

THE ST. LOUIS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

2019 SPRING/SUMMER SESSION

The St. Louis Softball League will begin its seventeenth season of operation on Monday, April 2, 2019, but there will be a few, initial changes to what and where leagues are offered. Aviation Field in Forest Park will be under renovation until at least Sunday, June 2, 2019. All leagues will be played Sunday through Friday at South City Fields with the exception of specialty leagues, which vary in size and set-up. All single games leagues will consist of twelve game seasons. Doubleheader leagues will consist of twenty-four game seasons.

Starting times on all non-lighted fields, plus all Sunday leagues will start on the hour (Example – 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., etc.). On lighted fields, Monday through Friday, the games will start on hour (Example – 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., etc.). On lighted fields, Monday through Friday, the games will start on the half-hour (Example – 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., etc). Teams must have at least nine players to start a game. If, for the 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. games, one or both teams do not have enough players to start a game, the umpire will start the game clock and wait up to ten minutes before declaring a forfeit. This will apply only to the 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. games.

Entry fees to participate in the St. Louis Softball League are as follows:

12 Games	Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$480.00
12 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$420.00
24 Games	Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$900.00
24 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$780.00

To reserve a spot in a particular league (category) on a particular evening at a particular park/field, teams need to send a non-refundable \$100.00 check, money order or cashier's check made payable to the City of St. Louis – The St. Louis Softball League. Payment should be mailed with a completed and signed application form by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019 to the following address:

St. Louis Softball League
5600 Clayton Avenue (Forest Park)
St. Louis, Mo 63110

Teams can still apply after February 15, 2019, but they are required to send in the full payment along with a completed and signed application. The deadline for all 2019 Spring/Summer session applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2019. Leagues are filled on a first come, first served basis as final payments are made. Also, if a team has sent in a partial payment to reserve a spot on a certain evening/league/category, it is their responsibility to send in the balance by or before the due date. No second notice or reminder will be sent. Teams that do not pay their balances off by the application deadline will forfeit their deposits and their spots will be given to other teams. **Remember – NO CASH OR CREDIT CARDS. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS!**

The St. Louis Softball League will use the ASA rulebook to govern league play with the exception of a few in-house rules. This information, along with game balls, scorebooks, ASA rulebooks, schedules, roster sheets and illegal bat list are contained in the packet that teams pick up after they have paid their entry fees. These items can be picked up at "The Lab" (located on the north side of the Greenhouse in Forest Park next to Highway 40) according to the following schedule:

South City Leagues	Monday through Friday	March 18-22, 2019	3:30 PM-6:00 PM
Specialty Leagues	Monday through Friday	March 25-29, 2019	3:30 PM-6:00 PM

Teams that play in the St. Louis Softball League need to be aware that glass bottles (of any kind) are not allowed at or near the fields. This is in accordance with City Ordinance #76522. Teams that do not abide by this rule will forfeit their games! This is a safety issue and will be enforced at all times. In all situations, the manager/coach should police their team members to insure that this does not need to become an issue! Teams should also clean their bench when their game(s) are done.

The St. Louis Softball League will continue with the classification system that was initiated prior to the start of the 2005 Spring/Summer session. A limit on over-the-fence home runs will be used in all levels of Men's, Women's and Coed competition even on fields that do not have established fences. The purpose of this rule is to have teams of comparable talent levels playing leagues and playoff brackets against each other. Teams that have played in the St. Louis Softball league (formerly the Forest Park Softball League) the past fourteen (14) years that try to apply for a category that is clearly below their talent level will be asked to change their choice. If they refuse, their application and entry fee will be returned to them and they can play for some other league.

Classification (Category) Chart

	<u>Over the Fence Home Run Limit</u>
Men's Super/Competitive (S/C) Class A	9
Men's Competitive (C) Class B	6
Men's Competitive/Recreational (C/R) Class C	3
Men's Recreational (R) Class D	0
Coed Competitive (C) Class B	3
Coed Recreational (R) Class D	0
Women's Competitive (C) Class B	3
Women's Recreational (R) Class D	0

Please check the classification chart to make sure your team is in the right league. For more information, call Roger Berry at (314) 289-5307. Leave a name, number and message and your call will be returned.

***Teams that hit over the fence home runs in excess of the limit for their classification/category will have the following action applied – the ball is dead, the batter is out and the half inning is over!**

The St. Louis Softball League will hold an end of the Spring/Summer session playoff. The tentative date for the start of the playoffs is Monday, August 19, 2019. First and second place teams from each category will qualify for the playoffs. As with the regular session winners, playoffs winners will have their choice of either fifteen (15) t-shirts or one (1) trophy as their prize.

Every attempt will be made to reschedule games lost to rain or wet fields. However, depending on the number of games lost to these conditions, some games may need to be made up later in the season on a different night than originally scheduled or on the weekend. In any case, teams need to be flexible toward the end of the season so that these games can be made up prior to the playoffs.

As has been the policy for the last sixteen (16) seasons, demand will determine play! If demand for a certain classification/category exceeds that of what is offered on a particular night in a particular classification/category, then the least demanded one will be dropped and the one of more demand will be added.

