

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League's

# Extra Innings



## Message from the President

We are all aware of the saying, **“The only thing that’s constant, is change!”** Needless to say, it applies to our upcoming 2025 season.

We will start with the biggest change—our draft conferences. After years of concerns from our members relative to player safety (due to field conditions) while participating in all three of our draft conferences at Roe Park (in Overland Park), and more-than-acceptable canceled games due to rainouts or even flooding from Indian Creek, the board decided it was time for us to make a “change”. We were able to acquire access to all five turfed and fenced fields at the Frank White Sports Complex in Lee’s Summit for the Monday and Thursday conferences, so we moved these two conferences there starting this season. Due to younger players scheduling tournaments, almost every weekend at the Frank White complex, we were not able to move the Saturday draft conference there. So, that conference will stay at Roe Park. See an additional article on this subject within this publication.

And we continue to hear concerns about our night-time games lasting too long (members getting home too late at night... at times). As many as nine different solutions have been suggested, with seven of them being tested...with little, or no help. We did “change” our competitive conference’s flip-flop rule for 2025 (to match the draft) in an effort to help with this problem, but that does not apply to all games. A serious discussion on this topic occurred within the Rules Committee this past month (January), relative to keeping the 1-1 starting count on the batter, but going to “no courtesy foul” rule. But that did not pass. So, our search to save time on our games continues.



**Clint Berger, President**

But there is one constant that has NOT seemed to have changed over the years,

**“Let’s play ball!”**

And with repeated requests for KC Metro to again have a conference venue “north of the river” (after having left the area about 8 years ago), we are attempting to make our presence felt there again—with the start of a 35+ Mixed Hybrid Draft conference on Wednesday nights at Happy Rock Park - 7565 NE Antioch Rd., Gladstone, MO 64119. There is a more-detailed description of this topic in an article included in this publication..

We will, again, have “change”, hopefully for the betterment of the organization, to some of our rules. The application of our equalizer runs to be given or received, for our competitive conferences, has been “changed” to a run-differential scale—opposed to it being based on hard-fast team ratings. Teams will still be numerically rated, but determining the equalizers will be on a sliding scale.

A team’s rating will now be based on the top 12 players on a team’s roster—opposed to the top 10 over the past number of years.

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# ***Your Treasurer's Report***

You may recall at our annual meeting, I enthusiastically announced that we were going to 'capitalize' the cost of our massive softball purchase—because what says financial responsibility like turning softballs into assets? It sounded very official, didn't it? Well, after further research (and a few sleepless nights reading IRS regulations that are just as thrilling as watching paint dry), I discovered that capitalizing those softballs would require filing a change in our accounting method with the IRS. And, frankly, the only thing worse than a pop fly to the face is extra paperwork with the IRS. So, to keep things simple and avoid the government's version of a 12-inning game, I've decided to keep our accounting 'soft'—just like the balls themselves.

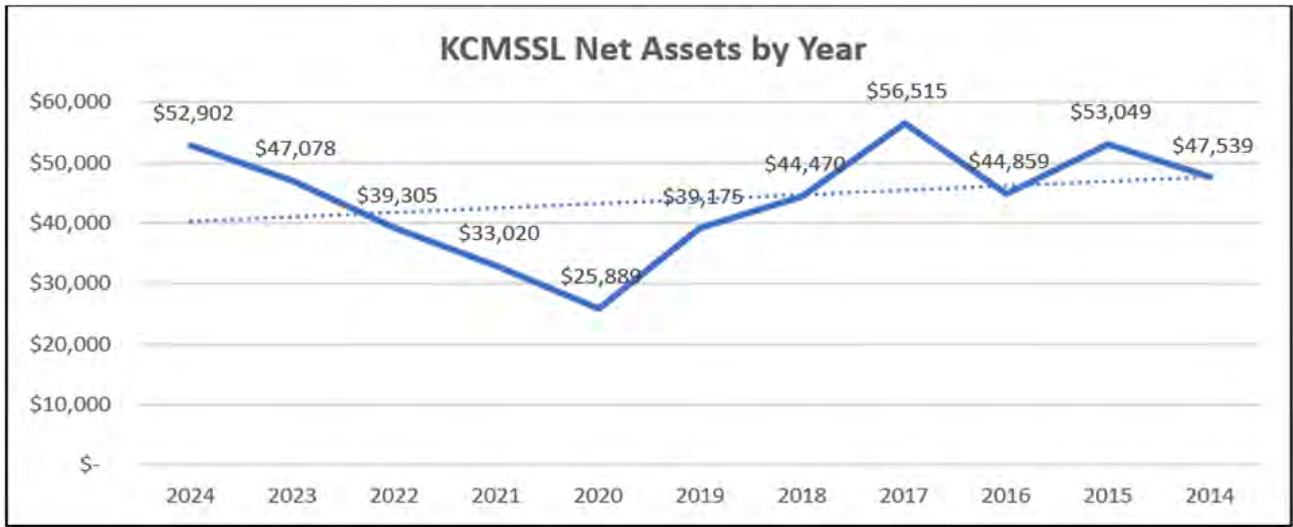


As a result, the numbers I'm reporting now don't match what I gleefully shared at the annual meeting. Let's just say I've learned that while softballs are a hit on the field, they're not the right kind of asset in the accounting world. You can rest assured that this decision was made to save us time, effort, and perhaps a few aspirins.

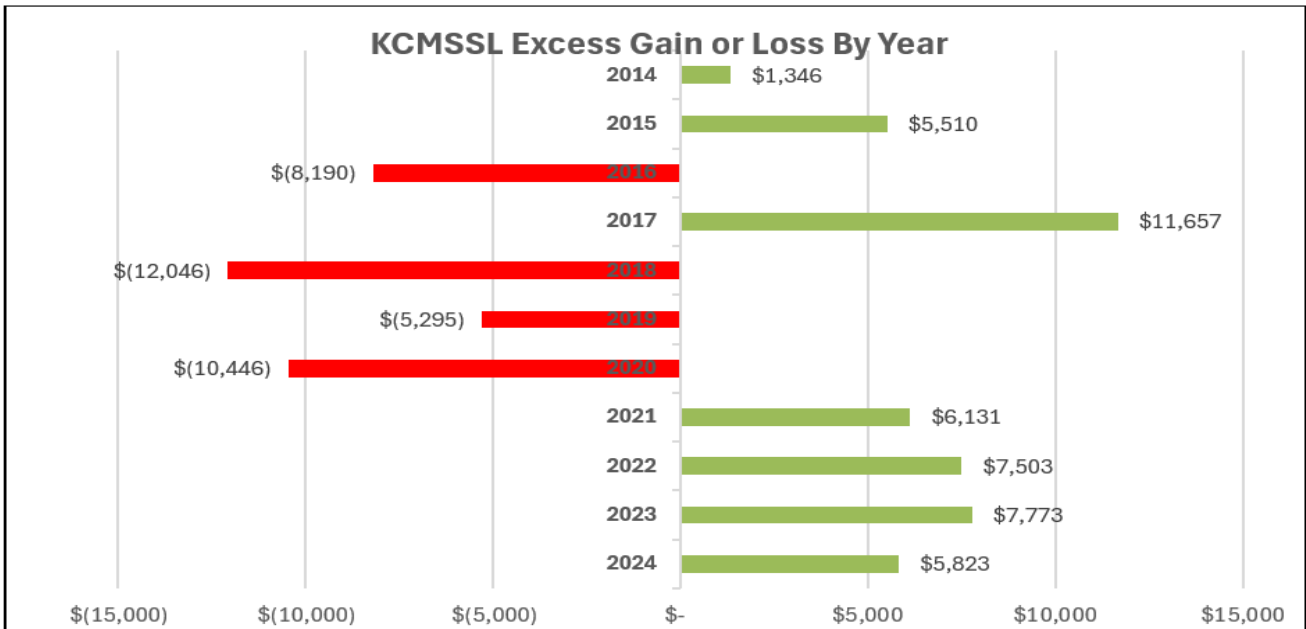
Your league remains in a solid and improving financial position. We have also added some additional volunteer muscle to our finance team. Denny Williams has agreed to take on the role of Assistant Treasurer. Bob Dona and Jim Glynn have agreed to join Ray Harre on our Finance Committee.

We ended the year with *Net Assets* of \$52,902. *Net Assets* are the amount by which our total assets exceed our total liabilities. *Net Assets* are what we, in our personal lives, would call our net worth.

As shown in the following graph, we have steadily built back our *Net Assets* from the low points reached during the 2020 and 2021 COVID years. The board of directors monitors the *Net Assets* to ensure our ongoing financial stability.



The following summarizes the recent Total Organization's annual *Excess (Gain) or Deficit (Loss) in Revenues Over Expenses*. A negative number (shown to the left of the center) means the expenses exceeded revenues in that particular year.



The 2024 Total Organization excess revenue over expenses of \$5,823 is allocated between our four operating funds - General Operations, Competitive Conferences, Draft Conferences, and Contingency Funds (Fund Raising and Unrestricted Sponsorships).

General Operations revenue consists of our membership dues and is offset by our General Operations expenses (those not directly related to the Competitive and Draft conferences or Contingency Funds).

