

KIRKWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2017 REGISTRATION FORM AND NEWSLETTER

The Kirkwood Athletic Association, is very excited about the 2017 girls fastpitch spring/summer leagues that are now forming. KAA is entering our 22nd 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 ASA Fastpitch tournaments for the 2017 season. We are listing all of our KAA fastpitch tournaments on www.tournamentASA.com . This provides ease in registration, real-time score & bracket updates, plus text notifications, as well as scheduling advantages.

Manager's Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 (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 2017 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).

2017 League Registration Fee:

\$500 deposit due ... December 31, 2016. (Secures your spot in league)
+ \$850 balance due ... January 27, 2017.
\$1350 total league fee.

Your 2017 league fee includes the following

- Team Insurance (Secondary Accident/Medical & Team Liability)
- 16 games (12 league games) + (Free entry into any KAA tourney, in lieu of Rainout Makeups)
- ASA team sanctioning fee
- 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.**

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 12 league games. Plus receive a FREE entry into your choice of any of our KAA tournaments (4 games min). This is a total of 16 games (minimum) for the price of your league fees. There will be **NO** rescheduling for rained out league games. That is what the (free) tournament entry is for.

Playing 10 total games constitutes a complete season. At season's end, if you have not managed to play at least 10 total games, KAA will offer a credit towards the 2017 KAA Fall League, 2017 KAA Fall Tourney or the 2018 KAA 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, parents, players, and the manager must sign the roster. **Rosters are due (on file in our KAA office) in order for your team to be covered. Fax it to our KAA office at 314-822-1823 or email it to gkatinas@kwdaa.com.** Only players on the roster are covered by insurance. KAA has an unlimited and "open roster" policy, which means players may be added at any point during the season. Blank Roster/Waiver Forms can be found on our KAA website www.kwdaa.com.

Kirkwood Athletic Association Website: Please utilize the KAA website to get the most up-to-date information, schedules, tournament entry forms and the Roster Waiver & Release form. 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 Saturday, February 25, 2017 and go through Friday, March 24, 2017.

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.**

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, March 25, 2017 at 10:00am-12:00pm for the 6u-8u Session and 1:00-3:00pm for the 10u-12u Session.**

2017 Kirkwood Fastpitch Tournaments

KAA Pre-Season Tourney	March 31 – April 2
KAA “No-Showers”..“A” level Tourney	April 22 - 23
KAA “No-Showers”..”B” level Tourney	April 29-30
KAA Spring Fling Tourney	May 20 - 21
KAA Firecracker Bash Tourney	June 24 - 25
KAA Fall Frenzy Tourney	October 13 - 15

Tournament registrations will be handled through www.tournamentASA.com
You must create a login with www.tournamentASA.com but there is no cost to do so.

Tournament Payments will still be mailed or dropped off to our KAA office. But you now will also have the option of Credit Card or PayPal payment.

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 is NOT permitted within our ball park 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 or bicycling is allowed.

Watch your younger children and for their safety, please do not allow them to swing 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.

Board of Directors
Kirkwood Athletic Association

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following people:

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314-477-3702

Gretchen Katinas
KAA Office Manager
gkatinas@kwdaa.com
314-822-3686
Mon-Fri 10am-3pm

2017 Kirkwood Athletic Association Girls Fastpitch League .. Team Registration Form

Team Name: _____ Registered Team Age: _____

Manager's Name _____ Home Phone _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Age Division Requested: *(please circle)*

6u 8u 10u-A 10u-B 12u-A 12u-B
14u-A 14u-B 16u-A 16u-B 18u-A 18u-B

Remember: Your league fee includes a "FREE" entry into one of our KAA tournaments.

Please **CIRCLE** which KAA tournament that you wish to enter

KAA Pre-Season Tourney (March) --- "No Showers" "A" Tourney (April)

"No Showers" "B" Tourney (April) -- KAA Spring Fling (May) --- KAA Firecracker Bash (June)

Please mail completed Registration Form & Entry Fee to:

**Kirkwood Athletic Association
2377 Marshall Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122**

\$500 deposit due ... **December 31, 2016.** (Secures your spot in league)
+ \$850 balance due ... **January 27, 2017.**
\$ 1350 Total League Fee.

Once your team is Paid in Full, you are permitted to reserve your Free Practice Fields.

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Kirkwood Athletic Association League and Park Rules and hereby agree to abide by all terms and conditions set forth in the rules. I have passed this information along to my team's parents/families, and understand that I am responsible for their actions.

Manager/Coach _____ date _____