



**SPORTS AND ATHLETICS SECTION
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

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2017 WESTERN LEAGUE

HR limit = 1

CSC
DTC
Eastern Hit Squad
F&F Construction
Famous Taverns
Hockessin Fire Co.

Local 74
Minquas Fire Co.
My Hittas
Silverside Heights
Wilmington Firefighters

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This schedule serves as your permit to play on the fields on the dates and times specified; you should carry a copy to all games. Players should be familiar with all USA Softball and NCC rules. Teams should arrive 20 minutes before game time and are encouraged to report to the fields when playing conditions are questionable. Line-up cards must be submitted during ground rules. All game results and umpire attendance must be phoned into the league scorer by 9:30 p.m. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ON COUNTY PARKLAND!** Proper conduct is expected of all players. Players ejected due to misconduct must serve a minimum automatic two (2) game suspension in the next games played. A "Zero Tolerance" rule against profanity will be strictly enforced. *Players are prohibited from leaving their playing positions or the team bench area to enter a dispute as a third party with an umpire or opposing player.* **WARNING: Permanent first bases and synthetic batters' boxes are in use at select lighted fields.** Use of metal shoe cleats is prohibited. **A 1-1 count (no courtesy foul) is in effect for all batters throughout the season.** All games on all fields prior to Memorial Day weekend (and all Sunday Evening League make-up games) will have a 65-minute time limit in each game; any inning that starts after the time limit will be played "one-pitch".

Participation Rule: Male players are permitted to play in any combination of the following: 1 M/W Co-Rec team, 1 Fri. Co-Rec team, 1 Sunday Evening team, 1 M/W team, 1 T/Th team, 1 Firefighters' team (if eligible), and 1 Masters/Senior League team (if eligible). Female players are permitted to play in any combination of the following: 1 M/W Co-Rec team, 1 Fri. Co-Rec team, 1 Sunday Evening team, 1 M/W team, 1 Women's Rec. team, 1 Firefighters' team (if eligible), and 1 Masters/Senior League team (if eligible). Additional professional and premier player restrictions apply.

Grace Period Rule (applies to all games): first 5 min. = no penalty, next 10 min. = team at fault loses 1st inning at bat, forfeit after 15 min.; **second game of doubleheader** - forfeit 45 min. after start time for game 1.

Teams pay "**Cash-On-Field**" to the umpire(s) before the start of their first game. Payment must be made in small bills. Each team is responsible for ½ of following umpire fees: full game = \$42 (2 umpires), \$30 (1 umpire); partial games = ½ full game fee. Forfeits (due to not having the required players to start) will be paid by New Castle County and billed to the offending team (invoiced amount will include an additional administrative fee).

Required Equipment - *Players in all leagues must hit a 52 COR, 300 lbs. compression ASA approved softball (green stamp). A 12" ball will be used in all men's and co-rec leagues; an 11" ball will be used in the Women's Recreation League. All bats must be ASA approved. Bases in all leagues are 70 feet.*

2017 2-Umpire Rotation Schedule

Depending on availability, 2 umpires will be assigned to the fields and leagues listed below:

NOTE: Assignments are for the early and late double-headers. Two umpire assignments transfer to make-up date for full rain-outs.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT						
	23 1 UMP ONLY	24 Del 1: PK/NO Ban 2: CR/CR	25 Del 1: SO/SO	26 Del 1: NO/NO Ban 2: CR/CR	27 Del 1: SO/SO	28 1 UMP ONLY	29
MAY	30 1 UMP ONLY	1 Del 2: PC/PC Ban 3: AT/AT	2 Del 2: RC/RC	3 Del 2: PC/PC Ban 3: AT/AT	4 Del 2: RC/RC	5 1 UMP ONLY	6
	7 1 UMP ONLY	8 Del 3: CY/CY	9 Del 3: WR/WR	10 Del 3: CY/CY	11 Del 3: WE/WE	12 1 UMP ONLY	13
	14 1 UMP ONLY	15 Del 4: --/PK	16 Del 4: EA/EA	17 Del 4: --/PK	18 Del 4: EA/EA	19 1 UMP ONLY	20
	21 1 UMP ONLY	22 Del 1: PK/NO Ban 2: CR/CR	23 Del 1: SO/SO	24 Del 1: NO/NO Ban 2: CR/CR	25 Del 1: SO/SO	26 OFF Memorial Day	27
JUNE	28 OFF Memorial Day	29 OFF Memorial Day	30 Del 2: RC/RC	31 Del 2: PC/PC Ban 3: AT/AT	1 Del 2: RC/RC	2 1 UMP ONLY	3
	4 1 UMP ONLY	5 Del 3: CY/CY	6 Del 3: WR/WR	7 Del 3: CY/CY	8 Del 3: WE/WE	9 1 UMP ONLY	10
	11 1 UMP ONLY	12 Del 4: --/PK	13 Del 4: EA/EA	14 Del 4: --/PK	15 Del 4: EA/EA	16 1 UMP ONLY	17
	18 1 UMP ONLY	19 Del 1: PK/NO Ban 2: CR/CR	20 Del 1: SO/SO	21 Del 1: NO/NO Ban 2: CR/CR	22 Del 1: SO/SO	23 1 UMP ONLY	24
JULY	25 1 UMP ONLY	26 Del 2: PC/PC Ban 3: AT/AT	27	28	29	30 OFF 4 th of July	1
	2 OFF 4 th of July	3 OFF 4 th of July	4 OFF 4 th of July	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Subject to availability, 2 umpires will be assigned to all playoff games

Umpire Fees

Umpire fees are payable in cash before each game as outlined in Section IV.D. of the New Castle County General Softball Rules and Regulations.

	Single Game	Doubleheader
1 Umpire	\$15.00 per team	\$30.00 per team
2 Umpires	\$21.00 per team	\$42.00 per team



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USA Softball equipment rules (www.softball.org) are in effect. NCC reserves the right to prohibit the use of any equipment which negatively impacts the recreational nature of the program.

New For 2017

Changes to NCC General Softball Rules and Regulations

A complete copy of NCC General Softball Rules and Regulations can be found on the Softball Page of the New Castle County Sports Section website

III.A. Players in this program must turn 18 years of age by December 31 of the current season. Players under 18 years of age (no more than 2 per team and must be 16 by December 31 of the current season) must submit a Youth Participation Agreement, signed by a parent, to the Sports Office before participating in the program. Teams composed predominately of players less than 18 years of age are not permitted in the adult program unless special admission is granted by NCC Sports and Athletics Office.

III.B. Professional Players

New Castle County has established leagues to accommodate amateur players. An amateur is anyone who has not been under any professional contract related to softball or baseball during the current or previous calendar year.

III.C.6. Premiere / Professional Player Rule(s): A premiere player is defined as a male player who currently plays or played during the previous season on any team rated Class "B" or higher in the USA Softball Men's Open Slow-Pitch Program, or any player rated as Class A, A+ or Restricted in USA Softball's Mandatory Player Classification.

- a. **Firefighter's League:** NCC strongly recommends that premiere / professional players do not participate in the Firefighters League due to the recreational nature of the league.
- b. **Co-Recreation Leagues:** Premiere / professional players are restricted to participation in the highest division of play in the Friday Co-Rec League unless special waiver is granted through individual appeal to the Sports Office. Premier / professional players are not permitted to play in the Mon/Wed Co-Rec league due to the recreational nature of the league.
- c. **Men's Open Leagues:** Premier / professional players are restricted to the Northern, Park, Southern, and Eastern Leagues and the highest division of the Sunday Evening League.
- d. **Female player restrictions:** There are no restrictions for female players who are under professional contract with the National Pro Fast-Pitch League.

VIII.L. Music Policy

The following guidelines which are in effect with regards to music played in the area of the softball fields:

1. Music may not contain abusive or offensive language.
2. The volume of the music must be maintained at a level that is audible only within the vicinity, and not outside of, the bleachers or dugout area of the team playing the music.
3. Music may only be played during warm-ups before the game, between innings, and after the game is over.