During 2023, we established a financial goal to have the General Operations, Competitive, and Draft conferences operate each year at or near break-even. We also set a financial goal to build our Contingency Fund through fundraising and unrestricted sponsorships to cover periodic extraordinary events or expenses.

The chart above shows that our 2024 General Operations resulted in a \$3,675 deficit due in part to the large softball purchase. The Competitive Conferences came in with a \$3,628 excess primarily due to some budgeted games not being played at the end of the season. These excess funds will be used in 2025. The draft conferences generated a small \$607 deficit due to some unbudgeted expenses in connection with the open house we held at the Frank White Softball complex. Primarily due to the net gain from the Wes Weddle Classic tournament and an unrestricted sponsorship, we were able to add \$6,477 to our Contingency Fund in 2024.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached by phone at 913-707-7079 or by email at [pheacock@BasicRelationships.com](mailto:pheacock@BasicRelationships.com).



Paul Heacock



# ***Your Membership Report***



**YES...THE KCMSSL WANTS YOU, **NEEDS YOU** TO HELP US REACH THE  
1,000 MEMBER MARK (AND BEYOND) IN 2025!**

The KCMSSL is, as Senior Softball USA reported, "The largest amateur senior softball membership league in America!" We have been on the cusp of reaching the 1,000 membership mark the past few years (978 (2019), 847 (2020 the year of Covid-19), 980 (2021), 958 (2022), 972 (2023), 977 (2024)... but have fallen just short every year.

We are always looking for ways to “market” our organization and to try new ways to recruit new members. Our “street” posters which were displayed at our ballparks last year brought in a limited number of new members but we need to be more diligent and conscientious about placing those signs at and around our ballparks more consistently. **WE NEED YOUR HELP !**

We have produced a glossy, easy to read tri-fold brochure with contact information about all of our conferences in 2025. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** in distributing them at gyms, community centers, churches, senior living centers, restaurants and wherever else we might capture the attention of potential senior softballers...

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

It’s a proven fact.....the single most effective way to increase membership is by word of mouth—by way of YOUR word of mouth. If every member makes it a point to talk to three new people (those that you know as well as those who are unknown to you) during the course of the season we will not only absolutely reach our 1,000 membership goal but we will far exceed it. But...

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



Need more info about how you can help, please contact Mark Kenney, Membership Secretary: [mkenneyedfirst@gmail.com](mailto:mkenneyedfirst@gmail.com), 816-529 8968 or Barry Gordon: [barrygordo@aol.com](mailto:barrygordo@aol.com)



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Ages 35 & up

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### WHY PLAY?

- It's FUN!
- The Social Connections
- The Competition
- To Stay Active
- WHY NOT!

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**Kansas Locations:** Roe Park, Heritage Park, Blackbob Park  
**Missouri Locations:** Hartman Park, Independence Athletic Complex

*"WE DON'T STOP PLAYING BECAUSE WE GROW OLD, WE GROW OLD BECAUSE WE STOP PLAYING"* - George Bernard Shaw

**Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League - Now is your time!**

It is not how high you jump  
It's about if you jump at all.

We are the Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League. The organization was founded in 1990 by Wes Weddle with the purpose to provide organized competition for senior softball players throughout the Kansas City metro area. As we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are about to reach a membership of over 1,000 softball players, leading SSUSA to name us "the largest amateur senior softball membership league in America". If 50 is the new 30 and 70 is the new 50, there's plenty of opportunity to get out and have some fun and show what you can do.

### CONFERENCES

DAY	CONFERENCE LOCATION
<b>Sunday</b>	Men's 25+ Black Bob Park, Olathe
<b>Monday</b>	Men's 70+ Draft Roe Park, Overland Park
	Women's 40+ Hartman Park, Lee's Summit
	Men's 50+ Draft Black Bob Park, Olathe
	Men's 60+ Independence Athletic Complex
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's 50+ Draft Independence Athletic Complex
	Men's 55+ Gold Black Bob Park, Olathe
	Men's 60+ Gold-Silver Black Bob Park, Olathe
	Men's 65+ Gold-Silver Black Bob Park, Olathe
	Men's 70+ Black Bob Park, Olathe
<b>Wednesday</b>	Men's 50+ Silver Hartman Park, Lee's Summit
	Men's 60+ Draft Hartman Park, Lee's Summit
	Men's 65+ Draft Roe Park, Overland Park
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's 70+ Platinum/Gold & Silver/Bronze Independence Athletic Complex, Olathe
	Men's 50+ Silver Hartman Park, Lee's Summit
	Men's 60+ Silver Hartman Park, Lee's Summit
	Men's 65+ Silver Hartman Park, Lee's Summit

If you are 35 years old and above for the men, or 40 years old for the ladies, and would like to enjoy some physical activity, fun, and friendship, we can provide it. We play ball every day of the week. We have draft conferences where you will be placed with a team or you can set your sights on competitive leagues with teams that compete in national tournaments. Depending on your skill level, from recreational up through major, we have a place where you can play.

**We are looking forward to seeing you out on the diamonds!**



# A look at the Men's Draft Conferences 2024 and 2025



## Monday 70+ Draft Conference, Roe Park, O.P.



## Tuesday 50+ Draft Conference, Independence, MO





**Coming Soon...Happy Rock**  
**North of The River**  
**Gladstone, MO**

**Wednesday Night at Happy Rock...New in 2025**

**Thursday 60+Draft Conference, Roe Park, O.P.**



# Better in 2024, Best in 2025

2024 was a banner year for the KCMSSL's Draft Conferences with 4 conferences across the Metro fielding a total of 23 teams and a total of 269 players.

And 2025 looks to be an even bigger year with a new 35+ Mixed Hybrid Conference slated to launch on Wednesday evening North-of-the-river at Happy Rock Park (7565 NE Antioch Rd., Gladstone, MO 64119 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fRKXVy2utCdzCHrv7>).

If this conference takes off it will bring the KCMSSL's draft conference total to 5

35+ Mixed Hybrid Conference (Wed PM) at Happy Rock Park in Gladstone, Mo

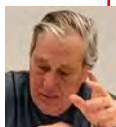
50+ Conference (Tuesday PM) at the Independence Athletic Complex in Independence, Mo

60+ Conference (Thursday AM) at Frank White Sports Complex in Lee's Summit, MO

60+ Conference (Saturday AM) at Roe Park in Overland Park, KS )

70+ Conference (Monday AM) at Frank White Sports Complex in Lee's Summit, Mo.

You are all probably aware of how our standard, long-time draft conferences work but you may ask what in the world is a Mixed Hybrid Conference? **Draft Commish. Barry Gordon**



In order to get this conference up and running, the KCMSSL has decided to get creative in that we only have a limited number of members who live north of the river. With that said, we are opening this draft to anyone—male or female—who is 35+. The mixed hybrid part is defined and configured as:

Mixed simply means for both men and women. Not co-ed, where there is a predetermined number of men and women in the line-up. But mixed, where there could be any combination of, but the same number of, men and women on each team (i.e., 8/2, 6/4, 4/6, etc.), with every player playing a minimum number of innings on defense, etc.

Hybrid means this will not be a full-blown draft conference. Hybrid allows a group of “no more than 5 players” to come in as a single entity and stay together as the nucleus for one of the participating teams. The remainder of each team is then filled in with individually drafted players via the standard draft process from the remaining player pool. As already implied, it is our intent to balance out each of these 4 teams (as best as possible) by age, skill, gender, etc.

*This conference is not limited to just our members who live north of the river. All KCMSSL members are welcome to play in this conference.*



## Draft Overview, Continued

This is a departure from our normal draft conference set-up, but a portion of this format was used when we started our 70+ Monday morning draft conference a few years ago. It started as a modest 4 teams with the 5-player team nucleus and has evolved into a strong 7-team, 100+ member conference.

Kim Nordike ( [knordike25@yahoo.com](mailto:knordike25@yahoo.com), 816-213-6343) has agreed to take on the role of coordinator for this conference and will be your main contact for any questions or further information.

Initially we are looking at the following (which is subject to slight change if needed / requested): Start date of Wednesday - April 23rd @ 7:00 & 8:00 PM; ONE 14 Week Session / 28 games + a possible additional week(s) of Play-offs; Two Weekly 7-Inning Games + Play-offs (to be determined). Cost for this full year conference will be \$114.00 per player or \$3.80 per game. This has to be the cheapest form of entertainment to be found anywhere in the Metro!

Please note that in most of your 2-session conferences, you individually pay anywhere between \$50 and \$70.00 per session. If you double that, our \$114 conference cost is equal to, or less than, the other conferences. Kim Nordike  
Wednesday Hybrid Draft coord.



## MONDAY 70+ CONFERENCE

**2024-2025** (Frank White Lee's Summit)  
In 2024 weather tested the resilience of the Monday 70+ Draft players. Every game scheduled in May was rained out, one rain in July was so strong that it flooded the fields and wiped out consecutive game dates. Heat limited us to a single game one Monday.

One team lost enough players to injury that our 7-team league became a 6-team league after the first 7 weeks of play, and a steady increase of pool players the second session created a bit more chaos for coordinators, managers, and players. Ultimately, everyone adapted and persevered until a 3-way tie for the championship was broken by Steve Odegard and Greg Boyle's Purple gang.

