

Softball in Tower Grove Park

Dear Softball Manager:

A new year is upon us and it's once again time to get ready for the 2007 Tower Grove Park softball league season. Enclosed is your spring/summer softball league information and application form for 2007.

DIVISIONS:

Division 1 – Wednesday Nights

Division 2 – Thursday Nights

All divisions are co-ed, with a regular season schedule of 12 guaranteed games beginning Wednesday/Thursday, April 18/19, 2007. Accepted teams will receive notification of division assignments/schedules, at the latest, two weeks prior to the first scheduled game.

TEAM FEES:

The 2007 season team fees are **\$450.00 and include umpires, 6 game balls, a score book and A.S.A. (Amateur Softball Association) registration.** The top finisher in each division will receive a trophy and desk plaques. A post-season, single-elimination weekend(s) tournament will cap our year, with the winning team receiving T-shirts.

RETURNING TEAMS:

Those teams who want to guarantee the same night and division must submit their entry fee **in full** along with application by **Friday, March 2, 2007.**

NEW TEAMS:

New Teams must submit a minimum deposit of \$200.00 along with application and roster to be considered. New teams are admitted on a 'space available' and then first come-first served basis. The **balance** of the team fee for accepted teams will be due by **Friday, March 16, 2007.** Your deposit will not be cashed until you are officially entered into a league. If you are not entered into a league, your deposit will be mailed back to you two weeks after the season has begun. We will do our best to accommodate all new team requests regarding division placement.

All league fees must be paid in full before the start of the season. Teams will not be allowed to participate in games until this requirement is met. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Once your team is placed in the league, there is \$100.00 forfeiture for deciding not to participate. We reserve the right to offer an alternative division to returning teams who, based on past years' records would be better suited in another level of 'competition'. We also reserve the right to refuse application from teams who had three (3) OR MORE FORFEITS LAST YEAR. In such cases, any fees submitted would be refunded in their entirety should we not be able to come to a mutually agreeable solution.

*****Note*****

Due to increasing liability costs, A.S.A. is now requiring that individual players sign all rosters before participating in league games. Teams without rosters will automatically forfeit their game until rosters are received at the park office. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

After a player is on a team roster, he or she is not allowed to play with another team in the Tower Grove Park softball league.

Rainouts will be made up as soon as possible. Field dates and times will be designated through the office's discretion. **Due to the limited availability during the weekdays, weekend dates will be utilized.** Managers only will be mailed or faxed rainout schedules. The office is not responsible for delayed postal deliveries.

League standings and other important information will be mailed to the team manager bi-weekly, or as needed.

If you have any questions about the application process, or about the league itself, please call the Park's Recreation office at 771-4484.

2007

SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE APPLICATION

TOWER GROVE PARK 4256 MAGNOLIA AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63110

(314) 771 - 4484

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 2, 2007 (returning teams), March 16, 2007 (new teams)

DIVISION INFORMATION: All divisions are co-ed, recreational leagues.

Play will occur on Wednesday, and Thursdays.

LEAGUE FEE: \$450.00 (Includes 12 regular season games, end of season single-elimination tournament, 1 umpire, game balls, pitching rubber, home plate, and team registration to A.S.A. Trophies will be provided for the top finisher in each division.)

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER

- 1) Fee in full, by returning teams, or
- 2) Minimum \$200 deposit by new teams

Check or money order only please, made payable to: **Tower Grove Park**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE

_____ **Returning Team**

_____ **New Team**

TEAM NAME _____

MANAGER'S NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE # HOME _____ **WORK** _____ **CELL** _____

MANAGER'S SIGNATURE _____

Below, indicate your priority of nights. If your team would be available to play on nights other than the ones offered, please indicate such for our information.

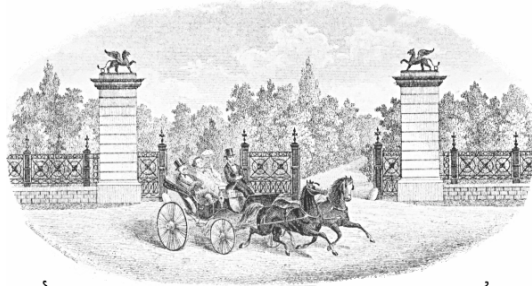
NIGHT

1 CHOICE _____

2 CHOICE _____

FOR OFFICE USE

REC'D _____ DEPOSIT _____ BALANCE _____ CHECK # _____



— **TOWER GROVE PARK** —

**ADULT WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

I AGREE TO HOLD TOWER GROVE PARK, ITS' BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIMS.
THEREFORE:

I acknowledge, agree and understand that:

- 1) Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate in an athletic league at Tower Grove Park.
- 2) I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in athletics that may result in injury or death to me.
- 3) I voluntarily elect to accept and assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by me while participating in athletic leagues on the premises of Tower Grove Park.
- 4) I release, discharge and agree not to sue for any damages, costs or cause of action which I may incur now or in the future as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause while participating in athletics at Tower Grove Park.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND THAT I UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS IN THIS WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM BY MY SIGNATURE ON THE SOFTBALL LEAGUE ROSTER FORM.

Participant's Signature _____

Participant's Printed Name _____

Date Signed _____



2007 SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE ROSTER



TOWER GROVE PARK

4256 MAGNOLIA STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63110 (314) 771-4484

Below, list all players who, at this time will be members of your team. Roster protests will be handled by valid photo I.D.

