

**KIRKWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2010 REGISTRATION FORM AND NEWSLETTER**

The Kirkwood Athletic Association, in conjunction with the National Softball Association (NSA), is excited about the 2010 girls fastpitch spring/summer leagues that are now forming. KAA is entering our 16th season of girls fastpitch softball, and our 50th season in existence. 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 are very excited to host several fastpitch tournaments for the 2010 season, as well. Check our Website at www.kwdaa.com for updated tournament information!

IMPROVEMENTS!!

- Brand New Electric Powerplant for our lights has been elevated above the 100yr flood line and moved to the warm-up area between fields 5 & 8.
- The majority of our fields have been laser graded for better drainage.
- League games are no longer scheduled on Diamonds #13 and #14, which are leased by KAA from the City of Kirkwood. Those fields will still be used for tournament scheduling, as well as rainout make-up games.

NEW FOR 2010 !!!

Our KAA Softball League is NSA Sanctioned. That means a 2010 NSA World Series berth is awarded to each division champion. Division champions will be determined by a 4 game play-off that will be held during normal league nights.

We have also set aside several pre-determined dates to make up any rainouts that may occur during the season. ie. No more Rainout Tourney.

Being NSA Sanctioned also means that we will obviously be using NSA Umpires. Year in and year out, NSA Umpires are rated the "Best Umpires" in the greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

Manager's Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Kirkwood High School
Room – To be determined
801 West Essex Avenue
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Representatives of the KAA Board of Directors along with NSA representatives will attend to address 2010 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. If available, dates will be provided for other tournaments, qualifiers, metros, and nationals.

Your team insurance cover letter, and most league schedules, will be included in the managers' packet to be distributed.

Greater Value in 2010

- NSA Sanctioned League – (includes WS berth)
- 14 games (league + playoff)
- Rain-outs are made-up (no more rainout tourney)
- Best Competition in St. Louis Area
- Free practice fields
- NSA Umpires
- Professionally maintained fields and grounds crew
- Best tasting, greater variety, and most affordable concessions
- Huge shade trees throughout complex
- College coaches routinely are scouting the areas best talent at KAA
- Centrally located in beautiful Southwest St. Louis County
- KAA is not-for-profit. 100% of revenue is put back into our ballpark.

League Cost:

\$300 (deposit due by November 30, 2009.)
+ \$850 (balance due by January 15, 2010.)
\$1,150 total

This fee includes secondary accident/medical insurance.

This fee also includes your NSA team sanctioning fee for 2010. Teams already sanctioned with NSA will receive a \$25 credit. Teams will be responsible for registering with NSA.

The enclosed registration form must be fully completed and returned by the dates below along with your deposit.

All Checks should be made out to KAA and mailed to our KAA office prior to deadlines above. A returned check will automatically place your team at the end of the wait list. You will be required to pay a \$50.00 service fee and provide KAA with a cashier's check to cover the cost of your league.

Registration Dates/Deadlines:

- **November 30, 2009** - Any team wishing to play at KAA in 2010 must submit registration with a \$300 down payment. Returning teams have preference IF registered with \$300 down-payment. Spots for returning teams will not be held without deposit.
- **December 7, 2009** - All teams will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance. Any team that cannot be accepted will have their deposit refunded.
- **January 15, 2010** - Balance of entry fee (\$850) is due.

Acceptance into League: KAA has established a reputation of offering the best fastpitch competition in the St. Louis Metro area. As a result, each year the demand exceeds our ability to accept every team that submits a registration form. 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 initial team uniforms and equipment. All other individual players may access the discussion/message board at our website www.kwdaa.com to find out which teams are 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, 2010
8u	Player may not turn 9 before January 1, 2010
10u	Player may not turn 11 before January 1, 2010
12u	Player may not turn 13 before January 1, 2010
14u	Player may not turn 15 before January 1, 2010
16u	Player may not turn 17 before January 1, 2010
18u	Player may not turn 19 before January 1, 2010
High School division	Player may not turn 19 before January 1, 2010

- Teams may register for the age and division they wish to play.
- 6u .. KAA offers a machine/coach pitch league.
- 8u .. KAA offers a player pitch and/or machine pitch league.
- 18u Exposure and 18uA .. Pitching will be 43 feet. Limit on teams accepted.
- 16u Division .. Pitching will be 40 feet. (pending NSA national conference)
- High School Division .. Pitching will be 40 feet.

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 message/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..

Free Pre-Season Practice Fields:

Payment in full at any time allows a team to reserve their practice fields & times.

Office Manager, Gretchen Katinas, will confirm with each team through email when their team fee has been paid in full. You will then receive authorization to call the office at **314-822-3686** to schedule your practice field and times. A permit will be issued and you **MUST** have it at practice or you could be asked to leave the field.

Practice fields will open Monday, March 1, 2010 and go through Sunday, March 28, 2010. Practice slots are 1½ hours in length. Beginning at 6:00 p.m on weekdays, and 8:00 a.m. for weekend days.

6u teams **only** may schedule practice fields into April.

8u teams may schedule practice fields into April based upon availability.

Teams are limited to 1 practice session per week and must be consistent week-to-week.

Bracketing: Teams are placed in the age and division they wish to play. Teams must designate if their team wishes to play in the “Exposure”, “A”, “B” or “High School” division.

All 18u Exposure and 18uA Division teams MUST provide player-instructors for our player’s camp scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2009.

Typically, the “A” division is for higher skilled teams. The “B” division is for moderately skilled teams.

The “High School” Division is for teams composed of high school age players. The High School division teams may be “pure” 16u teams, “pure” 18u teams or a team composed of a combination of 14u, 16u, and 18u players. This is also a more moderately competitive league.