2025 Venue: We're moving to the Frank White Complex at 3901 SW Longview Park Drive, Lee's Summit, near Longview Lake and the Fred Arbanas Golf Course. The playing surface is artificial turf infield and natural grass outfield. Please see the excellent Extra Innings description and graphic provided by Paul Heacock for the Thursday 60+ Draft for more information.



Mike Curley  
Monday Draft coordinators



John Hendel

## **MONDAY 70+ CONFERENCE** **2024-2025 (continued)**

**Schedule:** The plan for the Monday 70+ Draft is a one 14-week session of double-headers followed by a post-season double-elimination tournament.

**Game times:** Moving the start time of the first game to 10am will not only allow extra time to adapt to the travel change from Roe Park to **Frank White Complex** but also give us slightly warmer temperatures for those early-season games. If we anticipate late-morning extreme heat later in the summer, we will consider an earlier start time.

**Season start:** Hoping for the same good weather that we enjoyed mid-April 2024; our first games will be Monday, April 14, 2025, at 10am at **Frank White Complex**.

**Weather cancellation line:** Although we anticipate fewer cancellations, we will provide a new line for the **Frank White Complex** so players can know as early as possible when there is a cancellation.

**Draft:** The Monday Draft will be held April 5, so please register soon. The number of players who register affects our plans in many ways: how many fields, managers, and umpires we need, for example. **Visit [kcseniorsoftball.org](http://kcseniorsoftball.org) and click “online player registration.”** Dues and conference fees can be paid at the site or by mailing a check. **Coordinators Mike Curley (208-882-3536, [curley@turbonet.com](mailto:curley@turbonet.com)) and John Hendel ( 202-669-0352, [jhhendel@gmail.com](mailto:jhhendel@gmail.com))** look forward to another season of healthy competition, surprising plays, and exemplary sportsmanship .

## **TUESDAY 50+ CONFERENCE** **2024-2025 (Independence, MO)**

The **2024** Season saw the Gray Team managed by Kim Nordike win the league championship. Due to an abnormal amount of weather cancellations the Tuesday draft adopted a single extended session instead of the 2-session schedule as in the past. With a strong 5 team conference each team had a bye every 5th week allowing players from the bye team to play as/if needed on other teams that week. **Thanks to Ron Phillips and Jim Freund for their excellent work as conference coordinators.**

The **2025** season for 50+ Draft Conference will start April 22 at the Independence Athletic Complex at 17800 East Salisbury Road in Independence, MO. A 15 week, 30 game session will be played on Tuesday night with games at 7pm & 8pm with a single fee to be paid. **The manager’s draft meeting will be held around April 10th and players will be notified by their manager as to what team they are on as soon as the draft is concluded.** The Reynolds’ brothers— **Mike, Tom and Bob** have accepted the role as coordinators for this conference in 2025.

The 50+ Draft is a fun conference and the competition is at a high level. We have men & women of all abilities, meshed together to form teams as evenly matched as possible. **Come for the softball and stay for the Hotdogs & Snacks.**

**The Reynolds Bros.  
Mike, Tommy, Bob**





# THURSDAY 60+ CONFERENCE

## 2024-2025

**Exciting Changes for the 2025 Thursday 60+ Draft Conference**

We're thrilled to announce a major update for the 2025 Thursday 60+ Draft Conference! After years of negative feedback regarding our previous venue, Roe Park, we've decided to make a significant change to enhance the playing experience for our members.

### New Venue: Frank White Softball Complex

We surveyed our members on a venue change. Based on the survey results the 2025 season will be hosted at the Frank White Softball Complex in Lee's Summit. This state-of-the-art facility offers numerous upgrades that we believe players will love:

- **Top-notch Fields:** Five irrigated outfields and newly installed synthetic turf infields with 300-foot fences.
- **Improved Facilities:** conveniently located near the fields, and the complex includes covered dugouts, an observation pavilion, and six picnic tables.

**On-site Concessions:** A full-service concession stand will be available if needed.

**Reduced Weather Interruptions:** With better field conditions, we anticipate fewer rainouts throughout the season.

# THURSDAY 60+ CONFERENCE

## New Starting Time

To address the cooler temperatures early in the season and to reduce the impact of morning traffic, we're shifting the initial game start time back by 30 minutes. Games will now begin at 10:00 AM. Additionally, as we progress into the summer months, we'll carefully monitor the "feels-like" temperature predictions and may consider earlier starting times on particularly hot days.

## Season Format

The 2025 Thursday 60+ Draft Conference will feature one 14-week session with a post-season tournament, continuing last year's fun and competitive spirit.

**Join Us for an Exciting Season!**

We're looking forward to a fantastic season in 2025, complete with new opportunities, a fresh venue, and an improved playing experience. We hope you'll join us for this exciting chapter in the

conference .

**Paul Heacock  
Coordinator**



# Saturday 60+ CONFERENCE

New start time: 9:30 a.m.

The **2024** season ended after a thrilling down-to-the-wire, last-game-of-the-season victory by Jim “JJ” Jones’ RED team over Chris Rodriguez’s Gold team. The entire session seemed to be a seesaw battle between these two first place teams with one team in first place one week and the other in first the next.

As other draft conferences move to another venue in **2025 the Saturday morning 60+ Draft will remain at ROE PARK.** We are anticipating another strong 4 team conference this year with opening day slated for April 19<sup>th</sup>. This conference will again be a single session of 15 weeks (30 games)!

Our biggest change for the 2025 season will be the order of play. Having received many comments about our 8 am start time being a bit too early and looking for the best way to work with the competitive conference, **we’ve decided to start the draft conference games at 9:30, after the competitive.** In the past, it seems to have worked better when needing to ‘pick up’ players whenever any of the draft teams were short players, when the competitive conference played first.

**The other BIG news is that Bill Wallisch will be co-coordinator this year along with Gary Pycior** (thanks to John “Doc” Lofflin for filling that role last year). We will continue to work closely with Barry Gordon to fine tune all the details including our week-to-week schedules.

# Saturday 60+ CONFERENCE

Co-coordinators...



← Gary Pycior



Bill Wallisch →

**Draft Conference  
Jerseys Provided  
By CenterWell**



Photo credits Gary Pycior



# A REVIEW OF THE COMPETITIVE MEN'S CONFERNCES

## The 35+ Sunday Conference

...that plays on Sunday nights has actually been going on for over 20 years. Originally, the conference played at Cottonwood Park in Lenexa, but after the park closed, it was moved to Black Bob Park in Olathe. We have had teams come and go over the years, but the Lenexa Old Timers, Relics, Storm and Petworks have been steadily playing for many years.

Don't let the 35+ title scare you. Yes, we have a few in the 30's, more in the 40-age bracket, but a large number are in the upper 40- to 60-year-old range. And there are even a few players pushing 70.

We currently have 7 teams, and we are looking for an 8th team. If we go to 8 teams, we will play one session of 21 games, playing each team 3 times. We of course take the holidays off, such as Mother's Day, Memorial and Labor Day, plus July 4th depending on what day of the week it is.

We break up payment into two installments. The league cost for a 15-person team is around \$45 a man for 10 nine inning games. This may vary, as we are currently awaiting the 2025 cost to play at the complex.

With the 7 teams, we have a bye week every 6 weeks, for we play a 9-inning game and playing two games back to back can be a little much, particularly

with game times on Sunday at 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm. With 7 teams, we have two games at 7:00 pm. Of the 7 teams, two are really good, the other 5 teams can hold their own. In fact, the two good teams have been beaten by all of the 5 teams over the last two years. Maybe we were lucky, maybe they were having a bad night, but anyone can win on any given day.

If you are interested and would like more information on having your team join us on Sunday nights, please email John Dehan to [ref@callthegame.com](mailto:ref@callthegame.com).





# Monday 60+ CONFERENCE

## At Independence Athletic Complex

Gary Pumphrey is entering his 4th full year as conference coordinator.

Our conference had a very good year in 2024. Big Daddy's Donuts and The KC Stallions dominated the regular season, with BDD squeaking out the regular season championship by one game over the Stallions. R&D came back strong and once again upset the favorites to win the post-season tournament.

We have many great players . . . Paul Jameson was the conference winner of the Wes Weddle award and represents everything Senior Softball should exemplify. For that reason, he was the MVP for Big Daddy's Donuts. Mike Reynolds is a great teammate, always has a great attitude and was the Stallions MVP. Bill Klein was the MVP for R&D as he played a very important role, stepping up to pitch most of the season after a season ending injury. ROC had too many great players to select an MVP, but they were part of one of the best games ever in the tournament. Leading twice by 9 runs in unlimited innings, they ultimately fell to the "Donut Boys," on a walk-off grand slam!

Although there was a losing a team (The Midwest A's), the future of our conference is looking very good, and everyone is looking forward to another great season of competition and camaraderie in 2025!

Gary Pumphrey ,coordinator

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Photo credits :

Terry Nichols



## Tuesday 55+ CONFERENCE At BlackBob Park in Olathe

Brian Fitzpatrick completed one year as coordinator. He will not be returning as coordinator in 2025. Our thanks to Brian for his service in this position.

