

THE ST. LOUIS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

2017 SPRING/SUMMER SESSION

The St. Louis Softball League will begin its fifteenth season of operation on Monday, April 3, 2017. Leagues will be offered in Forest Park (Aviation Field) and at several South City fields Sunday through Friday. With the exception of specialty leagues, which vary in size and set-up, all single game 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 the half-hour (Example – 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:30 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:

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| 12 Games | Lighted Fields | Aviation Field/Forest Park | \$525.00 |
| 12 Games | Non-Lighted Fields | Aviation Field/Forest Park | \$450.00 |
| 24 Games | Lighted Fields | Aviation Field/Forest Park | \$995.00 |
| 24 Games | Non-Lighted Fields | Aviation Field/Forest Park | \$840.00 |
| 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 10, 2017 to the following address:

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

Teams can still apply after February 10, 2017, but they are required to send in the full payment along with a completed and signed application. The deadline for all Spring/Summer session applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 10, 2017. 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:

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| South City Leagues | Monday through Friday | March 13-17, 2017 | 3:30 PM-6:00 PM |
| Aviation Field In Forest Park | Monday through Friday | March 20-24, 2017 | 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. Teams that play on Aviation Field in Forest Park need to be aware that coolers of any kind, buckets and packaged beer/liquor (opened or not) are also not permitted. Teams that do not abide by this rule will forfeit their games! However, teams are allowed to bring a one gallon (or smaller) thermos as long as it does not contain beer/alcohol. 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 completed.

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 and Coed competition on fields that have established fences. Even on fields that do not have established fences, this system will be in effect. The purpose of this rule is to have teams of comparable talent levels playing in leagues and playoff brackets against each other. Teams that have played in the St. Louis Softball League (formerly Forest Park Softball League) the past eleven (11) years and 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/entry fee will be returned to them and they can play for someone else.

Classification (Category) Chart

| | <u>Over the Fence Home Run Limit</u> |
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| 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 Recreation (R) Class D | 0 |
| Coed Competitive (C) Class A | 3 |
| Coed Recreation (R) Class D | 0 |

*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 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 21, 2017. First and second place teams from each league and 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.

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 fourteen (14) 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.

Please check the classification/category chart to make sure your team is in the right league. For more information, call Roger Berry at (314) 289-5307. Leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call.

Sunday (There will be no games scheduled on Sunday, April 16 & May 28, 2017)

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

| PARK | FIELD | CATEGORY | L OR NL | PRICE |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|---------------|
| *Forest Park | Aviation – SB#1 | GLASS League | NL | TBD |
| *Forest Park | Aviation – SB#2 | GLASS League | NL | TBD |
| *Forest Park | Aviation – SB#3 | GLASS League | NL | TBD |
| *Forest Park | Aviation – SB#4 | GLASS League | NL | TBD |
| *Forest Park | Aviation – BB#3 | Men's (R) DH | NL | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB4 | Coed (R) | NL | \$450.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#1 | Men's C/R DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#2 | 2 Men's (R) | L | \$525.00 Each |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#3 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#4 | 2 Coed (R) | L | \$525.00 Each |
| Arsenal/Francis Slay Park | SB#1 | Men's (R) DH | NL | TBD |
| Arsenal/Francis Slay Park | SB#2 | Men's (R) DH | NL | TBD |
| Berra Park | SB#1 | Coed (R) | NL | \$480.00 |
| Berra Park | SB#2 | Coed (R) | NL | \$480.00 |

***If we get enough teams, we will combine with the teams from Francis Slay/Arsenal Park for form a larger league. Price will be determined later.**

Monday (There will be no games scheduled on Monday, May 29, 2017)

| PARK | FIELD | CATEGORY | L OR NL | PRICE |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#3 | Coed (R) Wells Fargo League | NL | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#4 | Coed (R) Wells Fargo League | NL | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#1 | Men's (C) DH or (C/R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#2 | 2 Coed (R) | L | \$525.00/Each |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#3 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#4 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park | SB#1 | Coed (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park | SB#2 | Men's (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Berra Park | SB#1 | Men's (R) | L | \$480.00 |
| Lindenwood Park | SB#1 | Coed (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Lindenwood Park | BB#1 | Men's (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Lyon Park | SB#1 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Lyon Park | SB#2 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Willmore Park | SB#1 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Willmore Park | SB#2 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$900.00 |