Sunday (There will be no games scheduled on Sunday, April 21 & May 2, 2019)

***11:00 a.m. Starting Time**

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
*Lyon Park	SB#1	GLASS League	L	TBD
*Lyon Park	SB#2	GLASS League	L	TBD
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#1	Men's ® DH	NL	\$780.00
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#2	Men's ® DH	NL	\$780.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed ®	L	\$480.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed ®	L	\$480.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Men's C/R DH	NL	\$780.00
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Men's C/R DH	NL	\$780.00

Monday (There will be no games scheduled on Monday, May 27, 2019)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#1	Men's ®	NL	\$420.00
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#2	Men's ®	NL	\$420.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Men's ®	L	\$480.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Men's ® DH	NL	\$780.00
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Men's ® DH	NL	\$780.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Coed ® Millipore Sigma League	L	TBD
Lyon Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$900.00
Willmore Park	SB#1	Men's ® DH	L	\$900.00
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's C/R DH	L	\$900.00

Tuesday

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed [®]	L	\$480.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed [®]	L	\$480.00
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#1	Coed [©] ERAC League	NL	TBD
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#2	Coed [©] ERAC League	NL	TBD
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Coed [©] ERAC League	NL	TBD
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Men's [®]	NL	\$420.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Men's [®] DH	L	\$900.00
Lyon Park	SB#2	ABEA League	L	TBD
Willmore Park	SB#1	Men's [®] DH	L	\$900.00
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$900.00

Wednesday (There will be no games scheduled on Wednesday, July 3, 2019)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed [®] Wells Fargo League	L	TBD
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed [®] Wells Fargo League	L	TBD
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#1	Men's [®] DH	NL	\$780.00
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#2	Men's [®] DH	NL	\$780.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	NGA League	L	TBD
Lyon Park	SB#2	NGA League	L	TBD
Willmore Park	SB#1	Men's [®] DH	L	\$900.00
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$900.00

Thursday (There will be no games scheduled on Thursday, July 4, 2019)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#1	Coed [®] ZMD League	NL	\$420.00
Arsenal/Francis Slay Park	SB#2	Men's [®]	NL	\$420.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed [®]	L	\$480.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed [®]	L	\$480.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Women's [®]	NL	\$420.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#2	Women's [®]	NL	\$420.00
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Coed [®]	NL	\$420.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Coed [©] Advertising League	L	TBD
Lyon Park	SB#2	Coed [©] Advertising League	L	TBD
Willmore Park	SB#1	Men's [®] DH	L	\$900.00
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$900.00

Friday* (There will be no scheduled games on Friday, May 24, & July 5, 2019)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed [®]	L	\$480.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed [®]	L	\$480.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Men's [®] or C/R DH	L	\$900.00
Lyon Park	SB#2	Men's [®] or C/R DH	L	\$900.00

***Announcements:**

***UMPIRE CLINICS**

Soulard Market gymnasium (2nd Floor) on Saturdays: January 12, February 9, and March 9, 2019. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor clinic on March 23rd. The time for all four clinics is 9:00 AM until Noon. For more information, contact Roger Berry at (314) 289-5307 and leave a name and number.

***MARDI GRAS SNOWMAN TOURNAMENT (TO BENEFIT THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (P.A.L.))**

Saturday, January 19 (Coed) & Sunday, January 20, 2019 (Men's)
Willmore Park SB#1, SB#2, SB#3, SB#4, BB#1, and BB#2 (Starting at 7:30 a.m. each day)
To register, call (314) 771-5110.

***FOREST PARK/AVIATION FIELD/SHORT SUMMER LEAGUES/PLAYOFFS/FALL LEAGUES**

Aviation Field in Forest Park will not be available for league play at the start of the 2019 Spring/Summer session. All six fields will be lighted and irrigated to improve the condition of the grass outfields. Improvements to parking and conditions around the concession stand is also part of the renovation.

Short-summer leagues will be offered on Aviation Field; however, applications will not be available until Tuesday April 30, 2019 on the St. Louis Softball League's website: www.stilmosoftball.com. The end of summer session playoffs will be played on Aviation Field (tentatively to start on Monday, August 19th).

Fall leagues will return to Aviation Field on Sunday, September 9, 2019. Applications for these leagues will be available on Friday, July 5th, on the website. The deadline for fall applications is Friday, August 16, 2019.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION: (Please print legibly or type information.)

TEAM NAME: _____

MANAGER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ HOME WORK

(Check Which Address You Are Using):

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

CATEGORY(SELECT ONE): (SC-SUPER COMPETITIVE, C - COMPETITIVE, CR-COMPETITIVE RECREATIONAL, R - RECREATIONAL)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S SC | <input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S CR | <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S C | <input type="checkbox"/> COED R |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S C | <input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S R | <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S R | <input type="checkbox"/> COED C |

*Indicate with "DH" after a category if your team wants to play in a doubleheader league.

PARK: _____ FIELD: _____

CHOICE OF EVENING (THERE MUST BE TWO DIFFERENT CHOICES):

1ST CHOICE: _____ 2ND CHOICE: _____

Teams that want to reserve a particular category on a particular night need to send a **non-refundable payment of \$100.00** with this application by Friday, February 15, 2019. **Teams can still apply after this date, but they need to send in the entire payment when they apply.** The deadline for applications is Friday, March 15, 2019. Leagues will be filled on first come, first served basis as final payments are received. **It is the responsibility of each team to mail in their balances (if they are due) by the application deadline. No second notice or reminder will be sent.**

PAYMENT INFO:

MAKE **CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK** PAYABLE TO:

City of St. Louis - SLSL
5600 Clayton Avenue (In Forest Park)
St. Louis, MO 63110

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
(DO NOT SEND CASH OR CREDIT CARD NUMBER)

There are no refunds!

CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK #: _____

MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Do Not Write Below this Line - SLSL Office Only

Date Initial Payment Received in Office: _____

Amount Received: _____

Date Final Payment Received in Office: _____

Amount Received: _____



Teams should indicate if there is a particular date that they need off prior to when the scheduled are made. The S.L.S.L. will try to accommodate the request in the order that they are made.