Brian mentioned that the conference Champion was The Legends who only lost one game during conference play in 2024. For the record, the Bombers, were the one team to win a game vs this incredibly strong team.

When asked who Brian thought the four players he would like to give a shout out to, he mentioned, as key to the conference and their teams, the following players : Floyd Foster (Legends), Tim Grasser (Bombers), Clint Wigfall (KCCP) and George Kramer (KC Kids). He felt they were the “glue” of the teams they played for.



**Brian Fitzpatrick**



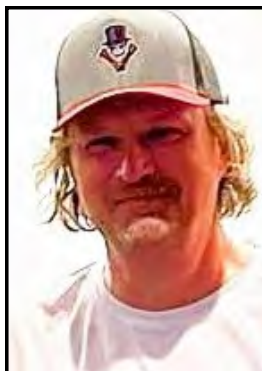
## Tuesday 55+ CONFERENCE At BlackBob Park Continued...

The co-coordinators for the 55+ Competitive conference at BlackBob in 2025 are Dale Filsinger and Duane Peitz

They would like our 55+ group of KCMSSL players to know the following: “The Tuesday 55 conference at BlackBob currently sits at 4 returning teams. Over the last 2 years, 2 teams have moved up to the 60s/65s.

For the conference to survive, we need to find additional team(s) to add to the core number. This is a very competitive conference, with a great group of guys who also like to hang out afterwards and visit. Everyone involved enjoys the competition and would like to see this conference move ahead. In terms of changes for 2025 we are starting to explore options. When they are finalized, we will share any potential new plans via email and postings through our

**Duane Peitz**



**Dale Filsinger**



**Wednesday 50+ CONFERENCE  
At Hartman Park  
Lee's Summit, MO**

**Jeff Harlan 816 260-8428**

**conference coordinator**

**In 2024 this 5-team conference saw KC Vintage prevail during conference play capturing the championship with the Muck Dawgs winning the post season single elimination tournament.**

**The 2025 season will kick off their 15-week schedule on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> with double headers being played at 7 and 8 pm. There will again be a single elimination tournament following the completion of conference play. This power packed conference plays with the 3 home run rule where all homers after 3 are counted as outs!**



**Higher rated teams will be giving equalizers to those lower rated to ensure fairness and competitiveness.**

**This is a very competitive conference with great players on strong teams sharing sportsmanship and camaraderie among the softball brothers who share the field with each other.**

**For more information on the Wednesday 50+ Men's Competitive Conference at Hartman Park please contact coordinator Jeff Harlan [jharlan87@gmail.com](mailto:jharlan87@gmail.com) 816-260 8428.**





**Thursday 50+ CONFERENCE Monte Johnson, Coordinator  
At Heritage Park**

**16050 S. Pflumn Rd.**

**Olathe, KS 66062**



**2024 was a very successful year with (2) 20 game sessions  
(April – October)**

**There were:**

**10 teams in the Spring session (4 Silver and 6 Gold)**

**11 teams in the Summer session (4 Silver and 7 Gold)**

**2 new teams participated in the Gold division and performed very well (Show Me Your Hits and Purple Reign)**

**Divisions were very competitive throughout the season with winners not determined until the last week of each session**

**Silver winners – KC Bombers (both Spring and Summer)**

**Gold winners – KC Diamonds in Spring, Dent & Detail in Summer**

**The conference is planning a similar season as well as team count for 2025 with games projected to start April 17.**



## Tuesday 60+ CONFERENCE At BlackBob Park in Olathe

James Carter 2025 will be the conference coordinator in 2025 replacing Mark Kenney.

I have been asked to share something for the Extra Innings Newsletter. Being a rookie coordinator, I will certainly be leaning on others for their help. We are excited to have 4 quality teams representing this league's conference this year.

The teams are Floor It and More, KC Kids, and the KC Bombers—moving up from the 55+ division, and a new addition (coming over from the Saturday morning Roe Park 60+ conference) will be Conroy's!

The Tuesday night games at Black Bob are always fun and competitive, with great banter between the teams. After the games there is always a good time of fellowship in the parking lot. If you are currently not on a Tuesday night Black Bob 60+ or 65+ team and would like more information, please contact me at

[carter-jam33@gmail.com](mailto:carter-jam33@gmail.com).

Thanks for your time, and I am looking forward to the season to begin.



## Tuesday 70+75 CONFERENCES At BlackBob Park in Olathe

Bob Fama 2025 Coordinator

Entering my 2nd year as coordinator. I think this league had a good year in 2024. We added an additional team between the spring and fall sessions. It was fairly competitive considering only 1 team finished in the top 3 in both sessions.

The Relics 70's won the first session with an incredible 17-3 record followed by the Antiques in 2nd place and Been There Done That rounding out the top 3 teams.

Ageless Wonders 2.0 and the original Ageless Wonders had identical 10-2 records in the second session. The championship went to 2.0 after the 2nd tiebreaker. The Relics finished 3rd.

There are so many excellent ball players in this league that I can't even begin to name them for fear that I would leave out someone that deserves to be recognized. More important is the fact that we respect the game and one another and I hope we can continue to do so.

The future of this conference is looking very good as we currently will be adding 1 or 2 more teams in 2025.





**Saturday 60+ CONFERENCE  
At ROE Park in Overland Park**

**Saturday 60+ CONFERENCE  
Bobby Gregg, Coordinator**

**The Conference currently is in a state of construction following changes at the end of 2024. Plans may include one or two conferences...to be determined by the number of teams entered. As is seen in the pic, Bobby is highly focused to get this resolved**

**bob\_Gregg@live.com**



**as soon as possible.**





# WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

Would you believe...The **35+ Conference** is beginning its 5th year and five teams are looking forward to another great season of softball and fun. The expansion into use of two fields and playing double header games was a success and remains a staple for 2025. The 2025 teams are Clearly Legal, Hit Happens, Oddballs, OBAAY and the newest entry...The Wet Eagles.

We are accepting individuals, teams, anyone who is interested in playing. If you want to play and don't have a team, we will find you one to play on. This conference is open to all skill levels. Even if you haven't played for a while, this is the conference for you. We are a fun, no drama conference of women who just want to keep playing softball.

Join us on Thursday nights, starting Summit. Spring session will be 8 and 8:00 pm. Contact Debbie



April 24th, at Hartman Park in Lee's weeks of double -headers, at 7:00 pm Brown at (816 678-9158

or by email at brownchild1@aol.com

The **Women's 40+ Conference** also at Hartman Park, will begin Monday evening, April 21, 2025. We are looking forward to hosting 12 teams...one less than 2024 as the Ancient Mariners 75+ men's team has been unable to find a manager. If you qualify and are interested, please call Ann or Susan as soon as possible.

We play single one-hour (or 7 inning) games utilizing two fields with game times of 6:45, 7:45 & 8:45 pm. If interested in playing & don't have a team, contact Conference Directors Susan Scholler (913579-8568) or Ann Willkett (816 830-1408) we look forward to seeing you all on the fields.





# SHOWING APPRECIATION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP!

**JULY, 2024**

**THE 2024 KCMSSL ANNUAL PICNIC;  
THE ALL STAR GAMES;  
THE SKILLS CONTESTS**





# THE 2024 ALL STAR GAMES



**HEY...  
WAY TO  
REPRESENT!**



Smart looking hat donated by  
**R S M**  
**MEDICARE SPECIALISTS**





# THE 2024 SKILLS CONTESTS




 2024  
 HOME RUN DERBY  
 70's DIVISION CHAMPION  
 DON MORSE




 2024  
 HITTING PROFICIENCY  
 WOMEN'S CHAMPION  
 CARRIE LEE




 2024  
 HITTING PROFICIENCY  
 MEN'S CHAMPION  
 MIKE THOMPSON




 2024  
 PITCHING ACCURACY  
 MEN'S CHAMPION  
 JACK BERKOWITZ




 2024  
 PITCHING ACCURACY  
 WOMEN'S CHAMPION  
 CANDACE KISSEE




 2024  
 HOME RUN DERBY  
 70's DIVISION CHAMPION  
 MIKE WOOLERY




 2024  
 HOME RUN DERBY  
 60's DIVISION CHAMPION  
 TERRY CLOUTIER




 2024  
 HOME RUN DERBY  
 60's DIVISION CHAMPION  
 MIKE PEEL




 2024  
 HOME RUN DERBY  
 50's DIVISION CHAMPION  
 DON VINING




 2024  
 HOME RUN DERBY  
 50's DIVISION CHAMPION  
 MATT O'BRIEN



# THE RAFFLE

As a fairly new addition to the All Star Games / Picnic / Skills Contests festivities the Raffle portion of the day's activities has quickly become one of the most exciting and anticipated aspects of this annual event. Prizes have ranged from beautiful one-of-a-kind team sport logos to Tupperware baskets to signed movie posters and sports memorabilia thus making the KCMSSL Raffle into a true treasure hunter's delight. The beauty and long lasting legacy of this event is that the KCMSSL benefits from the revenue generated from the donated prizes and every winning bidder goes home with a prized possession and a huge smile on their face. What better way to end a day of softball and picnicking than with a new treasure!





