



2018 MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION



MANAGER INFORMATION

Welcome back managers and players! We hope you are as excited to get on the field as we are. This year's season will begin on Sunday, April 29, weather permitting. Below is all the information and dates you need for this year's season. As always, please call the Parks and Recreation Office if you have any questions. Play ball!

MSA Annual Players Meeting: The 2018 Annual MSA players meeting will be **Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 PM** at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Auditorium. We will discuss the upcoming season, the election of officers and review bylaw changes. **Managers will be able to turn in their rosters at this meeting before the deadline.** Slow Pitch Team schedules will be available after April 25 at the Parks and Recreation office and online. Fast & Modified Pitch schedules May 23.

Elections: Elections will be held for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. We will also be looking for men and women to represent each division of play. If you are interested in running for one of these positions please contact the Parks and Recreation Office prior to the meeting so your name can be included on the ballot. MSA meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 5:30pm. These meetings are open to the public.

Bylaw Changes: Bylaw change requests can be submitted online at www.midlandsoftballassociation.com or on a Bylaw Change Form. Forms must be fully completed and received in person at the Parks and Recreation Office or by e-mail at recreation@midland-mi.org by 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 29**. If you were unhappy with a rule that is outlined in the bylaws, this is the time in which to propose changes. One ballot with all proposed bylaw changes will be distributed to and collected from each member in attendance on the night of the Annual Meeting.

Registration: **The non-refundable team fee and team registration card will be due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.** They will be accepted in person or by mail at the Midland Parks and Recreation office or can be paid online (minimal online service fee will be charged) at www.midlandsoftballassociation.com. If you use the mail, your registration card and payment must be postmarked by March 29. Teams will only be accepted after the due date if a team is needed to round out a league. **If your team is accepted after March 29 (or April 26 for MFP & MMP) a late fee of \$25.00 will apply.**

League Rosters: A minimum of 12 players signed and paid are required on the roster. There is no limit for players allowed per team, (except for the Grand Masters Gold 60+ league is maximum 18 players). The deadline for league roster submission for slowpitch is **Thursday, April 12** or team may forfeit first game. Fast & Modified Pitch roster deadline is May 10.

Schedules: Once the rosters have been turned in, schedules will be created based on a team's skill and player level. If a team has a scheduling request (ex. team wedding), these requests must be turned in on Thursday, March 29. We cannot guarantee scheduling requests but will do our best to accommodate them. Slow Pitch schedules will be available April 25. Fast & Modified Pitch schedules will be available May 22.

Fees: There is a team fee and a per player fee to participate. Team fees are non-refundable. Each player added to your team must pay the player fee (see chart below).

TEAM FEES							
	Slow Pitch MINIMUM Team Requirements				Fast & Modified Pitch MINIMUM Team Requirements		
	TEAM FEE Due Mar 29	12* PLAYERS Due Apr 12	TOTAL Team + 12 Players *(Minimum)		TEAM FEE Due Apr 26	12* PLAYERS Due May 10	TOTAL Team + 12 Players *(Minimum)
12-Game Regular League	\$200	\$444	\$644*	12-Game MMP League	\$300	\$540	\$840*
18-Game Municipal League	\$300	\$444	\$744*	13-Game MFP League	\$400	\$540	\$940*

PLAYER FEES	
12 Game Slow Pitch Player Fee	\$37.00 per team
18 Game Slow Pitch Player Fee	\$37.00 per team
12 Game Fast/Modified Pitch Player Fee	\$45.00 per team
Any non-player Fee	\$15.00 per team

Player Fee Note: *Each player added to your team MUST pay a player fee. The **District Tournament player deadline is June 15**, and the **League Tournament player deadline is July 15**, players who sign-up after those dates are only eligible for regular league play.

Team and Player Registration

Online In Person/Mail

Registration is available online at www.midlandsoftballassociation.com. Slow Pitch teams must be registered by **March 29**. Fast & Modified teams must be registered April 26. After a team is registered, additional players can sign up individually online. You must use your credit card online. *There is a convenience fee to use credit cards.*

In Person/Mail

Submit a completed team registration card, along with your **Slow Pitch team Fee by March 29. Fast & Modified April 26.**

The Parks and Recreation Department will only accept cash or check; credit cards will NOT be accepted. *Please make checks payable to Midland Softball Association or MSA.*

Midland Parks and Recreation: 4811 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, MI 48640. Open M-F, 8-5pm.

Roster Submission

Online

Once team is registered, players can sign-up individually online. The Slow Pitch team still requires a 12 person roster prior to **April 12**. Fast & Modified team **May 10**. *There is a convenience fee to use credit cards.*

In Person/Mail

Submit the completed paper roster form with a minimum of 12 signed and paid players to the Parks and Recreation Office by **April 12**. Fast & Modified team **May 10**. Additional players may sign up online.

Field Practice Registration: Diamond reservations for team practice will be 7:00 a.m. in person at Parks and Recreation office, 8:00 a.m. by telephone at 989-837-6930. Teams are allowed one reservation on the weekend and one during the week for each week below.

- **April 4** - First week for field practice sign-up. This reservation will be good from April 7 to April 13.
- **April 11** - Second week of field practice sign-up. This reservation will be good from April 14 to April 20.
- **April 18** - Third week of field practice sign-up. This reservation will be good from April 21 to April 27.