Tuesday (There will be no games scheduled on Tuesday, July 4, 2017)

| PARK | FIELD | CATEGORY | L OR NL | PRICE |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#3 | Coed (C) – ERAC LEAGUE | NL | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#4 | Coed (C) – ERAC LEAGUE | NL | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#1 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#2 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#3 | 2 Men's (C/R) | L | \$525.00 Each |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#4 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park | SB#1 | Coed (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park | SB#2 | Coed (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Berra Park | SB#1 | Coed (R) | L | \$480.00 |
| Berra Park | SB#2 | Coed (R) | L | \$480.00 |
| Lindenwood Park | SB#1 | Coed (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Lindenwood Park | BB#1 | Men's (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Lyon Park | SB#1 | ABEA League | L | TBD |
| Lyon Park | SB#2 | ABEA League | L | TBD |
| Willmore Park | SB#1 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Willmore Park | SB#2 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$900.00 |

Wednesday

| PARK | FIELD | CATEGORY | L OR NL | PRICE |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#3 | Coed (R) Wells Fargo League | NL | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#4 | Coed (R) Wells Fargo League | NL | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#1 | Men's (C) DH or Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#2 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#3 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#4 | 2 Coed (R) | L | \$525.00 Each |
| Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park | SB#1 | Men's (C/R) Lawyer's League | NL | TBD |
| Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park | SB#2 | Men's (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Lyon Park | SB#1 | NGA League | L | TBD |
| Lyon Park | SB#2 | Coed (C) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Willmore Park | SB#1 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Willmore Park | SB#2 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$900.00 |

Thursday

| PARK | FIELD | CATEGORY | L OR NL | PRICE |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#3 | Coed (R) ZMD League | NL | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#4 | Men's (R) | NL | \$450.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#1 | Men's (S/C) or (C) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#2 | Coed (C) Advertising League | L | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#3 | Coed (C) Advertising League | L | TBD |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#4 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$995.00 |
| Arsenal Park (Francis Slay) | SB#1 | Coed (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Arsenal Park (Francis Slay) | SB#2 | Coed (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Berra Park | SB#1 | Coed (R) | L | \$480.00 |
| Berra Park | SB#2 | Coed (R) | L | \$480.00 |
| Lindenwood Park | SB#1 | Women's (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Lindenwood Park | SB#2 | Women's (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Lindenwood Park | BB#1 | Women's (R) | NL | \$420.00 |
| Lyon Park | SB#1 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Lyon Park | SB#2 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Willmore Park | SB#1 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Willmore Park | SB#2 | Men's (R) DH | L | \$900.00 |

Friday* (There will be no scheduled games on Friday, May 26, 2017)

| PARK | FIELD | CATEGORY | L OR NL | PRICE |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Forest Park | Aviation – BB#3 & BB#4 | Men's (R) DH | NL | \$840.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#1 | Coed (R) | L | \$525.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#2 | Coed (R) | L | \$525.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#3 | Women's League (R) | L | \$525.00 |
| Forest Park | Aviation – SB#4 | Women's League (C) | L | \$525.00 |
| Lyon Park | SB#1 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Lyon Park | SB#2 | Men's (C/R) DH | L | \$900.00 |
| Berra Park | SB#1 | Coed (R) | L | \$480.00 |
| Berra Park | SB#2 | Coed (R) | L | \$480.00 |

*Announcements:

*UMPIRE CLINICS

Soulard Market gymnasium (2nd Floor) on Saturdays, January 7 and 28; Sunday, February 12; and Saturdays, March 4 & 18, 2017. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor clinic on March 25th. The times for all six 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 14 (Coed) & Sunday, January 15, 2017 (Men's)
Forest Park – Central Field (Starting at 7:30 a.m.)
To register, call (314) 771-5110.

*SHORT SUMMER LEAGUES

The short-summer leagues will start Monday, June 5, 2017. The application for these leagues will be available on Monday, May 1, 2017, on the St. Louis Softball League's website: www.stlmossoftball.com. These leagues are contingent upon fields being open and available for teams to play on.

*The 2017 Fall Leagues will start on Friday, September 8, 2017. Applications for these leagues will be available on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 on The St. Louis Softball League's website. The deadline for application is Friday, August 11, 2017.

*The 2017 Spring/Summer playoffs will tentatively begin on Monday, August 21, 2017.