# 2024 Tournament Winners Teams from the KCMSSL

**The KC VINTAGE  
\*CHAMPIONS 55 Majors™  
MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS  
HOMEFIELD COMPLEX KC, KS**



**2024 Wes Weddle Classic  
65 M Co-Champions  
KC KIDS 65**





# 2024 Tournament Winners Teams from the KCMSSL

**Wes Weddle 65 AAA CHAMPIONS**



**BIG DADDY'S DONUTS**

**2024 Wes Weddle Classic  
70+ Consol. Champions  
KC KIDS 70**





# 2024 Tournament Winners Teams from the KCMSSL





## OUR DAY AT THE K



Hosted by Sharon Enyeart

over 100 tickets sold

A great time was had by over 100 KCMSSL members and guests as a block of seats at a discounted price were reserved for our organization on the last home game stand of the Royals. **Susan Enyeart** is enthusiastically looking ahead to doing this again in 2025. Details will be released as the 2025 season gets underway.





# Non-Sanctioned Pick-Up Games

These games serve several purposes. They shorten the perceived time between our formal conference

**December 9, 2024**

**Non-Sanctioned Pick-Up Game at Roe Park**

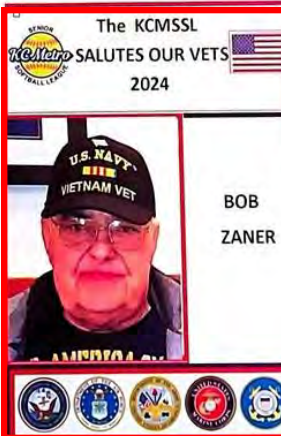
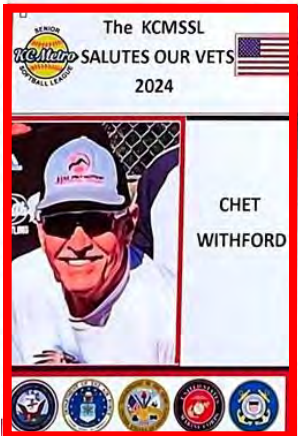
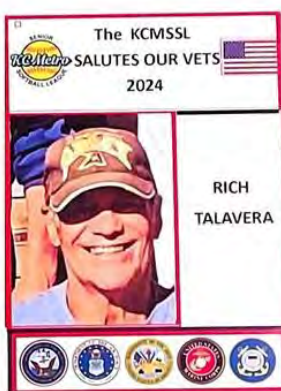
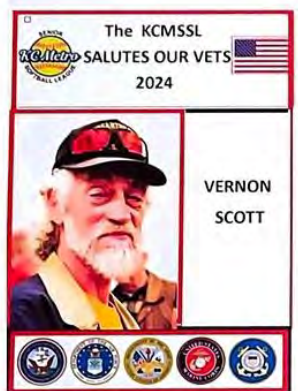
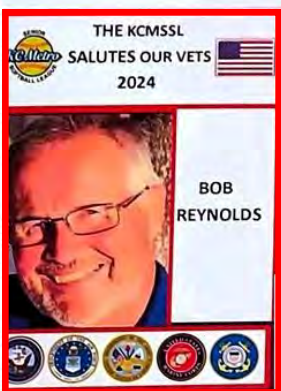
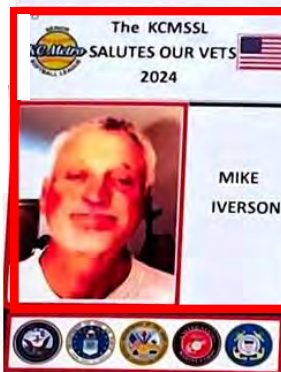
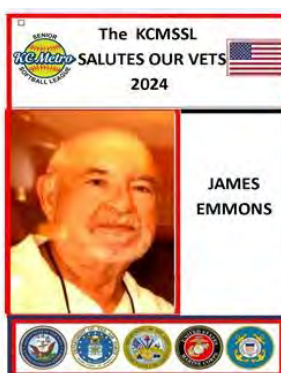
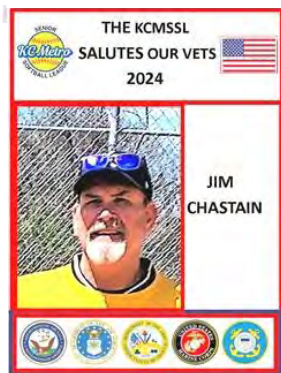


**Players that remained for pic and enjoy Hot Dog roast...**

play dates (mid-April through mid-October), while helping to keep our skills sharp. During the “off-season” we played over 20 times for two hours in temperatures over 50 deg. F. That number of games, in itself, simulates a full season of play. Additionally, players get to meet more players than they do during the Competitive or Draft seasons.



# KCMSSL Tribute to Attending Veterans...Nov. 9, 2024 Roe Park...10 A.M. followed by NS PU game in their honor



Each memento is  
5"x 7" on glossy photo  
Paper.



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**Any KCMSSL Military Veteran new to our organization should send their service information to John Mondri ([jmondi@kc.rr.com](mailto:jmondi@kc.rr.com)) or Clint Berger ([clintberger@hotmail.com](mailto:clintberger@hotmail.com)) including a recent picture , name of the Service and the years they served. E.g. Army (1993-1996)**



# THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2024

Around 200 members/guests filled our meeting room  
between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



The class of 2025 Directors elected for a three year term was announced.

Bob Fama



Susan Eryeart



Jeff Harlan



Members of The Class  
of 2025. Elected to 3  
Year Terms to The  
Board of Directors  
of The Kansas City  
Metro Senior Softball  
League



John Mondl



Ed Soltz





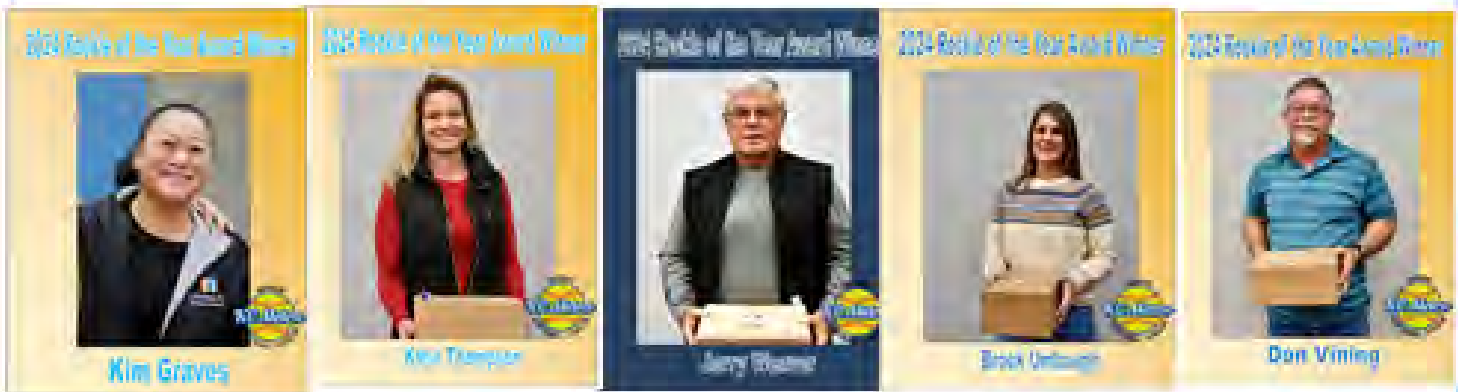
# ***THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING*** ***DECEMBER 7, 2024***

Those receiving recognition for being a  
**Rookie of the Year in the various conferences of our KCMSSL**

**Monday 40+ Hartman Women Division II: KIM GRAVES**

**Monday 40+ Hartman Women Division III: KATIE THOMPSON**

**Monday 70+ Draft Roe Park: JERRY WEAVER**



**Tuesday 50+ Draft Independence: BRIAN ULLMAN**

**Tuesday 55+ Black Bob: JIM WIRT**

**Tuesday 65+ Black Bob: BOB DAUM**

**Tuesday 70+ Black Bob: JERRY SULLIVAN**

**Wednesday 50+ Hartman: MIKE TUCKER**

**Thursday 35+ Hartman Women: BROOKE UмбаUGH**

**Thursday 50+ Heritage Gold: DON VINING**

# **THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

## **DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**Those receiving recognition for being an Ambassador of KCMSSL  
having been members for at least 20 years.**

**Gary Eager  
Dave Pattison  
Jerry Schuler**

**Jean Keating  
Kenny Potter**

**Kathy Kochersperger  
Susan Scholler**





# THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## DECEMBER 7, 2024

a number of awards were announced at this meeting...

