



Adult Softball Leagues Frequently Asked Questions

Preseason

Question: When are registration materials available and where can I obtain them?

Registration materials are available February 15 – March 19, 2010. You can pick them up Monday – Friday, 8am – 4:30pm at:

MSCR (Hoyt Building)

3802 Regent Street

or

MSCR Storeroom

4711 Pflaum Rd (next to Perkins Oil)

You can also e-mail, mscr@madison.k12.wi.us or call 204-3024 and a packet can be mailed to you.

Please specify if you would like a men’s, women’s, or coed packet and leave your mailing address.

Question: When does registration take place?

Registration will be March 22 – March 26. You must have a minimum of 12 player contracts to register and all fees are due at registration. Registration is in-person (anyone may sign the team up), at the MSCR Office, 3802 Regent St. 53705.

March 22 (8am – 6pm) – men & women slow pitch

March 23 (8am – 6pm) – men & women slow pitch

March 24 (8am – 4pm) – men & women slow pitch

March 25 (8am – 6pm) – coed & fast pitch

March 26 (8am – 4pm) – coed & fast pitch

Question: I am new to the area and would like to join a team. Do you know of teams that are in need of players?

Teams in the MSCR program are formed by individuals, not by MSCR. However, we compile a “player pool” of players looking to join a team and make the list available to managers who are looking to add players to their team. If you would like to be placed on this pool, simply go on-line to our website at www.mscr.org. Select Adult Sports, then Player Referral Form. Submit the form and your name will be added to our player pool. Please fill out the form completely. There is no fee involved until you join a team. MSCR cannot guarantee that you will be placed on a team. If you would like to organize a team of your own, consider using the Player Referral Pool to identify interested players!

Question: What are the fees involved to register a team?

Division	Minimum Fee	=	Team Fee +	Player Fee (minimum player fee is \$228)
Slow Pitch	\$438	=	\$210+	\$19 per resident
Fast Pitch	\$453	=	\$225+	\$38 per non resident
Coed Slow Pitch	\$408	=	\$180+	

Question: Who are the leagues for?

Leagues are for men and women ages 16 and older who are Madison Metropolitan School District residents. You must have a minimum of 12 players to register. 50% of your roster may be nonresidents of the Madison Metropolitan School District. Not sure if you are part of the school district? Type in your address on the following website page to find out:

<http://drupal.madison.k12.wi.us/cgi-bin/mmsd/findyourschool.cgi>

Question: How many men and women are needed to form a coed team?

You must have a minimum of 6 men and 6 women to form a coed softball team.

Question: Where and when do I pick up balls/scorecards/rules, etc?

Teams that register in the MSCR adult softball program must pick up their season allotment of softballs, scorecards, and rules on May 5 and May 6 from 8am – 7pm at the MSCR Storeroom (next to Perkins Oil) at 4711 Pflaum Rd – just east of Hwy 51.

Question: I would like to reserve a diamond for team practice. How do I do this?

A letter explaining the pre-season practice reservation system and form will be included in your first “Time-Out” softball newsletter mailed on April 5, 2010. Mail in the bottom portion of the form with a self-addressed stamped envelope to MSCR. There is no fee for MSCR teams and rained out practices are not made up. Diamonds are available weekdays prior to 6:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-serve basis, but must be vacated at 6:30 p.m. if a team comes with a practice permit. MSCR personnel will be present to turn the lights on and off if you have a permit after 7:15pm at Warner, Olbrich, or Elver Parks. Once the MSCR season begins, all practices are first come-first serve, no practice permits are issued.

Question: When will schedules be available for teams?

Schedules will be mailed out to all teams the week of April 19 and will also be posted at www.mscr.org. Please share the website with your players.

Question: Can I play on more than one team?

People may play on multiple teams as long as they only play on one team per night. They must have a player contract signed for each team they play on. They cannot sub on Team A, even for one game, without a contract for Team A, even though they have a contract for Team B.

Question: Where are games played?

