula, MT 59801. The Currents registration desk is currently closed to the public, but phones are staffed 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. Call 721-PARK (7275) for assistance.
- **Please review the COVID-19 rule changes and safety procedures for each sport on the following pages.**

PROGRAM	DAY	LEAGUE	MIN/MAX TEAMS	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	TEAM FEE	CAPTAINS MEETING	START DATE	END DATE
7v7 Soccer Self-officiated with support from site facilitator	Mon	Co-rec A/B	4/12	June 1	\$300	June 9	June 15 10-week league No tourney	Aug. 21
	Tues	Co-rec A/B	4/12					
	Wed	Women’s	4/12					
	Thurs	B/C	4/12					
Summer Sand Volleyball 4 on 4	Tue	Novice	4/8	June 1	\$155	June 10	June 15 8-week league Single-elimination tourney	Aug. 21 (Tourney included)
	Wed	Intermediate	4/10					
	Wed	Advanced	4/4					
	Tue	Women’s Competitive	4/6					
Softball	Tue	Intermediate	4/8	June 1	\$340	June 11	June 15 8-week league Single-elimination tourney	Aug. 21 (Tourney included)
	Wed	Novice	4/8					
	Thurs	Novice	4/8					

COVID-19 Rule Changes and Safety Procedures

You may have recently completed our adult sports survey and shared your thoughts on how summer sports leagues should proceed. We were pleased to see that the vast majority of players supported modified rules and game formats to conform to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and expectations. In addition, a majority of players indicated they would be willing to participate in leagues without spectators and with limited pre- and post-game gatherings.

In consultation with the Missoula City-County Health Department, we've modified our Summer 2020 leagues to give teams the option to play with some restrictions in place. We understand that changes to rules and game formats can be tough to understand. However, we are confident players will rise to the occasion and welcome this opportunity to play the sports they enjoy in these extraordinary times.

Here's to a successful season, celebrating the spirit of sport through acceptance, patience, and good sportsmanship. If you're willing to use physical distancing and are feeling well, please join us for Summer 2020 Adult Sports!

ALL PLAYERS:

- Players must complete a [pre-game health self-assessment form](#). Captains are responsible for turning in forms to officials or site facilitator.
- Teams are responsible to self-monitor and wash hands before and after play.
- Players must remain in designated "sideline" areas marked by Parks and Recreation and maintain physical distance:
 - Softball dugouts with 6' markers.
 - Soccer sidelines with 6' markers.
 - Volleyball sidelines with 6' markers.
- Physical distance of 6' must be maintained before, during, after play.
 - No personal contact during play – see specific sport guidelines below for further details.
- Teams may not arrive at the field more than 15 minutes early—to reduce the number of people at the facility.
 - Games will be staggered with more time between games to allow for warm-ups.
- **To comply with the State-ordered group size limits, spectators and social gatherings after games are prohibited.**
- Shared equipment will be sanitized before and after play, and when conducive, during play.
- Chewing tobacco, seeds, spitting of seeds, tobacco products of any type are not permitted at Parks facilities.

SOCCER

- Leagues are 7 v 7 format with smaller goals and a “goal box” where offense cannot enter (as in indoor play.)
- Leagues are not officiated, but site facilitators will help monitor and support expectations and rules.
- Goalies cannot use hands and must tend with feet – no punting or throwing.
- Kick-ins will be used in place of throw-ins to limit ball handling.
- No contact allowed on defense, physical distance guarding only. If contact is made the other team will be awarded an indirect kick
- Face masks are recommended but not required.
- Sidelines will be marked for teams to set up on opposite sides of the field.

SOFTBALL

- 10 v 10 format.
- Forced outs only – no tagging or sliding.
- Parks will provide a new ball at every at-bat.
- Catcher is positioned further back from the batter.
- Spitting, seeds, chewing tobacco or any tobacco product are prohibited.
- Use of strike pad.
- Umpire will be behind the pitcher.

SAND VOLLEYBALL

- Hand washing and sanitizing must be a priority – each player must sanitize hands before game starts, between each game, and post-game.
- Be mindful of touching your face during and after play. Face masks are recommended but not required.
- Balls will be rotated after each point – balls out of rotation will be sanitized and then put back into rotation for play.
- Sidelines for players will be set on opposite sides of the court.