Winners of the Wes Weddle Spirit of the Game are seen below:

Monday 40+ Hartman Women Division II:

**CRYSTAL HARDEE**

Monday 40+ Hartman Women Division III:

**SUSAN ENYEART**

Monday 60+ Independence:

**PAUL JAMESON**

Monday 70+ Draft Roe Park:

**BOB FAMA**

Tuesday 50+ Draft Independence:

**ORVILLE FILLA**

Tuesday 55+ Black Bob:

**EARL JACOBS**

Tuesday 65+ Black Bob:

**KEN VOKAC**

Tuesday 70+ Black Bob:

**RANDY SHERIDAN**

2024 Wes Weddle Award Winner



Orville Filla

2024 Wes Weddle Award Winner



Ken Vokac

2024 Wes Weddle Award Winner



Susan Enyeart

2024 Wes Weddle Award Winner



Bob Fama

2024 Wes Weddle Award Winner



Earl Jacobs

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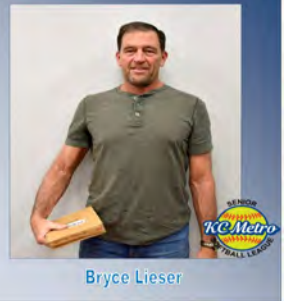
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**AMANDA BENSON**

Thursday 50+ Heritage Gold:

**JACK ACKERLY**

Thursday 60+ Draft Roe Park:

**MIKE REED**

Saturday 60+ Gold Roe Park:

**BILL RADFORD**

Saturday 60+ Silver Roe Park:

**KEVIN GARDNER**

Saturday 60+ Draft Roe Park:

**JIM FLEXMAN**



2024 Wes Weddle Award Winner



Jack Jackewich



# ***THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2024***

**The Presidential Award is one of the most coveted awards and is presented to the individual(s) who made extraordinary efforts leading to positive impact on the KCMSSL. The President puts forth nominations and the Board of Directors ratifies the Presidents choices.**

## **2024 Presidential Award**



**George Kramer**

## **2024 Presidential Award**

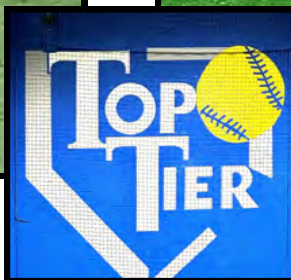


**Paul Heacock**



# Pre-season Indoor Practice

Groups of KCMSSL practice indoors between January and March in advance of upcoming sanctioned play that generally begins around mid April. Kudos to Ron Clary who helped make the connection between Top Tier Training Facility and the KCMSSL. Anyone seeking more information, contact Barry Gordon email [barrygordo@aol.com](mailto:barrygordo@aol.com)







# KC Metro Senior Softball League



Any KCMSSL member desiring to be a part of any of these committees should contact the committee chairperson (all CAPS & underlined) to discuss.

- **All Star Games / Picnic – GREGG**; Boos, Willkett, Johnson, Brad Uecker, Mike Curley, Tony Lenci, Bob Fama
- **Awards – GORDON**; Gregg, Jackson
- **Board Nominations – BERGER**; Gordon
- **By Laws – SCHOLLER**; Gary Pycior, Michelle Ciafullo
- **Equipment / Safety / Health – KENNEY, Berger**, George Kramer, Bob Fama
- **Finance – HEACOCK**, (DENNY WILLIAMS – ASST. TREASURER) Ray Harre, Bob Dona, Jim Glynn
- **Legal / Risk Management – HEACOCK**, Mike Curley, Ed Soltz
- **Long Range Planning – HENDRIKSE**; Scholler, Heacock, Gary Pycior
- **Membership Survey – BERGER**; Gordon, Gregg, Willkett, Scholler, Harlan, Mark Spletstaszer, James Jones, Mike Koontz, Ray Harre, Gary Pycior
- **Marketing & Recruiting – HENDRIKSE**; Mondl, Jackson, Gordon, Mike Curley, Susan Enyeart, Gary Pycior, Brad Anderson
- **Membership Database / Dues – GORDON**; Berger, Harlan, Jim Chastain
- **Military Service Wall – MONDI**, Berger
- **Mission Statement / Goals – HEACOCK**; Kenney, Jim Chastain
- **New Member Welcoming – BERGER**; Gordon, Kenney, Tim Meder
- **Operations Notebook – GORDON**; Hendrikse, Berger, Mike Curley
- **Player / Team Ratings & Competition – BERGER**; Gregg, Jim Chastain, Jack Allen, Gary Pycior
- **Rules & Protests**
  - **Draft – GREGG**; Hendrikse, Gordon, Mondl, James (JJ) Jones, Mike Curley, Ray Harre, Jim Chastain, John Lofflin
  - **Men's Competitive – BOOS**; Dehan, Harlan, Johnson, Bill Nees, Mark Spletstaszer
  - **Women's & Co-Ed – WILLKETT**; Scholler, Susan Enyeart
- **Social Media – MONDI**; Hendrikse, Jackson, Terry Cloutier, Jim Chastain, Terry Nichols, Susan Enyeart, Gary Pycior
- **Special Projects – SCHOLLER**; Kenney, Steve Krull, Tony Lenci, Kathy Kochersperger, Susan Enyeart
- **Sportsmanship – DEHAN**, Harlan, Kenney, Jackson, Johnson
- **Tournaments – GREGG**; Berger, Boos, Gordon, Willkett, Jackson, Gary Pycior
- **Umpires – DEHAN**; Scholler



# Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(You may register online: <https://kcseniorsoftball.org/> ...or complete this form and mail, or email, it to the address below)

NAME  DATE OF BIRTH (yyyy-mm-dd)

FULL MAILING ADDRESS

CONTACT PHONE: CELL  HOME  WORK

EMAIL ADDRESS: 1)  2)

Please skill-rate yourself. Platinum  Gold  Silver  Bronze

My best position is: 1:  2:  3:

In consideration of my application and admission to participate in the Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League (hereinafter "KCMSL"), hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as stated below.

- I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS from any and all claims, liability, causes of action, and all other remedies that I have or may have in the future, including any such right arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or other causes of action of any kind that may hereafter accrue to me, resulting in my participation in, traveling to, or any association with an "activity" as defined herein:
  - KANSAS CITY METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE, its Board of Directors and all other agents, representatives, and contractors of KCMSL, all its members, volunteers and any others participating in or associated with a KCMSL activity, and umpires (whether paid or unpaid) of any KCMSL activity.
  - ALL CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES in which KCMSL activities are performed, their agents and employees, and the sponsors of any such activities, their agents, employees, volunteers, and contractors.
  - ALL SPONSORS OF KCMSL, THEIR AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, as well as the sponsors, agents, and employees of any activity sanctioned, approved, or financially supported by KCMSL, and/or their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents.
- I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, the entities and persons named in paragraphs 1a. through 1c. above from any and all liabilities, claims, damages, and judgments, including attorney fees, arising out of or relating to my participation in a KCMSL activity, in whatever manner it may have been caused.
- I ASSUME ALL THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY AND ALL KCMSL ACTIVITIES. I recognize that I am solely responsible for my decisions to participate in any KCMSL activity.
- I CERTIFY that I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared or trained for participation in any and all activities mentioned herein, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional.
- I CERTIFY that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in this activity.
- I AM FULLY AWARE that KCMSL may have no medical insurance coverage for me or any other members, and that I am solely responsible for securing my own insurance.
- FAMILIARIZATION WITH RULES. I have been advised that the Rules of KCMSL are available online at <https://kcseniorsoftball.org/>, that it is my responsibility to read and comply with them, and that I may direct any questions about the rules to my manager or conference coordinator.
- HEALTH. I am in good health and have no known physical conditions that would prevent me from participating in Kansas City Metro Senior Softball.
- GOVERNING LAW/CONSTRUCTION. Regardless of where any claim, cause of action, or right may accrue, this document shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas, including the requirement to act in good faith.
- MEANING OF TERMS.
  - Unless clearly stated to the contrary, all examples and descriptions herein are by way of explanation and not of limitation, and every instance of the word "including" will be deemed to include the term "without limitation" immediately following it.
  - As used herein the term "activity" means and includes any game, practice, tournament, meeting, social gathering, ceremony, or other event that is conducted, authorized, scheduled, organized, sanctioned, or sponsored by, or is in any way related to, KCMSL.
- CONTINUING EFFECT. I understand that this Player Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk will continue in full force and effect at all times in the future that I am a KCMSL member, even if there has been a period or periods when my membership in KCMSL has lapsed for any reason.
- BY SIGNING BELOW, I expressly agree that this waiver and release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any portion of this waiver and release is held to be invalid by a court or other trier of fact, the remainder shall continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE COMPLETELY READ THIS PLAYER LIABILITY WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I GIVE UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT AND THAT I DO SO FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. MY SIGNATURE ATTESTS TO THIS ON BEHALF OF ME AND MY EXECUTORS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, ADMINISTRATORS, HEIRS, NEXT-OF-KIN, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS.

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KANSAS CITY METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE GAMES, YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE US A COPY OF YOUR "PROOF OF AGE" (driver's license) to attach to your Membership Database record, AND PAY YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Complete this form and mail, or e-mail, it to our Membership Secretary:

MARK KENNEY  
10855 Glenwood St  
Overland Park, KS 66211-1110  
[mkenneve@rst@gmail.com](mailto:mkenneve@rst@gmail.com) - 816.529.8968



## **PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES OR DRAFT CONFERENCE FEES**

As of the writing of this article 374 members have already paid their 2025 dues, with many of them paying their draft conference fee(s) at the same time.

Paying dues or fees via League Sheets is a secure and encrypted process, similar to any other purchase you may complete via an "https" address website. No one within the KCMSSL other than you have access to your credit or debit card information as a result of this procedure. Our online payment process is easy and convenient. It eliminates the

handling of checks or cash by all parties, which subsequently eliminates the need for us to access your database record to manually mark your dues as "paid".

