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## Little Rock Parks & Recreation Adult Softball League Partnering With The National Softball Association

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Beginning with the summer 2012 season, the Little Rock Parks & Recreation adult softball league is going to be affiliated with the National Softball Association (NSA).

The NSA is one of the three largest softball associations in the United States and is looking to make Interstate Park and Little Rock Parks & Recreation the center of their association in the state of Arkansas.

This association with NSA will provide our program with the best opportunity to improve the quality of services provided to our participants. The participants in our league have voiced their opinions about the changes that they want to see and the direction we need to go, and an association with the NSA is going to allow Little Rock Parks & Recreation to reach those goals.

The NSA is looking to re-invigorate adult softball in central Arkansas as well as the entire state, and will use this affiliation to provide the best possible product for the players, coaches and fans of softball in the area.

The NSA will begin with plans of hosting one tournament per month at Interstate Park and will institute an umpire recruiting and training program as well.

As for the changes our participants should expect from our previous association, they should be minimal. The NSA uses the same pitch arc and delivery as the Amateur Softball Association (ASA). The NSA allows a wider range of bats than the ASA has allowed in the past. The list of approved bats is similar to that of the USSSA. The one difference is that the NSA is going to extend until 2014 the deadline for using the new bats with the "2013" stamp.

Team registration for the 2012 summer season has begun. Interested teams can go to the [www.lrpr.org/softball](http://www.lrpr.org/softball) website and click on the "Upcoming Programs" tab to re registration forms. Forms may also be picked up at the Adult Athletics offices at City Hall (500 W. Markham, Room B3) or at the ball fields reservations office at Interstate Park. The deadline to register a team is Thursday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. T registration is \$450.