

## **KIRKWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2020 REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER**

Kirkwood Athletic Association is excited announce the 2020 fast pitch softball season, and our 60<sup>th</sup> year of service to the youth of Metropolitan St. Louis!

### **Thank You!**

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the managers, parents and players who stood with KAA through a very wet, and extremely frustrating 2019 season. KAA has been hit hard with three historic flooding events over the past four years, which caused a significant amount of damage, and disrupted an entire season of tournaments and league play. Because of the hard work and determination of our staff and volunteers, and with your tremendous patience, flexibility and support, KAA was able to endure these hardships and will remain a mainstay for softball and baseball in the St. Louis area for years to come. We really cannot thank you enough!

### **KAA Forever**

The association is comprised of, and greatly depended upon, an all-volunteer board of directors to facilitate tournaments/leagues, manage expenses and keep the organization viable and self-sustaining. The men and women that make up the KAA board are parents, team managers and members of the community, many of whom played at KAA during their youth, and who want to see KAA continue on for their children, grandchildren and beyond. KAA is always in need of new board members with fresh ideas and perspectives, so please consider giving of your time. You can reach out to a board member the next time you're at the park, or contact the office at 314-822-3686 for more information.

### **Help Wanted**

In addition to providing a place for the youth of the area to play the sport they love, KAA is also able provide part time employment opportunities for much of the year. Concessions and field crew will begin hiring in January for the 2020 season, so please check [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com) at that time for additional information. They are very flexible with scheduling, so pass the word if you know of someone that could use a part time job.

**Manager's Meeting: Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 (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 2020 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).

## **2020 KAA Spring/Summer League**

### **Registration Fee:**

- \$500** Non-refundable deposit due January 16, 2020 (Secures spot in league)
- + **\$600** Balance due January 24, 2020
- \$1100** Total league fee.

### **League Fee includes:**

- **10 league games – 6u, 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u, 16u, 18u, Premier**
- **Free entry into one 2020 KAA house tournament in lieu of league rainout makeups**
  - The intention of the free KAA house tournament is to offset league games lost during the season due to inclement weather.
  - Total games possible with league and the free tournament is 14+
  - The free tournament offering is only redeemable in the same calendar year, and cannot be transferred to the following season or to any other team (this includes teams in the same organization).
  - Only KAA house tournaments listed at [www.kwdaa.com/Softball/Tourney-Central](http://www.kwdaa.com/Softball/Tourney-Central) may be designated as a free league tournament. USA/NSA sanctioned events do not apply.
  - In the event the free league tournament chosen is cancelled, another KAA house tournament in the same calendar year may be designated by notifying the KAA office.
- **USA Softball Sanctioning Fee**
  - Contact the KAA office by 2/15/20 to request USA sanctioning.
- **Four Free March Pre-Season Practice Fields**
  - One timeslot per team/per week. Practice fields are subject to availability.
  - All teams **MUST** register for practice fields at [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com)
  - League Fee must be PAID IN FULL, and received in the KAA office to reserve preseason practice fields.
- **Team Insurance (Secondary Accident/Medical & Team Liability)**

### **Opening Day**

- 6u-14u - April 1
- 16u/18u - May 27

### **League Registration**

- 6u/8u – Team or individual registrations accepted.
  - KAA will provide assistance in forming 6u/8u teams.
- 10u-18u – Team registrations only.
  - All players may access the discussion board at [www.kwdaa.com/Discussion](http://www.kwdaa.com/Discussion) to locate teams in need of players.
- Age Eligibility Per Division:
  - 6u - Player may not turn 7 before January 1, 2020
  - 8u - Player may not turn 9 before January 1, 2020
  - 10u - Player may not turn 11 before January 1, 2020
  - 12u - Player may not turn 13 before January 1, 2020

- 14u - Player may not turn 15 before January 1, 2020
- 16u - Player may not turn 17 before January 1, 2020
- 18u - Player may not turn 19 before January 1, 2020

### **Pitching Distances:**

- 6u - Machine pitch (6u girls may play against 5u boys)
- 8u - Machine pitch
- 10u - Pitching Distance 35'
- 12u - Pitching Distance 40'
- 14u, 16u, & 18u - Pitching Distance 43'

### **Bracketing:**

- "A" and "B" competitive levels for 10u, 12u, 14u, 16u & 18u divisions
- 6u & 8u are instructional divisions

### **League Timeframes:**

- Wednesdays & Thursdays ... 6:00pm, 7:30pm, and 9:00pm
- **6u** - Single games, April - Early July.
- **8u** - Single games, April - Early July (Double-headers after school year if necessary)
- **10u** - Single games, April - Early July (Double-headers after school year if necessary)
- **12u-18u** Double-headers, April - May
- **Premier (Invitation Only)** Double-headers, May - July
- **Women's** - Double-headers, May – July. 14 games offered, 10 game guarantee

### **League Game Forfeits**

Forfeits negatively impact players, parents, coaches and umpires, and are **not acceptable**.