Simply click on the "Online Player Registration" LINK at the very bottom of our website's home page <https://kcseniorsoftball.org/> , or the yellow "Online Player Registration softball ICON towards the upper right of this same webpage, and follow the steps.

Can't access your online record? Request a password reset by clicking on the "Reset it" button directly below your password entry window. NOTE: Look for your password reset link email to show up in your Spam, or Junk Mail folder. Additionally, note that the password reset links you are provided in these emails are recycled ones and have a shelf life. So, if the first link you receive does not work for you, please try again. Still having problems? Get in touch with Clint Berger - 913.481.7937.

Once you have accessed your record, update any outdated personal information on it, AND make sure you create and-SAVE a password for your record, or update the current one you think you have on file, so you can hopefully access your record next time without having to go through this "reset" process again. You are not allowed to alter your record's birthdate. If it is incorrect, simply e-mail our current Membership Secretary. Mark Kenney -

mkenneyedfirst@gmail.com or Clint Berger at clintberger@hotmail.com , so they can update it for you.

If you've completed your updates and paid your dues or fees. you're done. A payment confirmation email should be on its way to you. Again, your confirmation email may end up in your Junk Mail or Spam folder. Once your dues are paid, your manager will then be able to add you to his or her team's official online roster.

And if you still wish to pay by check or cash, you may still do so. Simply follow whatever steps you've taken in the past. Checks should be made out to KCMSSL and, if desired, can be mailed to: Mark Kenney KCMSSL Membership Secretary; 10855 Glenwood St, Overland Park, KS 66211-1110.

Please note that DRAFT conference team rosters are NOT finalized until "around" the end of March (when the actual draft process for each conference is completed). Therefore, even though we ask that you be patient relative to knowing what team you are on this season (in each conference), we do suggest you get in touch with your conference coordinator if your draft conference manager does not contact you by the 2nd week of April.

If you are a KCMSSL Lifetime Member (i.e., you have made a minimum of one KCMSSL dues payment at age 75 or older), your online record will show a \$0.00 amount due for your membership dues. Click on the blue-shaded "Register for 2025 Spring" button on your record so we can account for you playing the current season AND so each of your manager(s) can add you to their team's online roster. If you wish to pay for any draft conference fees at the same time, "check" each appropriate conference listing box's \$\$ amount. The system will total your selections, along with the corresponding online convenience fee amount, and provide you with an overall total amount to pay. Then click the "Pay now by credit card button. Once the pop-up payment box appears, enter your card number, its month and year expiration, the 3-digit security code (i.e., CVC), and click the "Pay \$\_\_" button.







## 2025 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Start Dates, Coordinators, are subject to change. And additional Age Groups (for any venue) may be added, or deleted  
 Competitive Conference Director – Clint Berger – 913.481.7937 – [clintberger@hotmail.com](mailto:clintberger@hotmail.com)  
 Draft Conference Director – Barry Gordon – 913.827.7722 – [barrygordo@aol.com](mailto:barrygordo@aol.com)



Day	Location, Age & Conference Classification	Coordinator(s)
<b>SUNDAY</b> April 6, 2025 → start date	Black Bob Park (14500 151st St, Olathe, KS 66062) <b>35+, and above Men's Competitive Conferences</b> Evenings – one 9-inning game - either starting @ 5:30 or 7:00. One single 21-game schedule	John A. Dehan – 913.897.7500 <a href="mailto:idehan@callthegame.com">idehan@callthegame.com</a>
<b>MONDAY</b> April 21, 2025 → start date	Hartman Park (700 SW Pryor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) <b>40+, and above Women's Competitive</b> Nights – 7-inning games starting @ 6:45	Ann Willkett 816.830.1408 <a href="mailto:doit14@aol.com">doit14@aol.com</a>
April 21, 2025 → start date	Independence Athletic Complex 17800 E Salisbury Rd, Independence, MO 64056 <b>60+, and above Men's Competitive Conferences</b> Nights – two 7-inning games starting @ 7:00. One 16-week (with end-of-season play-off) schedule	Susan Scholler 913.579.8568 <a href="mailto:redrider60166067@yahoo.com">redrider60166067@yahoo.com</a>
April 14, 2025 → start date	Frank White Complex (3901 SW Longview Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) <b>70+ Men's Draft</b> Mornings – two 7-inning games starting @ 10:00	Gary Pumphrey – 816.682.9963 <a href="mailto:gdpump@yahoo.com">gdpump@yahoo.com</a>
<b>TUESDAY</b> April 22, 2025 → start date	Independence Athletic Complex 17800 E Salisbury Rd, Independence, MO 64056 <b>50+ Men's Draft</b> Nights – two 7-inning games starting @ 7:00	Mike Curley 208.882.3536 <a href="mailto:curley@turbonet.com">curley@turbonet.com</a>
April 22, 2025 → start date	Black Bob Park (14500 151st St, Olathe, KS 66062) <b>50+, 55+ through 75+ Men's Competitive Conferences</b> Nights – two 7-inning games.... 70 & 75 division games are @ 5:30 & 6:30 all other double-headers will either start @ 6:30, or 7:30	John Hendel 202.669.0352 <a href="mailto:jhendel@gmail.com">jhendel@gmail.com</a>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> April 23, 2025 → start date	Hartman Park (700 SW Pryor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) <b>50+, and above Men's Competitive Conferences</b> Nights – two 7-inning games starting @ 6:30. One 16-week (with end-of-season play-off) schedule	Tom Reynolds 913.687.8350 <a href="mailto:treynolds1956@outlook.com">treynolds1956@outlook.com</a>
April 23, 2025 → start date	Happy Rock Park 7565 NE Antioch Rd., Gladstone, MO 64119 <b>35+ Mixed Hybrid Draft</b> Nights – two 7-inning games starting @ 6:30	Mike Reynolds 913.832.8370 <a href="mailto:reynoldsm98@yahoo.com">reynoldsm98@yahoo.com</a>
<b>THURSDAY</b> April 17, 2025 → start date	Hartman Park (700 SW Pryor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) <b>35+ Women's Hybrid</b> Nights – two 7-inning games starting @ 6:30	Bob Reynolds 913.961.7562 <a href="mailto:bbrey1947@gmail.com">bbrey1947@gmail.com</a>
April 24, 2025 → start date	Heritage Park (16050 S Pflumm Rd, Olathe, KS 66062) <b>50+, and above Men's Competitive Conferences</b> Nights – two 7-inning games starting @ 6:30	Dale Filsinger - 913.522.6089 - <a href="mailto:dfilsinger29@yahoo.com">dfilsinger29@yahoo.com</a> Duane Peitz - 816.797.8970 - <a href="mailto:dmpeitz29@sbcglobal.net">dmpeitz29@sbcglobal.net</a> 60-65+ – Jamie Carter – 816.589.9123 <a href="mailto:carterjam33@gmail.com">carterjam33@gmail.com</a> 70-75+ – Bob Fama – 816.679.4912 <a href="mailto:bobfama@yahoo.com">bobfama@yahoo.com</a>
April 24, 2025 → start date	Frank White Complex (3901 SW Longview Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) <b>60+ Men's Draft</b> Mornings – two 7-inning games starting @ 10:00	Jeff Harlan – 816.260.8428 <a href="mailto:jharlan87@gmail.com">jharlan87@gmail.com</a>
<b>SATURDAY</b> April 29, 2025 → start date	Roe Park (10400 Roe Ave, Overland Park, KS 66207) <b>60+ Men's Draft</b> Mornings – two 7-inning games @ 9:30 & 10:30 <b>65+ Men's Competitive Conferences</b> Mornings – one 9-inning game – starting at 8:00	Kim Nordike 816-213-6343 <a href="mailto:knordike25@yahoo.com">knordike25@yahoo.com</a>
April 24, 2025 → start date	Heritage Park (16050 S Pflumm Rd, Olathe, KS 66062) <b>50+, and above Men's Competitive Conferences</b> Nights – two 7-inning games starting @ 6:30	Deb Brown – 816.678.9158 <a href="mailto:brownchild1@aol.com">brownchild1@aol.com</a>
April 24, 2025 → start date	Frank White Complex (3901 SW Longview Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) <b>60+ Men's Draft</b> Mornings – two 7-inning games starting @ 10:00	Monte Johnson – 913.221.8493 <a href="mailto:monte.johnson@lumen.com">monte.johnson@lumen.com</a>
April 24, 2025 → start date	Frank White Complex (3901 SW Longview Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) <b>60+ Men's Draft</b> Mornings – two 7-inning games starting @ 10:00	Paul Heacock 913.707.7079 <a href="mailto:pheacock@BasicRelationships.com">pheacock@BasicRelationships.com</a>
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**NOTE: Women may play on men's teams as long as they fit the age and ratings criteria. The only underage exception is that 40+ women may play on 50+ men's Draft teams.**



## 2025 Rule Changes Ann Willkett, Chairperson Rules Committee



Before you know it, it will be time to “PLAY BALL”. With that comes additions and changes to our existing rules. Please remember we have rules to be sure we keep things even and fair for ALL players and teams. Here is a brief overview of the additions and changes for this year. This is not all the changes, so be sure to check out the rule book for this year. New changes and rules will be italicized and bold.

