



**Q: How do I know if my playing ability (or lack thereof) is appropriate for CBLSL?**

A: The CBLSL offers a place for players of all skill levels to play softball in a friendly and fun environment. The league is currently divided into three open divisions and three women's divisions based on skill level and competitive attitude. We have a place for everyone.

**Q: How much does it cost to play in CBLSL?**

A: In 2010 the membership fee was \$55. This fee covers the cost of field rentals, bases, trophies, supplementary insurance for players injured during a game, and umpire fees, among other league expenses. The cost of uniforms is the responsibility of individual teams. Some teams elect to wear more basic shirts and others wear more elaborate uniforms. Expect to pay about an extra \$20-40 for a team uniform. Some teams defray this cost by doing fundraisers throughout the year. The more you do, the less you pay! Most teams have bats to share or buy them collectively out of team funds. You are expected to provide your own playing glove and rubber soled cleats at all games.

**Q: How long is the CBLSL playing season?**

A: The regular season is from mid April to mid July.

**Q: Where are the games played?**

A: Games are played on the Dairy and Edgely fields in Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. The Dairy Fields are located at Fountain Green Drive and Mt Pleasant Drive. The Edgely fields are located a very short distance down the road at Reservoir Drive and Edgely Drive. See [www.cblsl.org/fields](http://www.cblsl.org/fields) for specific directions.

**Q: When are the games?**

A: Games are played on Sundays with the earliest game starting at 9am and the latest starting at 5pm. There will be no games for Easter, Memorial Day, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekends. Some games are subject to change based on weather, team availability, etc.

**Q: How many games do teams play each week?**

A: Most Sunday's teams will play two 75 minute games. Games are usually consecutive or with a break in between. Opening and closing weekends may only have one game.

**Q: Am I required to be at every game?**

A: That is certainly ideal but not expected. People have major social events they are expected to attend; illness occurs; emergencies happen and we all make vacation plans. Players are expected to make a concerted effort to be at as many games as possible, regardless of time or location. Your team depends on you and if too many players do not show up, the team may be forced to forfeit the games to the opponent and pay fees.

**Q: How do I know if games are cancelled due to inclement weather?**

A: Official announcements are posted on the homepage of our website by 7:30 A.M. on days of questionable weather. Your manager will also reach out to you to let you know if games are cancelled.

**Q: Is this all softball and no socializing?**

A: Absolutely not! CBLSL is a great way to meet people. There are many organized events throughout the year for you to attend. Individual teams also hold fundraisers to help defray their playing costs. Although there is no alcohol permitted on or near the playing fields, teams often head to a different sponsor bar of the week after games to hang out and socialize with other members of the league.

**Q: I don't want to play but I'd like to be involved with a team. Is that an option?**

A: Yes, the team has a status called "social member." These individuals contribute in ways such as keep score, coach a base or serve cheerleader. These folks pay \$25 non-players membership fees primarily to cover the cost of insurance.

**Q: OK, I'm sold! I want to play! What do I do?**

A: Come to our draft held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Palumbo Fields (10<sup>th</sup> and Fitzwater Sts). . You have your best chance of getting on a team there. If you can't make the draft, send an e-mail to Daniel Loranca, Recruiting chair at [joincblsl@aol.com](mailto:joincblsl@aol.com) and he will do his best to assist you.