Divisions of Play: In MSA league play only, you may play on more than one team of the same division, provided that they are in different leagues. In District, Qualifying or State Tournaments you may only be on one team per division. Below is a table of the available divisions and their night of play:

* **12 game leagues will play 10 league games then be seeded into a double elimination playoff to declare a champion.**

** **18 game leagues will play 16 league games then be seeded into a double elimination playoff to declare champion.**

*** **Men's Fast pitch will play 10 league games then be seeded into a double elimination playoff to declare a league champion.**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Coed Desert (12)*	Coed Birch (12)*	MFP Municipal (12)***	MSP Municipal (18)**	Coed (12)*
Coed Green (12)*	Coed Cedar (12)*	GM Silver 50+ (18)**	MSP Aluminum (12)*	10MMP Superior (12)**
Coed Maroon (12)*	MSP Lead (12)*	MSP Tin (12)*	MSP Copper (12)*	GM Gold 60+ (12)*
Coed Orange (12)*	MSP Nickel (12)*	MSP Zinc (12)*	WSP Emerald (12)*	MSP Krypton (12)*
	MSP Titanium (12)*	WSP Topaz (12)*	WSP Ruby (12)*	MSP Lithium (12)*
	MCSP A (12)*			
	MCSP B (12)*			
	9MMP Municipal (12)**			
Leagues are ranked in ascending order each night by highest level of play.				
MSP= Men's Slow Pitch		MFP = Men's Fast Pitch		
WSP = Women's Slow Pitch		WMP = Women's Modified Pitch		
MCSP = Men's Church Slow Pitch		10MMP= 10 Man Modified Pitch		
GM Gold = 60+ Men's Slow Pitch		9MMP = 9 man Modified Pitch		
GM Silver = 50+ Men's Slow Pitch		(#) = No. of Games Scheduled in that League		

Playoff Tournament: Playoff tournaments will be held on your scheduled league night of play after your league season ends. All teams will be seeded into the tournament and a league champion will be declared.

Bat Testing: All bats must be tested by the MSA each season to play in the MSA Leagues. You must have the **D16** hologram legible on your bat.

State Rosters: A maximum of 20 players allowed per team. All league teams that participate in championship play (Districts, Qualifiers or State Tournaments) **MUST** submit their state roster online at gosoftball.com by **June 15**. If you are on a modified team and wish to play in both modified divisions, a separate roster must be submitted to gosoftball.com by **June 1**.

Classifications: Each year, every team is classified by the District Commissioner and/or a Classification Committee of the MASA. Classifications are based on skill level and determine where teams rank in state tournament play. An appeal process is available for teams who wish to appeal their classification. Visit the website or contact Parks and Recreation for this information.

District Tournament: Saturday, July 14 - Sunday, July 15. District Tournaments will be held for Men's Slow Pitch Class E & F teams. The fee for districts is \$150.00 and is payable when paying team fees or no later than Monday, July 9.

Senior Drop-in Program: Beginning on Monday, May 1 (weather permitting), any senior player 50+ that is interested in playing ball is welcome on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:00am – Noon. Please contact George Rapp (989-835-8029) for more information.

ASA Rule Changes: To view this year's updated rule changes, please visit www.masasoftball.org. These rule changes may affect your season. Please view these and contact Parks and Recreation with any questions.

Web Sites: Visit the webpage at www.midlandsoftballassociation.com for league standings, schedules, forms and other important information. You can also visit the new and improved MASA softball webpage at www.masasoftball.org for additional information.

2017 Association Highlights

2017 Improvements: Fence Repairs (Emerson & Redcoats), Insect and grub control (Emerson & Redcoats), Outfields rolled (Redcoats and Emerson), Lights replaced (Redcoats)

The Year in Numbers:

2017 Summer Leagues	2017 Team Count
Men's Slow pitch	55
Men's Church Slow pitch	9
Men's Grand Masters	11
Women's Slow pitch	13
Women's Modified	0
Coed	46
Men's 9Man Modified	0
Men's 10Man Modified	5
Men's Fast pitch	11
Total	150

Stay in Touch All Season Long!

Midland Parks and Recreation

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Thursday, March 29	Deadline for Slow Pitch Team Registration. Team fee and team registration card due.
Thursday, March 29	Proposed Bylaw changes due. Changes must be in writing and returned to the Parks and Recreation office by 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4	1st week field practice sign-up - Office 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Apr 7-13)
Wednesday, April 11	2nd week field practice sign-up - Office 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Apr 14-20)
Thursday, April 12	Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Auditorium
Thursday, April 12	Adult Slow pitch Team Roster Deadline with a minimum of 12 players signed and paid.
Wednesday, April 18	3rd week field practice sign-up - Office 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Apr 21-27)
Saturday, April 21	Early Bird Tournament
Wednesday, April 25	Slow Pitch league schedules and other information will be available
Thursday, April 26	Deadline for Fast & Modified Pitch Team Registration. Team fee and team registration card due
Sunday, April 29	Regular Slow pitch season begins (All Slow Pitch, Coed, Church, Grand Masters)
Thursday, May 10	Adult Fast & Modified Team Roster Deadline with a minimum of 12 players signed and paid.
Tuesday, May 22	Fast Pitch & Modified league schedules will be available
Tuesday, May 29	Fast Pitch & Modified Regular season begins
Friday, June 8 – Sunday, June 10	USA Softball Men’s Slow Pitch Class F State Qualifier
Thursday, June 14	Deadline for USA Softball State Tournament Rosters
Monday, July 9	Deadline for District Tournament Registration
Saturday, July 14 – Sunday, July 15	Men’s Slow Pitch Class E and F Districts
Monday, July 16 – Thursday, August 9	Fall Coed softball registration
Friday, July 20 – Sunday, July 22	USA Softball Men’s Fast Pitch Class B & C State Tournament
Friday, August 17 – Sunday, August 19	USA Softball Men’s 10-Man Modified Class A & B State Tournament
Sunday, August 26	Fall coed softball season begins

Weather Hotline:

You can learn about program cancellations and facility closures seven different ways!

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