



Softball Policy and Procedure

Fort Mill Church of God Athletics Department

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**A. Policy and
Procedure:**

***Church
Expectations***

- Fort Mill Church of God (hereafter "Church"), through its Athletics Department, will provide opportunities for its members to connect with one another through recreational league softball. The purpose is for members and regular attendees to come together in Christian fellowship in order to build meaningful relationships. These opportunities are based solely on the interest of the congregants and will determine the number of teams that will be sponsored by the church (this includes male and female teams).
- The Church will sponsor teams primarily three times per year (based on member interest): Spring League, Fall League, and the Summer Men's Church of God State Tournament. Any other requests for sponsorship will be handled on a case by case basis.
- As an officially sponsored team(s) of the Church, the Church will pay the league entry fees and/or tournament entry fees for the team(s) that is participating.
- No games and/or practices will be scheduled on Sundays or Wednesdays due to conflict with worship services and other Church activities.
- The Church (via the Athletic Department) will keep participants informed of scheduled practices, games, rain delays, cancellations, and make-up games. This will be accomplished through the Church website, phone calls, and text messaging.
- The Church enjoys providing sponsorship of Softball teams for its members and regular attendees. In order to continue this sponsorship, participants are expected to act in a Christ-like manner while representing the church in this capacity. Failure by the participants to act in a Christ-like manner could result in the church revoking sponsorship of current and/or future softball team(s).
- Officially sponsored team(s) will be managed/coached by the Church's volunteer Athletics Department. The Department falls under the supervision of the Church's Director of Christian Education. Any questions regarding this policy or team management may be directed to fmcoglk@comporium.net or 803-547-2629 x36.



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B. Policy and Procedure:

Participant Expectation

- All participants in Church softball must be a member or regular attendee of the Church and attend a minimum of one worship service on three separate Sundays and/or Wednesdays per month.
 - All participants are required to sign **Liability and Agreement Forms** before participating in Church sponsored Softball (all forms are available at <http://www.fmcog.com/softball>)
 - Participants must meet the minimum age requirement in order to participate (age will vary depending on the league).
 - At the start of league play, all participants will pay an individual entry fee that covers umpire fees for the league and the cost of purchasing softballs.
 - Participants are asked to wear an official Church uniform when playing on a Church team. If the participant needs to purchase a uniform, they may do so through the Athletic Department.
 - Participants are asked to remain faithful to their team throughout the entire season. Many leagues will disqualify a team for too many forfeits. The Church understands that participants sometimes have to work or have extenuating circumstances. But when possible, the Athletic Department asks that Softball participants attend scheduled games to the best of their abilities.
 - Any questions regarding participant expectations may be directed towards the Church's Director of Christian Education at: fmcoglk@comporium.net or 803-547-2629 x 36.
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