Date	Game	Field	Time	Home Team	Visiting Team
Tuesday	1, 2	Banning #2	6 / 7	F&F Construction	My Hittas
April 25	3, 4	Banning #3	8:15/9:15	Silverside Heights	DTC
	5, 6	Greenbank	6 / 7	Wilmington Firefighters	Local 74
Thursday	7, 8	Delcastle #3	6 / 7	CSC	Famous Taverns
April 27	9, 10	Delcastle #3	8:10/9:10	Local 74	Eastern Hit Squad
	11, 12	See Tues. June 20th		Minquas Fire Co.	Hockessin Fire Co.
Tuesday	13, 14	Banning #2	6 / 7	F&F Construction	Silverside Heights
May 2	15, 16	Banning #3	8:15/9:15	Local 74	Hockessin Fire Co.
	17, 18	Greenbank	6 / 7	DTC	Minquas Fire Co.
Thursday	19, 20	Delcastle #3	6 / 7	My Hittas	CSC
May 4	21, 22	Delcastle #3	8:10/9:10	Eastern Hit Squad	Wilmington Firefighters
	23, 24	Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7	Famous Taverns	F&F Construction
Tuesday	25, 26	Banning #2	6 / 7	Silverside Heights	Eastern Hit Squad
May 9	27, 28	Banning #3	8:15/9:15	Wilmington Firefighters	My Hittas
	29, 30	Greenbank	6 / 7	CSC	DTC
Thursday	31, 32	Delcastle #3	6 / 7	Minquas Fire Co.	Local 74
May 11	33, 34	Delcastle #3	8:10/9:10	Hockessin Fire Co.	Famous Taverns
	35, 36	Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7	DTC	F&F Construction
Tuesday	37, 38	Banning #2	6 / 7	Silverside Heights	Wilmington Firefighters
May 16	39, 40	Banning #3	8:15/9:15	My Hittas	Hockessin Fire Co.
	41, 42	Greenbank	6 / 7	DTC	Famous Taverns
Thursday	43, 44	Delcastle #3	6 / 7	Eastern Hit Squad	Minquas Fire Co.
May 18	45, 46	Delcastle #3	8:10/9:10	F&F Construction	CSC
	47, 48	Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7	Local 74	Silverside Heights
Monday	ROSTER & PLAYER WAIVER FORMS DUE TO DELCASTLE SOFTBALL COMPLEX (6-10 pm) or				
MAY 22	SPORTS OFFICE (8am-4pm). PENALTY = AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE(S)				
	UNIFORM PENALTY GOES INTO EFFECT				
Tuesday	49, 50	Banning #2	6 / 7	Wilmington Firefighters	F&F Construction
May 23	51, 52	Banning #3	8:15/9:15	Hockessin Fire Co.	DTC
	53, 54	Greenbank	6 / 7	CSC	Eastern Hit Squad
Thursday	55, 56	Delcastle #3	6 / 7	Minquas Fire Co.	My Hittas
May 25	57, 58	Delcastle #3	8:10/9:10	Famous Taverns	Local 74
	59, 60	Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7	Hockessin Fire Co.	Silverside Heights
MAY 26-29	MEMORIAL DAY BREAK - NO GAMES SCHEDULED				
MAY 30	65 MINUTE TIME LIMIT RULE EXPIRES				
Tuesday	61, 62	Banning #2	6 / 7	My Hittas	Local 74
May 30	63, 64	Banning #3	8:15/9:15	F&F Construction	Hockessin Fire Co.
	65, 66	Greenbank	6 / 7	Eastern Hit Squad	Famous Taverns
Thursday	67, 68	Delcastle #3	6 / 7	Silverside Heights	Minquas Fire Co.
June 1	69, 70	Delcastle #3	8:10/9:10	Wilmington Firefighters	CSC
	71, 72	Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7	DTC	My Hittas
Tuesday	73, 74	Banning #2	6 / 7	Famous Taverns	Minquas Fire Co.
June 6	75, 76	Banning #3	8:15/9:15	Local 74	CSC
	77, 78	Greenbank	6 / 7	DTC	Wilmington Firefighters
Thursday	79, 80	Delcastle #3	6 / 7	My Hittas	Silverside Heights
June 8	81, 82	Delcastle #3	8:10/9:10	Eastern Hit Squad	F&F Construction
	83, 84	Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7	Hockessin Fire Co.	CSC
	85, 86	Pow. Ford #3	6 / 7	Famous Taverns	Wilmington Firefighters
Tuesday	87, 88	Banning #2	6 / 7	CSC	Silverside Heights
June 13	89, 90	Banning #3	8:15/9:15	Minquas Fire Co.	F&F Construction
	91, 92	Greenbank	6 / 7	Hockessin Fire Co.	Eastern Hit Squad
Thursday	93, 94	Delcastle #3	6 / 7	Famous Taverns	My Hittas
June 15	95, 96	Delcastle #3	8:10/9:10	Local 74	DTC
	97, 98	Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7	Minquas Fire Co.	Wilmington Firefighters