Games are played at 17 lighted softball diamonds located at five city parks located throughout Madison. These are the facilities slated for use in 2010:

Elver Park	1300 S Gammon Rd at McKenna Blvd. #1 - #4 in sequence, with #1 closest to parking lot
Goodman Park	100 block W Olin Ave near the Coliseum #1 – at end of long drive by rear parking lot #2 – closest to swimming pool
Bowman Fields	1700 block Fish Hatchery Rd near Capital Newspapers #1 – by service building – park in rear lot #2 – nearest Fish Hatchery Rd. – park in rear lot #3 – by rear parking lot
Olbrich Park	3400 block Atwood Ave between Sugar Ave & Walter St #1 & 2 – lot off Walter St #1 is nearest Atwood Ave.; #2 faces the woods/railroad tracks #3 & 4 – lot off Atwood by Olbrich Gardens #3 is adjacent to Thai Pavilian grounds; #4 is nearest Atwood Ave.
Warner Park	3200 block N Sherman Ave at Northport Dr #1 – by parking lot, closest to Sherman Ave #2 – on corner of Trailsway and Sherman Ave #3 – by parking lot, diamond in the center & closest to shelter #5 – by parking lot, diamond closest to the woods

In-Season

Question: The weather is bad outside. Are we playing tonight?

The Madison Parks Department notifies MSCR early afternoon to let us know the status of each field. We will have a posting on our weather website, www.msqr.org at approximately 3:30 p.m. You can also call the weather number for a recorded message @ 204-3044 x1.

Question: Our game has been postponed. What does this mean?

If a game has been postponed because of weather, it will be rescheduled after the 10-week regular season. All rained-out games will be made up on your regular night of play. Make-up schedules will be mailed to team managers and posted on-line at www.msqr.org.

Question: I ran out of softballs from my allotment. What is the correct way to use my season allotment?

MSCR will supply your team with enough softballs for the entire 2010 summer softball season (7 softballs). Here is how to use them so you don't run short later in the season:

Each game, the home team will provide the umpire with one new softball and one used softball that remains in good condition. If you follow this method your team should have enough softballs to always be able to supply the umpire with game balls when you're the home team. Following the game, the umpire will return the balls to the home team. Please contact MSCR with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Question: I lost an item at the game last night. Who should I contact?

Contact 204-3024 or msqr@madison.k12.wi.us with a description of the item lost, when it was lost, where, and at what field it was lost. The Lost Items list will be updated frequently. You should also go back to the field you lost the item at and talk to the umpire. They will check the base box with you to determine if the item was placed in the box. If items are turned into MSCR that match your description, we will contact you.

Question: Our standings are incorrect on the website. Who should we contact?

Contact 204-3024 or msqr@madison.k12.wi.us with your team name, league name, what night you play, and what the correct standings.

Question: How long do I have to add players to my team?

You have until 4:30 p.m. on June 21 to add players to your team. Fees for resident players are \$19 and fees for non-resident players are \$38. A resident is anyone whose address is part of the Madison Metropolitan School District. To verify your address, please check the website at:

<http://drupal.madison.k12.wi.us/cgi-bin/mmsd/findyourschool.cgi>

Question: Our team is not doing as well as expected or is doing better than expected. Will we be moving up or down in leagues?

League adjustments for teams, to balance league strength, will be made immediately following Round I, whenever possible. Revised schedules will be sent to teams that changed leagues the week of June 8 – June 14. Watch your mail as it may involve a change of diamonds and/or game times. Updated schedules will also be posted on-line at www.msqr.org. If you would like to stay in your league or move to a different one, please contact:

Coed and Fast Pitch Teams: Mike Freitag at 204-3037 mfreitag@madison.k12.wi.us

Men's and Women's Slow Pitch: TJ Rogness at 204-3035 tjrogness@madison.k12.wi.us

Question: I would like more information about fall softball.

Contact 204-3024 or msqr@madison.k12.wi.us with your name and address. You will be added onto our mailing list. Registration for fall softball is July 20 - 21. Space is limited though so it is critical that you register during the registration period.

Post-Season

Question: Our team is in-line to be in the playoffs. What are the next steps?

- A) If two different Round Winners exist, a single league championship game is held after the regular season. A letter is mailed to each of the teams involved in the game. It is the manager's responsibility to contact players.
- B) If a team won Round 1 and has been moved up and:
 - does *not* win or tie for the Round II Championship in their new league, they play the Round II winner from their original (Round I) league in a League Championship game.

-OR-

wins or ties for Round II in their new league, they participate in their new league's playoff. The Round I second place team(s) in their original (Round I) league is (are) declared the Round I winner and, if necessary, will play a playoff or a league championship game.

Question: What if there is a tie for first place at the end of a Round

If two teams tie for a round, the winner of that round's head-to-head match up is declared the Round Winner - no playoff is held. If three or more teams tie, a playoff will be held after the regular season (and rain makeups) to determine the Round Winner. A blind draw will be used to determine the match-ups for the tiebreaker playoff.

Do you still have questions?

Take a look at our "Time Out" Softball Newsletters located on our Information Page.
They hold lots of information for you to read.