

## **KIRKWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2019 REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER**

The Kirkwood Athletic Association, is very excited about the 2019 girls fastpitch spring/summer leagues that are now forming. KAA is entering our 24<sup>th</sup> season of girls fastpitch softball. To returning managers, we thank you for your continued support. To managers making application to KAA for the first time, we welcome you. We look forward to continuing the KAA tradition of fun and competition in girls' softball.

We will also be hosting several USA Softball Fastpitch tournaments for the 2019 season. We are listing all of our KAA fastpitch tournaments on [www.tournamentUSA.com](http://www.tournamentUSA.com) . This provides ease in registration, real-time score & bracket updates, plus text notifications, as well as scheduling advantages.

**Manager's Meeting: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 (7:00 pm sharp)**  
**Kirkwood Community Center - Theater**  
**(enter by swimming pool)**  
**111 S. Geyer Rd.**  
**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

Representatives of the KAA Board of Directors will be on hand to discuss 2019 planning, scheduling, and rule changes. We have also invited local vendors to display their uniform selections, equipment, and innovations for the sport of softball as well as information on their business. (No food or drink is permitted in theater).

### **2019 League Registration Fee:**

**\$500 non-refundable deposit due ... January 16, 2019 (Secures your spot in league)**  
**+ \$600 balance due ... January 25, 2019 (Registration Deadline)**  
**\$1100 total league fee.**

### **Your 2019 league fee includes the following**

- Team Insurance (Secondary Accident/Medical & Team Liability)
- 14 games (10 league games) + (Free entry into any KAA tourney, in lieu of Rainout Makeups)
  - The intention of the free KAA house tournament is to offset league games lost during the season due to inclement weather. This free offering is only redeemable in the same calendar year, and cannot be transferred to the following season or to any other team including teams of the same organization. Please note that the free tournament does not include any other sanctioned events. In the event the tournament you choose is cancelled you can notify the office via email that you want to enter another KAA house tournament. Once you register for that tournament on Tournament USA, we can transfer the entry if it is available at your age group.
- USA Softball team sanctioning fee-Teams MUST notify the office if they want this by 2/15/19
- 4 Free March Pre-Season Practice Fields (1 timeslots per team/per week)

**\*League Fee must be PAID IN FULL in order to reserve practice fields. Practice fields are subject to availability.**

All teams **MUST** register online at [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com) and will have the option to pay by credit card or mail in your payment. Payment by check **MUST** be in full. **Remember, you are not officially entered until your payment has been received in the KAA office.**

### Acceptance into League:

KAA has established a reputation of offering the best fastpitch competition in the St. Louis Metro area. KAA is also recognized as having the highest quality of Umpires, excellent field conditions and field maintenance crew, outstanding concessions operation. As a result, each year the demand exceeds our ability to accept every team that submits a registration form. At this printing, we are receiving many requests daily to be accepted into the 2019 KAA softball league. For this reason, we **must** adhere to our deadlines to be fair to all teams.

League Registration is by team only, except for the 6u & 8u division, where we will provide assistance in forming teams and supply “newly formed teams” uniforms and equipment. All other individual players may access the discussion board on our website [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com) to find out which teams might be in need of additional players.

### Leagues will be formed for competitive play in the following divisions:

6u Player may not turn 7 before January 1, 2019 .. 8u Player may not turn 9 before January 1, 2019  
10u Player may not turn 11 before January 1, 2019 .. 12u Player may not turn 13 before January 1, 2019  
14u Player may not turn 15 before January 1, 2019 .. 16u Player may not turn 17 before January 1, 2019  
18u Player may not turn 19 before January 1, 2019

- **6u** .. machine pitch (depending on number of teams, 6u girls may play against 5u boys)
- **8u** .. machine pitch
- **10u** .. 35' pitching
- **12u** .. 40' pitching
- **14u, 16u, & 18u** .. 43' pitching

*All 18u and 16u Division teams will be asked to provide player-instructors for our annual KAA softball camp which is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019. This is a great way for girls to earn community service hours.*

**Bracketing:** KAA offers “A” and “B” competitive levels at each age division, with the exception of 6u & 8u, which are purely instructional leagues.

### League Schedules:

Wednesdays & Thursdays ... 6:30pm, 8:00pm, and 9:30pm

Anticipated opening dates:           April 3 & 4 ... 6u, 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u  
                                                  May 29 & May 30 ... 16u, 18u

**6u** could play any night (Mon – Fri), single games, April thru early-July.  
-possible start times of 6:00pm and 7:30pm

**8u** will play Wednesdays and/or Thursdays, single games, April thru early-July.  
(No 9:30pm games during school year) Possible dbl-headers after school year.

**10u** will play Weds and/or Thurs, mix of single games & dbl-headers, April thru mid-July.  
(No 9:30pm games during school year, if possible)

**12u** will play Weds and/or Thurs, dbl-headers, April thru May

**14u** will play Weds and/or Thurs, dbl-headers, April thru May

**16u** will play Weds and/or Thurs, dbl-headers, May thru July

**18u** will play Weds and/or Thurs, dbl-headers, May thru July

**Premier (INVITE ONLY)** will play Wednesdays, dbl-headers, May thru July

**Women's** will play Weds and/or Thurs, dbl-headers, May thru July-12 games with a 10 game-guarantee in lieu of tournament (makeups will be attempted) **REGISTRATION CLOSE DATE IS MARCH 29, 2019**

KAA strongly encourages NO forfeits for all of our divisions. You may borrow players in your age division or younger to field a team if circumstances warrant it. Only 7 players are required to begin and finish league games.

