

2026 Softball League General Information

- ❖ Adult softball team registration will be taken at the Parks & Recreation Office at 1920 Grand Avenue in St. Joseph. **Registration will begin March 16 and conclude on April 3.** Leagues will be filled on a “first-come, first-serve” basis. Play will begin on Sunday, April 19.
- ❖ When a team registers they will sign-up for a day of the week, instead of a particular league. On the registration form each manager will rate his team's skill/competition level. We will use this rating along with past results from the team and its players to set-up each league.
- ❖ Each team registration must be paid in full and the registration form completed at the time of registration. If you have a special request regarding game times, it must be made during the registration period. A team may request “no” or “limited” early or late games, but not both! All requests will be considered, depending on the number of requests and circumstances we may not be able to honor all requests. WE WILL TRY!
- ❖ **Online registration for adult softball leagues is now available. The website for online registration is <https://secure.rec1.com/MO/saint-joseph-mo-/catalog>.**
- ❖ Each team, no matter how many players will pay the same fee. The team fee will be \$400.00 for eight (8) games, eight (8) softballs, and USA Softball registration.

A \$1 entry fee will apply to all (including players, coaches, spectators' etc...) who enter Heritage Park and are 13 and older. Children 12 & under will not be charged for admittance.

- ❖ ASA certified (.52 cor, .300 compression rating), private “logoed”, optic yellow balls will be provided to each registered team. Each team must begin each game with a new softball. “Throw-in” balls as the game progresses don't have to be new, but must be able to be identified as a Heritage Park ball. Additional softballs will be sold in the concession stand in the pavilion for \$5.00 each.
- ❖ At the pavilion at Heritage Park there will be a posting board, which will have all schedules, standings and make-up information.

One other area where information regarding the program can be found is the city's website. The site is quite helpful to league teams/participants throughout the season. The web site address is <http://www.stjoemo.info/index.aspx?nid=427>. Once you reach the home page progress to the softball page where you will be able to find softball information.

Team packets will include softballs, scorebook, and the local rule handbook. Each team, which registers in our program, will be registered with USA Softball. Information and support from USA Softball and USA Softball of Missouri Office is very helpful. Both have websites, which provide valuable information regarding various topics including rule changes, bat and ball guidelines, which will be followed by USA Softball rules on banned bats, championship tournaments, and many other topics. The two websites are:

USA Softball: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball>

USA Softball Missouri: <https://www.usasoftballmissouri.net/>

- ❖ **A home run limit will be in place this season. Six home runs per game in all divisions will apply, unless otherwise indicated for a specific league.** After the sixth home run, all subsequent out-of-the-park home runs will count as outs. Inside-the-park home runs do not count towards the home run limit or beyond.
- ❖ Once again, all leagues will use the “double-base” at 1st. Please make sure you and your team is familiar with rules/guidelines concerning the “double-base”.

It is our intention to staff each league game with trained, certified staff. Depending on the night of the week, or specific date, we might not be able to provide a “full staff” (two umpires). It is our goal to provide each

league with dependable, personable, and qualified staff . . . this should be two-umpires, but depending on the certified staff numbers game staff will be assigned accordingly.

- ❖ Payment methods for the softball program will be cash, check, or credit card (VISA/MasterCard/Discover).
- ❖ If a team drops from the league following the registration deadline, the refund will be subject to a 15% fee. If the schedules have been completed/released and a team drops, no refunds will be given.

St. Joseph Parks, Recreation, & Civic Facilities Department

Instructions for Online Registration for Adult Softball

The St. Joseph Parks, Recreation, & Civic Facilities Department is excited to announce the opportunity to now register for a variety of parks department activities and leagues online. This service will allow registered users of the system to shop for parks department recreation activities, leagues, and other opportunities from wherever and whenever it is convenient for them.

For adult softball coaches or team sponsors, just follow the instructions below. The final step is to pay for the league registration with a credit card. Credit card payments are processed via a secure website. All users who prefer not to register online and use a credit card for payment can still register at the parks administration office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Go to <https://secure.rec1.com/MO/saint-joseph-mo-/catalog> or the main parks department webpage, <https://www.stjosephmo.gov/235/Parks-Recreation-Civic-Facilities>