

# THE ST. LOUIS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## 2008 SPRING/SUMMER SESSION

The St. Louis Softball League will begin its sixth season of operation on Sunday, April 13, 2008. Leagues will be offered in Forest Park (Aviation and Central Fields) 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 – 5:00 p.m., 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.). There is NO grace period!

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

12 Games	Lighted Fields	Aviation Field/Forest Park	\$440.00
12 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	Aviation Field/Forest Park	\$405.00
24 Games	Lighted Fields	Aviation Field/Forest park	\$820.00
24 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	Aviation Field/Forest Park	\$750.00
12 Games	Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$395.00
12 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	Central Field/Forest Park	\$375.00
12 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$375.00
24 Games	Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$730.00
24 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	Central Field/Forest Park	\$690.00
24 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$690.00

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 22, 2008 to the following address:

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

Teams can still apply after February 22, 2008, 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 21, 2008. 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. For example: Coed – No sliding is allowed plus equal ratio (men and women) lineups are required. All leagues – a compressed lineup will be used if a game injury occurs and a team does not have a substitute available (teams must have at least nine players available to play or they will forfeit), teams can bat up to eighteen players and a courtesy runner (the last player that makes an out in men's or women's or the last player of the same sex that makes an out in coed) will be allowed if a game injury occurs ONLY. Teams should check [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) to see which bats are not allowed in league play.

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. Teams that play on Central Field in Forest Park or at any of the South City fields can bring coolers/containers to their games, but the glass bottle rule is still in effect. 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.

Teams that forfeit **two games** in the **twelve** single game season or **four games** in the **twenty-four game** (doubleheader) season will be **disqualified** for the remainder of the session and the playoffs. A **new** schedule will be issued to the remaining teams. Teams that **forfeit** the **first game** of a doubleheader due to the lack of the minimum amount of players (**nine**) that they need to play a game with, have twenty minutes from the first game's starting time to be ready to start the second game. Teams that do not have at least nine players by then will **forfeit** the second game.

Players, managers and/or coaches who are ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct such as arguing with an umpire, using profane language or arguing or fighting with an opposing manager, coach or player will be suspended for the remainder of that game and the next two scheduled weeks (byes and rained out games do not count towards the completion of the suspension) for the first occurrence. If these same players, managers and/or coaches are ejected for a second time, they will be suspended for the remainder of the session, including the playoffs! It is the responsibility of the manager(s)/coaches to control their team's game conduct.

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 five 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>
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 no runner(s) can advance! **In Men's (R) or Coed (R), if a player hits a ball over an established fence, no matter how many outs there are, the inning is over.**

The St. Louis Softball League and Metro ASA will again join together for a citywide playoff tournament at the end of the Spring/Summer session. The tentative date for the start of the playoffs is Monday, August 18, 2008.

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.

The St. Louis Softball League will supply game balls, score books, ASA rulebooks, schedules, roster sheets and tournament announcements. 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:

Central Field in Forest Park	Monday through Friday	March 24-28, 2008	3:30 pm-6:00 p.m.
South City Leagues	Monday through Friday	March 24-28, 2008	3:30 pm-6:00 p.m.
Aviation Field	Monday through Friday	March 31-April 4, 2008	3:30 pm-6:00 p.m.

Bases will be supplied for all fields (in Forest Park and at the South City locations). It is the responsibility of the home teams playing in South City parks to set the bases out at the beginning of the evening (first game) and the home team that has the last game of the evening must put them away. An equipment box to put the bases in will be located behind the backstop. The umpire will have a key to the box. Failure to get the bases out or lock them up after the last game will result in a forfeit that evening or at a later date.

Teams playing in the St. Louis Softball League that win their division and/or teams that win their bracket in the playoff tournament will have their choice of T-shirts or a trophy as their prize.