Teams applying for the 18u-Exposure division will be determined by a manager’s vote amongst their peers. Teams in the 16u division will be ranked by manager vote as well, if necessary.

Please Note: No refunds will be given based solely if your team is not voted into the Exposure Division.

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.

Schedules:

Wednesdays & Thursdays ... 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm, and 9:00 pm.

Approximate opening dates: March 31st ... 10u, 12u & 14u
 May 5th ... 6u & 8u
 May 26th ... 16u, 18u, & High School

6u & 8u will play Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be single games only. This league will run from Late-April - July, depending on number of teams registered.

10u & 12u will play Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be a mixture of single games and double-headers, unless requested otherwise. These leagues run March 31st through July. Typically they are more front-loaded. Only by allowing us to schedule a mixture of games, can we avoid long periods of byes between games.

Each 10u team should expect to play one or two 9:00pm games in May.

14u will play Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be double-headers only. These leagues run March 31st through the end of May.

16u will play “typically” on Thursdays and will be double-headers only. These leagues run from late-May through mid-July. There may be “some” Wednesday games depending on the number of teams registered.

18u will play on Wednesdays and will be double-headers only. These leagues run from late-May through mid-July. Both the 18u-Exposure & 18u-A division teams will be included in a profile booklet for college coaches. .

High School division will play a combination of Wednesday and Thursday games.

Field Officials: Two umpires are supplied by NSA and KAA (except for the 6u & 8u divisions). All umpires receive proper training and certification before being allowed to officiate a game. The 6u & 8u divisions will require each team to provide 1 volunteer official. (Preferably a coach. Volunteer official must be 18 years of age or older).

NSA League: Teams will be scheduled **14 league games. This will consist of 10 league games plus a 4 game play-off to determine division winner.** Playing 10 total games constitutes a complete season. We have set aside several pre-determined dates for make-up of any rainouts. At season's end, if you have played less than 10 total games and took advantage of all open times offered to you by your division coordinator to make up any rained out games, KAA will consider a credit towards the 2011 KAA League.

Insurance: A portion of your league fee goes towards the purchase of a secondary medical/accident insurance policy. Specifics of coverage will be explained during the managers' meeting. The policy is in effect for 365 days while playing here or at a different location and is only in effect upon payment in full. For this policy to be in effect a signed Roster and Waiver Release form must be in the office before the first scheduled game.

Practices held on fields other than KAA, or in a gymnasium, are NOT covered for liability. If another organization asks for your team's liability insurance coverage, you must get that policy elsewhere.

You will receive a copy of your insurance coverage at the manager's meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: If a medical/accident occurs it **MUST** be reported to the league office within 7 days and a claim form **MUST** be submitted within 90 days, or the claim may be denied.

Rosters: For KAA insurance purposes, parents, players and the manager must sign the roster. **Rosters are due (on file in our KAA office) before your first league game.** 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. Only the added parent(s) and player(s) need to sign the supplemental roster, which can be obtained by calling the office or accessing the KAA website www.kwdaa.com.

Schedule Changes: League schedules are posted on our KAA website (only once) prior to the season beginning. If a conflict develops with your game schedule once it is posted to the KAA website, it is the manager's responsibility to contact other coaches within your division to make any necessary game switch. Your division coordinator **must approve** any changes made to the schedule.

Free Softball Camp

KAA will offer a free softball camp for 6U, 8U and 10U and 1st Year 12U players. Players from our 16u and 18u divisions will run this camp. The camp is scheduled for **Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 10:00am-12:00pm for the 6u-10u Session and 1:00-3:00pm for the 10u-1st Year 12U Session.**

Try-out Fields: Fields are available at the end of the season and before the onset of the fall program and events. Field permits may be obtained through the league office. The cost is \$20.00 per time slot per field. Lighted fields are not available. All time slots are 1½ hours.

2010 Kirkwood Fastpitch Tournaments:

KAA Pre-season Tournament	April 9–11
KAA – NSA Spring Qualifier	May 22–23
NSA “B” State Tournament	June 11–13
July 4th Marauders Tourney	July 2-4
NSA Braggin’ Rights Tournament	July 9–11
KAA – Fall Frenzy (2011 WS Qualifier)	October 22–24

Park Rules

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 tow any cars parked on the grass across the street from the KAA complex.

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.

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.

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 KAA Softball Coordinators:

- Bruce Riddle brucer999@charter.net 314-477-3702
- Rich Miller richnstl@aol.com 314-609-3095

**2010 Kirkwood Athletic Association
Girls Fastpitch Team Registration Form**

Team Name: _____ Registered Team Age: _____

Organization(s) Team will register with: ASA NSA USSSA USFA Other: _____

Manager's Name _____ Home Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____

2010 NSA Sanction #: _____ (If Applicable)

Age level Requested:

(please circle) 6u 8u 10u-A 10u-B 12u-A 12u-B

14u-A 14u-B 16u-A 16u-B High School

18u-A 18u-Exposure

NOTE: The High School division teams may be "pure" 16u teams, "pure" 18u teams or a team composed of a combination of 14u, 16u and 18u players. Typically, a less competitive league.

Pitching: 18u - 43ft .. HS div - 40ft .. 16u - 40ft .. 14u - 40ft .. 12u - 40ft .. 10u - 35ft .. 8u - 35ft.
All 18u teams MUST provide player-instructors for our youngster camp on April 3, 2010.

Games are scheduled on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. Please refer to 2010 Softball Newsletter to obtain further game, date, and time, information related to specific age divisions.

Please mail completed Registration Form & Entry Fee to:

Kirkwood Athletic Association

2377 Marshall Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122

\$300 Deposit --- due by November 30, 2009.

\$850 Balance --- due by January 15, 2009.

\$1150 total 2010 league fee.