1 – The first change is a more clearly defined definition and explanation of the exceptions to the rule of the runner from home not being able to advance to second. The runner can advance to second if a ball is thrown out of play (ie: in the dugout or over the fence). Other advances could be possible while following each venue’s ground rules (ie: Roe Park)

2 – Flip Flop Rule – The Flip Flop Rule for Competitive and Draft will now be the same. If the home team trails by at least seven runs, the original home team will bat first..... Here is where the change comes into play. If the visiting team begins the unlimited inning and is not ahead by 7 runs, if/when they are ahead by 10 runs, the flip flop will occur. Managers and umpires shall note any runners on base, and the current batter, in case the home team ties or take the lead.... Previously the runs needed were 15 in competitive and 10 in draft. This year they will both be 10 runs.

3 – KCMSSL will not be using the “Batting Position” rule that SSUSA adopted last year. **BATTING POSITION:** The batter must take an initial position with his back foot no further forward than a line defining the front edge of home plate. The batter will be called out if he hits the ball when the back foot is completely further forward than the line defining the front edge of the plate.

We will revert back to our rule: The batter must have at least some portions of both feet on or inside the lines of the batter’s box at the start of the pitch. A batter who steps out of the batter’s box at any time during the pitch and then hits the ball, fair or foul, shall be called out. “Steps out of the batter’s box” means one or both feet, totally, touching the ground outside of the lines of the batter’s box.

4 – KCMSSL will allow bat warmers to be permitted in all conferences. There are other rules and definitions that have been modified and better defined. Please see those in the new rule book. *Any changes will be italicized and in bold print.*



# **Hear Ye.....Hear Ye.....Calling All Sponsors!**

As most of you may have noticed, your KCMSSL has been the recipient of several sponsorships over the past few years. It's not by accident that such companies as Humana, CenterWell Senior Primary Care, RSM Medicare Specialists, Conroy's, Homefield, and others have chosen the KCMSSL membership as a target audience for their services.

Our KCMSSL demographic of active seniors is a group that companies are eager to reach. Our almost 1,000 members (+ families and friends) make for a very formidable dynamic group. Aside from some of the companies mentioned above, their competitors...along with gyms, community centers, sports equipment manufacturers, travel and tourism destinations, restaurants, hotels, etc., are all potential KCMSSL sponsors.

Sponsorships must benefit both participants. And with our sponsors reaching out to our almost-1,000 targeted men and women, they are in touch with an active group which is either already using similar services, or are prime candidates in need of such services in the very near future. Sponsors should strike while the iron is hot, and our KCMSSL's membership is a hot commodity.

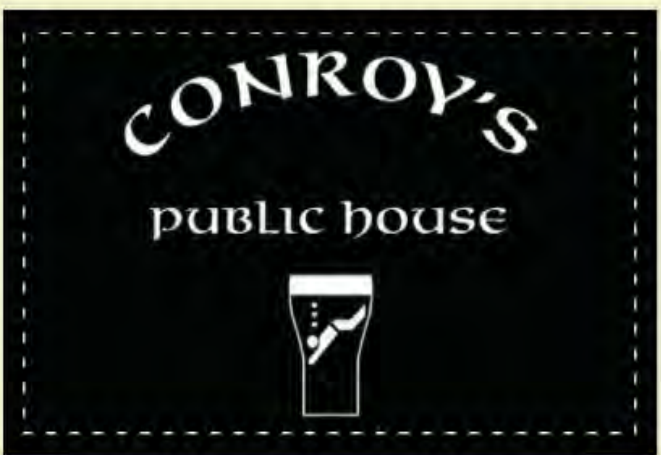
As a matter of propriety we do NOT share our membership database information with any of our current sponsors, nor will that strict policy change in the future. Any sponsor-KCMSSL member interaction is the result of mutual communication between both parties involved.

What does the KCMSSL receive from sponsorships? Aside from the obvious, a certain portion of their contributions help defray the expenses of our Annual Picnic/All-Star Games (in conjunction with the skills contests and the corresponding raffle) as well as our annual awards costs. The league takes immense pleasure in knowing our sponsors are helping promote non-profit organizations within their local communities.

We are always looking for more sponsors and would love to add more of them to our growing list. If you know of any company that might be a good sponsorship partner for us, or one which has expressed interest in reaching the KCMSSL membership, please contact Barry Gordon at 913-827-7722 or [barrygordo@aol.com](mailto:barrygordo@aol.com), and we will contact them immediately. Your help and assistance are greatly appreciated.

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# *In Memoriam*

**James (J.J.) Jones (01/17/2025)**



**Bobby O'Neal (11/03/24)**



**Marvin Droege (11/03/24)**



**Frank Pisciotta (10/16/2024)**



**Larry Pasquini (07/17/24)**



**Bob Brown (05/25/2024)**



# *In Memoriam*

Ron Buzick (04/04/2024)



Norm Comstock (3/19/2024)



Pat LaVergne (01/22/2024)



*As Ball Players and Members of Our Organization,  
We Relished Your Competitive Spirit and Camaraderie.  
you Will NEVER Be Forgotten.*





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## SPRING - 2025 DRAFT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

PLEASE CHECK EACH CONFERENCE YOU WILL BE JOINING

<p><b>MONDAY Morning</b> – 70+ @ Frank White Complex 3901 SW Longview Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081 Starts – April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 &amp; 11:00 AM <b>One 14 Week session / 28 Games; Two 7-Inning Games + "possible" Play-offs</b> Coordinators – Mike Curley &amp; John Hendel <b>\$61.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY Night</b> – 50+ @ IAC 17450 E. Salisbury Rd. Independence, MO 64056 Starts – April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 &amp; 8:00 PM <b>One 15 Week Session / 24 Games; Two 7-Inning Games + "possible" Play-offs</b> Coordinators – Tom, Mike &amp; Bob Reynolds <b>\$122.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY Night</b> – 35+ Happy Rock Park 7565 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO 64119 Starts – April 23<sup>rd</sup> – @ 6:30 &amp; 7:30 PM <b>1st Session – 15 Weeks / 30 Games; Two 7-Inning Games + "possible" Play-offs</b> <b>Mixed (men &amp; women) – Hybrid (Individual, or group-of-5) format</b> Coordinator – Kim Nordike <b>\$114.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY Morning</b> – 60+ @ Frank White Complex 3901 SW Longview Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081 Starts – April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 &amp; 11:00 AM <b>ONE 14 Week Session / 28 Games + Two 7-Inning Games + "possible" Play-offs</b> Coordinators – Paul Heacock &amp; John Hendel <b>\$62.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>SATURDAY Morning</b> – 60+ @ Roe Park 104th &amp; Roe Blvd., O.P., KS 66207 Starts – April 19 - 9:30 &amp; 10:30 AM <b>ONE 15 Week Session / 30 Games; Two 7-Inning Games + "possible" Play-offs</b> Coordinators – Gary Pycior &amp; William Wallisch <b>\$65.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Please note that if you are wishing to join any one of these listed draft conferences "after" the initial start date, your conference fee will be pro-rated based on the number of games already played for that conference relative to the number of remaining games for that conference. One of the corresponding coordinators will be the person determining that pro-rated cost.</b></p>

Add \$20 if female, \$15 if male age 35-39, and \$30 if male 40+, to the total above (for membership dues - if you have not already paid online, or via some other method). **NOTE:** 75+ year-old "Lifetime Members" (those who have paid once at age 75 or older) do not pay membership dues, but still need to register in order to be eligible to be added to team rosters and acknowledged as having participated.

**Total amount due = \$**  **Please make checks payable to KCMSSL. PLEASE NOTE: Completing this form does NOT correlate to any sort of electronic payment method. This is a "hardcopy" (hand-delivery, or mail-in) form only.**

You may personally hand this form (with payment) to one of your coordinators, or mail it (with payment) to one of your appropriate coordinator's addresses shown at the bottom of this page. Additionally, if you plan to play in multiple conferences, you may mail it to one of the appropriate coordinators assigned to any of those conferences.

**NOTE: If you are new to the KCMSSL, you will need to step-through the info requested with this online link:** <https://leaguesheets.com/league/6/>, or our **Membership Application form** <https://kcseniorsoftball.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/KCMSSL-Membership-Application-10-05-21.pdf>

By initialing below, I renew the Release, Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement I have previously executed with KCMSSL — which I can review online at the KCMSSL website <https://kcseniorsoftball.org/> and then log into my membership database record, and click on my "Profile" tab.

(Signature / Initials):

**DRAFT REGISTRATION**

Name:  Birth Date (YYYY - MM - DD):

Telephone(s): Cell:  Work:  Home:

E.C.I. (Emergency Contact Information – Enter name and ph. #)

Physical Address:  City:

State:  Zip:  Email Address:

T-shirt size (Check one): S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

If you are new to the KCMSSL: Please skill-rate yourself. Platinum  Gold  Silver  Bronze

My favorite defensive positions are: 1)  2)  3)

Please answer "Yes" or "No": I am willing to manage a team:  I might consider helping manage:

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