- Team managers are expected to field a team to play their schedule game.
- Only seven players are required to begin and finish league games.
- Teams can utilize fill-in players on days when they will be short provided that the player meets the age requirements, and is added to a KAA roster prior to the game being played.
- Team managers in the same division may agree to swap games if necessary.
  - Game swaps must be agreed to by all parties involved, and approved in advance by the Division Supervisor and the KAA Softball Coordinator.

### **KAA League:**

**2019 Credits:** Teams intending to apply game credits towards the 2020 KAA League should email the KAA office at [office@kwdaa.com](mailto:office@kwdaa.com) to receive a coupon code to be used when registering. A coupon code is not necessary for teams wanting to apply their credits towards KAA house tournaments, however the office will need to be notified via email with the selected tournament.

**Season Guarantee:** Playing 8 games in total (league and free tournament) constitutes a complete season. At season's end, if you have not managed to play at least 8 games in total, KAA will offer a credit towards the 2020 KAA Fall League, 2020 KAA Fall Tourney or the 2021 KAA League. No cash refunds will be issued. There will be no standings as this is a non-trophy league.

**Field Officials:** Umpire(s) will be supplied for 8u and older. The 6u & 8u machine-pitch divisions will require each team to provide one volunteer, preferably a coach, to operate the pitching machine. The volunteer must be at least 18 years old.

**Insurance:** A portion of the 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, or by contacting the KAA office.

**Rosters:** Rosters are to be completed during the registration process, but can be amended during the season to add additional players. This must be done from the profile page of the person that registered the team. **Rosters must be on file in the KAA office in order for your team to be covered.**

**KAA Website:** Please utilize [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com) to get the most up-to-date park information, league schedules and a list of the 2020 KAA house tournaments. This website also hosts a discussion board for teams to advertise open positions, and for players to announce their availability to team managers. The KAA 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:**

- February 24 – March 22
- League Fees must be "paid in full" to reserve your practice field & times.
- Practice fields are subject to availability.
- Practice sessions are 2 hours beginning at 6pm on weekdays and 8am on weekends
- One practice session per paid team per week – time slot must be consistent all four weeks
- Practice dates cancelled due to inclement weather cannot be rescheduled
- The limited practice slots fill quickly, and are first come first served. No additional practice times will be scheduled.
- Call the office at 314-822-3686 to secure a field
- The practice schedule will be posted on the east wall of the concession stand.

#### **STLCC Archers Free Softball Camp**

- Clinic run by the Archers Softball Team
- 6u-12u softball players are eligible
- Saturday, April 11, 2020
- 6u-8u Session 10:00am-Noon
- 10u-12u Session 1:00–3:00pm

## **2020 Kirkwood Fastpitch House Tournaments**

<b>KAA Pre-Season</b>	<b>March 26-29</b>
<b>KAA “No-Showers”</b>	<b>April 17-19</b>
<b>KAA Spring Fling</b>	<b>May 15-17</b>
<b>KAA Firecracker Bash</b>	<b>June 26-28</b>
<b>KAA Fall Frenzy</b>	<b>October 16-18</b>

- Register for KAA tournaments at <https://gfp.tournamentusasoftball.com/72/>
- A login must be created to register.
- Tournament Payments Options:
  - Mail payment to: KAA 2377 Marshall Rd Kirkwood, MO 63122
  - Drop off a check at the KAA office
  - Credit Card over the phone
    - Office hours M-F 9:30am – 3:30pm
    - Office Phone: 314-822-3686

### **Park Rules**

- No outside food or drinks; Team water is permitted
- No pets allowed in the park
- No smoking inside the fenced area of the park, including vaping/e-cigarettes
- No beer allowed in the dugouts
- No bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc.
- No hitting balls into the fence (this includes wiffels)

### **Be a Good Sport**

Coaches are responsible for the conduct and sportsmanship of their players, assistant coaches and fans. Inappropriate or aggressive conduct towards an umpire, opposing coach, player or spectator could result in the following:

- Verbal warning
- Ejection from the park
- Forfeiture of game(s)
- Incident report provided to USA for further disciplinary action

## **Concessions**

KAA has put a lot amount of time and effort in making the concession stand tops in the St. Louis area. The focus is on providing fast, friendly service, with a large variety of delicious offerings that hungry fans want. A number of healthy options have been added over the past few years that have been a huge hit, so please check out the menu when you visit the park

Since the 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.

## **Parking**

- Parking on the grass in Green Tree Park across Marshall Road from KAA is no longer permitted by the City of Kirkwood. Vehicles parked in the grass will be ticketed and/or towed.
- The Family Golf Center located across Tree Court Industrial Blvd from KAA Field 8 will continue to allow tournament and league parking on their lower gravel lot only. Please follow posted parking restrictions in this lot.
- Overflow parking is available in the lot behind the football field just east of KAA, and adjacent to Field 14

The members of the KAA Board thank you for selecting our program, and we extend our best wishes for a successful season.

Board of Directors  
Kirkwood Athletic Association