



CITY OF TEMPE PARKS AND RECREATION'S  
LADYHAWKS' 2008 FALL FASTPITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
FAQ AND INFORMATION

***Our Goal:*** The LadyHawks' Fall program's goal is to increase a participants' opportunities for more at bats and more defensive outs, and is focused on increasing the individual player's skill for the upcoming Spring 2009 Season. With that in mind, the age cut off for the player's eligibility is based on what age the player is on or before April 30, 2009.

***How can I participate?*** Fall participants are encouraged to find a coach or team on their own, however, when this is not possible, the league coordinator (Bobbi Jones, 480-350-5267; [bobbi\\_jones@tempe.gov](mailto:bobbi_jones@tempe.gov)) will work to place an individual player on a team. Placements are not guaranteed but all attempts will be made to place any player wanting to participate, and this may involve reaching into the community to find a parent/volunteer to coach a team.

***Can I coach a team?*** Coaches are required to go through a 4 hour training session, attend organizational meetings called by the league coordinator, and pass a background check. Coaches are expected to hold at least 2 team practices/meetings per week during the season. Two games a week plus one practice is typical during the season. City of Tempe Youth Sports is always looking for parents involvement on many levels and encourages anyone interested in working with a team attend the training.

***Is this a good place for my daughter if she has never played before?*** What is the level of skill to expect? If your child has never played the game of softball but is looking to start, LadyHawks is a perfect place. The league coordinator tries to place each participant in the best learning environment possible. Communication from the parents/guardian is essential to know if this goal is being met.

***How do I register?***

**In person** – Parks & Rec. Office: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City of Tempe Library; 3500 S. Rural Rd.  
Registration taken Mon-Fri 8:00a-5:00p

**On Line:** (w/credit or debit card), log on to: [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) (get activity code)  
You must also create a free on line account if you do not already have one.

**Fax:** Fax the registration form to 480-350-5058 (must use debit or credit card)

***More Questions?*** Call Bobbi Jones or Tim O'Melia for league details

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***When and where will games be played?*** Games will be scheduled at the two west fields at Kiwanis Park, Daley Park and/or one of the Tempe Elementary School District's school softball fields. ***General scheduling guidelines*** are as follows:

- a.) 16U/Junior Varsity Prep League's games: Monday & Wednesday evenings;
- b.) 14U Division games: Tuesdays and Thursdays
- c.) 12U Division games: Tuesdays or Thursdays AND Saturday mornings.

***When and where will games be played?*** The schedule will be finalized when the league coordinator has finalized how many teams will be participating. Evening games are played at 6:00p & 7:30p; Saturday morning games will be scheduled at 8:00a, 9:30a & 11:00a.

***Where and when will practices be held?*** It will depend upon the coaches' schedule. Speak directly to the coach for details. Practice fields assigned by the league coordinator will be fields located within the City of Tempe.

***What if I can not afford the total registration fee?*** City of Tempe Parks and Recreation wants all families to participate regardless of their ability to pay. Financial assistance can be obtained through the Parks and Recreation's office locations for Tempe or Guadalupe residents. With rare exception, a child attending a Tempe Elementary School Districts #3 school, but is not a Tempe or Guadalupe resident, may also be eligible to receive a portion of the registration fee through our Fee Assistance program (please call Bobbi Jones).

***When can our team start practice?*** Practices are up to the individual coaches' schedule. League practice fields will be available on September 3, 2008. The league coordinator will assign practice fields as equitable as possible. Coaches' may request certain time frames and fields and the league administration will try to work the schedule as close to the coach's requests as possible. Practice fields will be assigned for 1.5 hour time limit per team.