Softball league urges seniors to play ball!

s George Bernard Shaw was quoted, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League has grown to become the largest member-based senior softball

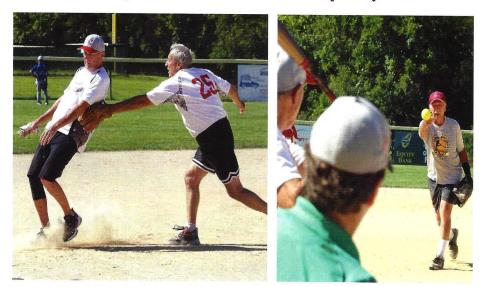


league in the United States, with more than 1,000 men and women expected

to play in 2019 in nearly 25 conferences.

The league, with scores 60s, 70 of Johnson County players of all ages and playing abilities, will open its 30th season with a leaguewide tournament from April 13-14 at Black Bob Park in Olathe. Conference play will begin the following week in men's, women's and co-ed leagues with action on the Kansas side at Black Bob Park and Olathe's Heritage Park, and Roe Park in Overland Park.

The annual Wes Weddle tournament, named for the league founder, will take place in July at the Johnson County Park and Recreation District's



The Kansas City Metro Softball League, now in its 30th year, features players in their 60s, 70 and 80s, both men and women, with future tournaments in Johnson County.

Mid-America Sports Complex in Shawnee.

Conferences are open to women age 40 and older with most players in their 40s and 50s along with a few in their 70s.

Men's play is open to ages 35 and up with the majority of players in their 50s, 60s, 70s and even 80s.

Friends may form teams and join the league. Individuals can find teams seeking players on the league's website, or may join one of the five draft leagues where they will be connected to players of all abilities in their age bracket.

The league encourages people middle-aged and older to get in the game have fun, get fit and make new friends.

Individuals or teams interested in play can find more information and register to play at kcseniorsoftball.org.

Questions may also be directed to Bob Reynolds at psychobob@everestkc.net or 913-631-5025 or to Larry Hightower at lwhightower17@gmail. com or at 573-230-3688.



Some of our Johnson County senior softball players may have recently received <u>The Best of</u> <u>Times</u> magazine. For all of our KC METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE members, this is a promotional piece that was distributed to thousands of senior households in Johnson County to promote our League. The Advertising /Promotional Committee will be doing similar things in other areas within the Kansas City Metro area.