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Date	Game	Field	Time	Home Team	Visiting Team
Tuesday June 20	99, 100 101, 102 103, 104 11, 12	Banning #2 Banning #3 Greenbank Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7 8:15/9:15 6 / 7 6 / 7	Eastern Hit Squad F&F Construction Silverside Heights Minquas Fire Co.	DTC Local 74 Famous Taverns Hockessin Fire Co.
Thursday June 22	105, 106 107, 108 109, 110	Delcastle #3 Delcastle #3 Pow. Ford #4	6 / 7 8:10/9:10 6 / 7	Wilmington Firefighters CSC My Hittas	Hockessin Fire Co. Minquas Fire Co. Eastern Hit Squad
Tuesday June 27	TBA	Make-up #1 Normal Fields		Make-up Date or Start of Playoffs Call Coordinator	
Thursday June 29	TBA	Make-up #2 Normal Fields		Make-up Date or Start of Playoffs Call Coordinator	
JUNE 30-JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY - NO GAMES SCHEDULED					
Thursday July 6	TBA	Make-up #3 Normal Fields		Make-up Date or Start of Playoffs Call Coordinator	
Tuesday July 11	TBA	Make-up #4 Normal Fields		Make-up Date or Start of Playoffs Call Coordinator	
Thursday July 13	TBA	Make-up #5 Normal Fields		Make-up Date or Start of Playoffs Call Coordinator	
Tuesday July 18	TBA	Make-up #6 Normal Fields		Make-up Date or Start of Playoffs Call Coordinator	
Thursday July 20	TBA	Make-up #7 Normal Fields		Make-up Date or Start of Playoffs Call Coordinator	

WESTERN LEAGUE
TOP 4 TEAMS - Best of Three

Day	Game	Field	Time	TEAM 1	TEAM 2
Day 1 (/ /17)	A-1 B-1 C-1 D-1	Banning #2 @ 7:00 Banning #2 @ 8:10 Banning #4 @ 7:00 Banning #4 @ 8:10		1st 2nd 3rd 4th	8th 7th 6th 5th
Day 2 (/ /17)	A-2 B-2 C-2 D-2	Banning #2 @ 7:00 Banning #2 @ 8:10 Banning #4 @ 7:00 Banning #4 @ 8:10		8th 7th 6th 5th	1st 2nd 3rd 4th
Day 3 (/ /17)	A-3 B-3 C-3 D-3	T.B.A. T.B.A. T.B.A. T.B.A.		1st 2nd 3rd 4th	8th 7th 6th 5th
Day 4 (/ /17)	E-1 F-1	Delcastle #3 @ 7:00 Delcastle #3 @ 8:10		Winner of A Winner of B	Winner of D Winner of C
Day 5 (/ /17)	E-2 E-3 F-2 F-3	Banning #2 @ 7:00 Banning #2 @ 8:10 Banning #4 @ 7:00 Banning #4 @ 8:10		Winner of D Winner of A Winner of C Winner of B	Winner of A Winner of D Winner of B Winner of C
Day 6 (/ /17)	G-1	Delcastle #4 @ 7:00		Winner of E	Winner of F
Day 7 (/ /17)	G-2 G-3	Delcastle #3 @ 7:00 Delcastle #3 @ 8:10		Winner of F Winner of E	Winner of E Winner of F
Aug. 14-18	ANNUAL MEN'S COUNTY CUP SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT (tentative)				
Jan. 02	SOFTBALL REGISTRATION OPENS FOR BOTH NEW & OLD TEAMS IN ALL LEAGUES				

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