As has been the policy for the five 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, May 25, 2008 and Sunday, July 6, 2008) \*5:00 p.m. Starting Times**

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1 & SB#4	GLASS League	NL	TBD
*Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Men's (R)	NL	\$405.00
*Forest Park	Aviation – BB4	Coed (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (C) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	2 Men's (R)	L	\$440.00 Each
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	2 Coed (R)	L	\$440.00 Each
Forest Park	Central - SB-A & SB-B	Men's (R) DH	NL	\$690.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-C	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#5	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#6	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#8	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00

**Monday (There will be no games scheduled on Monday, May 26, 2008)**

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Men's (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Coed (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (S/C) or (C) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	2 Men's (C/R)	L	\$440.00 Each
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	2 Coed (R)	L	\$440.00 Each
Forest Park	Central – SB-A & SB-B	Men's (C/R) DH Lawyers League	NL	TBD
Arsenal Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Arsenal Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Men's (C/R)	L	\$395.00
Carondelet Park	SB#1	2 Men's (R)	L	\$395.00 Each
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#2	Women's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$730.00
Lyon Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$730.00
Tilles Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Tilles Park	SB#3	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Willmore Park	SB#1	2 Coed (R)	L	\$395.00 Each
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$730.00

**Tuesday**

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Men's (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Coed (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (C) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	2 Men's (C/R)	L	\$440.00 Each
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	1 Men's (C/R) & 1 Coed (C)	L	\$440.00 Each
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	Men's (R) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-A	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-B	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#6	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#8	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Arsenal Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Arsenal Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	L	\$395.00
Carondelet Park	SB#1	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$730.00
Cherokee Park	BB#1	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#2	Women's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	ABEA League	L	TBD
Lyon Park	SB#2	ABEA League	L	TBD
Tilles Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Willmore Park	SB#1	2 Coed (R)	L	\$395.00 Each
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$730.00
Willmore Park	SB#3	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Willmore Park	BB#1	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00

Wednesday

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Coed (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Men's (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (C) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Men's (C) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$820.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	1 Coed (R) & 1 Coed (C)	L	\$440.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-A	Men's (C/R) Lawyer's League	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-B	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Arsenal Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Arsenal Park	SB#2	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	L	\$395.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	L	\$395.00
Carondelet Park	SB#1	2 Men's (R)	L	\$395.00 Each
Carondelet Park	SB#2	1 Coed (R) & 1 Coed (C)	L	\$395.00 Each
Lindenwood Park	SB#2	Women's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	1 Coed (R) & 1 Coed (C)	L	\$395.00 Each
Lyon Park	SB#2	1 Coed (R) & 1 Coed (C)	L	\$395.00 Each
Willmore Park	SB#1	1 Men's (R) & 1 Coed (R)	L	\$395.00 Each
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$730.00
Willmore Park	SB#3	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Willmore Park	BB#1	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00

Thursday

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Coed (C)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Men's (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (S/C) or (C) DH	L	\$820.00
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	1 Men's (C/R) & 1 Coed	L	\$440.00 Each
Forest Park	Central – SB-A & SB-B	Men's (C/R) DH	NL	\$690.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-C	Men's (C/R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#6	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Arsenal Park	SB#1	Women's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Arsenal Park	SB#2	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	L	\$395.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	L	\$395.00
Carondelet Park	SB#1	2 Men's (R)	L	\$395.00 Each
Carondelet Park	SB#2	1 Coed (R) & 1 Coed (C)	L	\$395.00 Each
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Women's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#2	Women's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Women's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$730.00
Willmore Park	SB#1	1 Coed (C) & 1 Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00 Each

Friday (There will be no games scheduled on Friday, July 4, 2008)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Coed (R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Men's (C/R)	NL	\$405.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Women's League	L	TBD
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Women's League	L	TBD
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	Women's League	L	TBD
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	Women's League	L	TBD
Forest Park	Central – SB-A & SB-B	Men's (C/R) DH	NL	\$690.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-C	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#5	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#6	Coed (R)	NL	\$375.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#8	Men's (R)	NL	\$375.00

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