All official roster changes must be made by either the Manager or Co-Manager by 4:00pm on the business day before a scheduled game.

FINAL ROSTER CHANGES may be made up until 4:00pm on the business day before your 6th scheduled game.

TEAM NAME: _____

MANAGER: _____

CO-MANAGER: _____

NAME	BIRTH DATE	PHONE #	SIGNATURE
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
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14.	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____
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17.	_____	_____	_____
18.	_____	_____	_____
19.	_____	_____	_____
20.	_____	_____	_____



2007 TOWER GROVE PARK COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

1) The first team listed for each game is designated as Home Team and will be responsible for providing the game ball and a set of stake-down bases that they will also secure in place, subject to approval by the umpire.

2) The Home Team is responsible for notifying the umpire of the score at the conclusion of each inning or at the umpire's request. Home Team will also provide someone to retrieve out-of-play balls.

3) There will be No grace period for game-times. A team must have a minimum of 9 players present at game-time. If the 10th player is not in position to bat, it will be counted as an out. Upon arrival, the player must wait until the end of the inning in progress to join the game. A team may not play with only 8 players.

Note: The 2nd game each night is scheduled for 7:00pm. This in an effort to get the game in considering the daylight situation. If the 1st game is finished by 7:00pm, the umpire may start the second game at any time after that.

4) Substitutions: All substitutions must be reported to the opposing team's scorekeeper before the new player takes a position, either offensive or defensive. All substitutions must appear on the official roster. Players in the starting line-up may leave and only re-enter the game once and in the same batting position as before leaving. Any use of the extra player rule must be declared prior to the start of the game.

5) 5 male and 5 female players are required to make a co-ed game. It is a requirement of the co-ed league games to alternate sexes when batting and therefore, an equal number of each sex must be available and used at all times or a forfeit will be imposed.

If a man in the batting order is walked with 2 outs, the woman following has the option of walking or batting.

6) **No sliding is allowed.** Effect: 1st offense – runner is out; 2nd offense – ejection from game.

7) The 1-strike/ 1 ball will be in effect for **all** co-ed games.

8) 10 run rule after 5 innings and 20 run rule after 1 inning will be in effect.

9) If time permits, a game that is tied at the end of 7 innings may be played for a maximum of 2 more innings, or a total of 9 innings to determine the winner. If the game is still a tie after 8 or 9 innings, the game will be recorded as a tie. **No inning may start after 55 minutes of game-time have elapsed. This includes any injuries or discussions.**

10) Standings will be based on a point system based on 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a lose. The tiebreaker will be based on head-to-head competition.

11) No metal cleats will be allowed.

12) ALCOHOL POLICY FOR TOWER GROVE PARK- The consumption of beer and wine at Tower Grove Park is considered a privilege. The use of alcohol in moderation when associated with authorized use of Park facilities, picnic sites, festival, or field rentals, may be permitted. Any such use of alcohol is restricted to designated Park shelters, festival areas, or permit-based rental fields. Glass containers and hard liquor are not allowed at any time in the open Park. Abuse of alcohol, alcohol-related unacceptable behaviors, or any other violations or Park policy related to alcohol use will result in expulsion from the Park and possibly also the loss of general user privileges for the individuals or groups involved.

EFFECT OF ABUSE OF THE POLICY: Ejection from the game and a 1 game suspension. A 2nd occurrence per team will jeopardize their future participation in the league.

13) Ground Rule Notes:

BB 1-Playing area is from the backstop to the benches, then an imaginary straight line, parallel to the foul lines on both sides, past the outfield. (Benches are out of play). Right field: bush and first 3 trees closest to the foul line are ground rule doubles, if in the air. Left field: everything is in play. Balls hitting trees, in the air, in foul territory, are foul balls (strikes) and dead balls. They cannot be caught for outs.

SB 7-Playing area is from the backstop to the benches, then an imaginary straight line, parallel to the foul lines on both sides, past the outfield. (Benches are out of play). All trees in right field and right center field, in the air only, are ground rule doubles. Balls hitting trees, in the air, in foul territory, are foul balls (strikes) and dead balls. They cannot be caught for outs.

14) The official rules of the league, except as noted here, are the Official Softball Playing Rules as adopted by the Amateur Softball Association of America, (A.S.A.).

15) Any member of a team, player, coach, scorekeeper or manager who is involved in a fight with, or threatens anyone, including an official, will be removed from the game and must leave the park. This includes anyone who is guilty of disorderly conduct, or touches the clothing or person of an official, before, during, or after a game. The individual will also be suspended for the remainder of the current season. In addition, depending on the severity of the incident, the individual may be asked to attend a hearing to determine if further action is warranted. If the individual has been asked to appear at a hearing, the individual cannot participate in any games, until he/she has appeared at the hearing.

16) Due to the recreational nature of Tower Grove Park's softball leagues, the potential for serious injury to league participants, and the park's legal liability, multi-wall bats, carbon alloy bats, or flex-bats will NOT be allowed. Any team found using these bats during league play will forfeit the game in question and a second offense will result in expulsion from the league.

17) THE UMPIRE'S RULING IS FINAL

It is mandatory that all teams utilizing Tower Grove Park Ballfields leave a clean site after each game. Receptacles are provided on site for proper litter disposal.