**KAA League:**

**Teams will be scheduled 10 league games. Plus receive a FREE entry into your choice of any of our KAA tournaments (4 games min). This is a total of 14 games (minimum) for the price of your league fees.**

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Scheduled games lost due to inclement weather, will be attempted to be rescheduled. Rescheduled games could be any day of the week due to availability. This will be worked with your divisional coordinator and the softball coordinator.

Playing 8 total games constitutes a complete season between league and tournament. At season's end, if you have not managed to play at least 8 total games, KAA will offer a credit towards the 2019 KAA Fall League, 2019 KAA Fall Tourney or the 2019 KAA League. No cash refunds will be issued.

KAA is a non-trophy league.

**Field Officials:** Two KAA umpires are supplied per game. (except for 6u & 8u divisions).

All umpires receive extensive training and certification before being allowed to officiate a game.

The 6u & 8u machine-pitch divisions will require each team to provide 1 volunteer. (Preferably a coach. Volunteer must be at least 18 years old. Primary duty is to operate pitching machine.)

**Insurance:** Over \$100 of your league fee goes towards the purchase of a secondary medical/accident insurance policy, which also includes team liability coverage. Specifics of coverage will be explained during the managers' meeting.

**Rosters:** For KAA insurance purposes rosters on done online. Rosters are to be done during the registration process but can be added to through the person, that registered the team, profile page. **Rosters are due (on file in our KAA office) in order for your team to be covered.** KAA has an unlimited and "open roster" policy, which means players may be added at any point during the season.

**Kirkwood Athletic Association Website:** Please utilize the KAA website to get the most up-to-date information, schedules, tournament information, [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com). KAA offers a discussion board on our website that allows managers to list their need for players and for players to list when they are looking for a team. The office does not maintain a list of coaches looking for players or players looking for teams.

**Facebook:** KAA is on Facebook. “Like” us for the most up-to-date field conditions.

**Free Pre-Season Practice Fields:**

League Fees **MUST** be “**paid in full**” to reserve your practice field & times. Practice fields are subject to availability. Do not miss out on a practice field. Get your league fee paid asap.

Office Manager, Gretchen Katinas, will confirm with each team through email when their team fee has paid in full. You will then receive authorization to call the office at **314-822-3686** to schedule your practice field and times. The schedule is posted on the side of the concession stand. If there is an issue please find the board member on duty.

Practice fields will open Monday, February 25, 2019 and go through Sunday, March 24, 2019.

Practice slots are 2 hours in length. Beginning at 6:00 pm on weekdays, and 8:00 am for weekend days. Teams are limited to 1 practice session per week and must be consistent week-to-week. **Practice slots fill quickly, and are not guaranteed. It is wise to pay league fees early and secure your practice field. In the event of inclement weather, practices are not rescheduled.**

**Free Softball Camp**

KAA will offer a free softball camp for 6u, 8u, 10u, 12u players. Players from our 18u & 16u divisions will run this camp. The camp is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 10:00am-12:00pm for the 6u-8u Session and 1:00–3:00pm for the 10u-12u Session.**

**2019 Kirkwood Fastpitch Tournaments**

<b>KAA Pre-Season Tourney</b>	<b>March 28 – 31</b>
<b>KAA “No-Showers”Tourney</b>	<b>April 26 - 28</b>
<b>KAA Spring Fling Tourney</b>	<b>May 17 - 19</b>
<b>KAA Firecracker Bash Tourney</b>	<b>June 21 - 23</b>
<b>KAA Fall Frenzy Tourney</b>	<b>October 11 - 13</b>

Tournament registrations will be handled through [www.tournamentUSAsoftball.com](http://www.tournamentUSAsoftball.com)  
You must create a login with [www.tournamentUSAsoftball.com](http://www.tournamentUSAsoftball.com) but there is no cost to do so.

Tournament Payments will still be mailed or dropped off to our KAA office. You also have option to call the office to pay by credit card. Reminder, your team is not officially entered until payment is received and paid in full.

**Park Rules**

**You are ultimately responsible for your team's conduct and sportsmanship. This includes players, asst coaches, parents, spectators. Please notify all of your parents that failure to obey park rules may result in their, and your, ejection from the park, and may also result in a forfeit of your team's game(s).**

**Our concession stand is the financial life-blood of our facility. We must insist that absolutely NO outside food or beverages are allowed in the complex when the stand is open.**

**Smoking, including E-vaping, is NOT permitted within our ballpark fences or within 100 ft of dugouts and bleachers of Fields 6, 8, 13, & 14.**

We ask that you and your team be considerate of others using our park and dispose of all waste in the receptacles provided, including any trash left in the dugout. Teams may be subject to a fine if dugouts are not cleaned out properly.

For safety and health reasons, NO pets are allowed in the complex. For the safety of our players and patrons, NO skateboarding, bicycling, scooters or other wheeled devices is allowed, excluding wheelchairs or walkers.

Watch your younger children and for their safety, please do not allow them to climb on the fences. Also NO hitting of any type of ball into our fences. (even wiffles).

KAA has limited parking spaces, but we do rent the lower level of The Family Golf Center and ask that you consider parking there. The City of Kirkwood will ticket and/or tow any cars parked on the grass across the street from the KAA complex.

The members of the KAA Board thank you for selecting our program. Your participation will continue to make KAA one of the most competitive and sought after girls fastpitch programs in the St. Louis area. We hope you, your players, and your families, continue to have a great experience at KAA. We extend our best wishes for a successful season.

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