

**CITY OF STEWARTVILLE
ADULT SOFTBALL
2017 MENS LEAGUE**

Eligibility: Open to all players. Eighteen years of age or current year graduate.

Fees: **\$350 (for 12 regular games)** – Due at City Hall by **April 7, 2017.**
– **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Softballs will NOT be furnished – Each team will supply their own umpire approved cor 52/300 ball (**NOTE: BALL CHANGE**). You can order softballs from the City at \$4.50 per ball. Please see registration form if interested.

Rosters: Preliminary rosters due **April 7, 2017 (see attached preliminary form)**
FINAL ROSTERS DUE JUNE 2, 2017 (form will be supplied by State and MUST be completely filled out – these will be included in the Manager’s packet).

- ❑ A player not listed on the roster is considered an illegal player and the team is subject to forfeiting its game.
- ❑ Twenty (20) players can be on a roster – no more.
- ❑ After June 2, 2017 a player can only be added to replace an injured player or a player who has moved out of the area. Once a player is taken off a roster he/she cannot be added.
- ❑ Player can **ONLY** be listed on one roster for the men’s league and can only play with that team – **NO EXCEPTIONS** – if an illegal player plays the team will forfeit the game.

League: Games will be played at Bear Cave Ballfields on Thursday evenings beginning **May 11, 2017 with last regular game on July 27, 2017. Play-offs will start on August 3, 2017.**

Classification: Stewartville Men’s League may have three classifications – if enough teams sign up:

“C” - 3 home run rule

“Upper D” - 2 home run rule

“Lower D” – 1 home run rule

Teams will be classified either C or D. The change is being made to bring us into alignment with other area leagues and to follow the ASA-MSA rules.

VERY IMPORTANT: The intent of the team classification system is to place teams in a division in which they are competitive. When a team disregards all principles of fair play by intentionally competing at a level below their ability in an attempt to win a championship or play in competition, the team has not only cheated themselves but also the entire program. Therefore, the classification rule listed below will apply to all divisions of play within the program. The teams that fail to comply with the classification rule will forfeit all remaining games and entry fees if discovered during the softball program.

Classification Rule: A team is defined as the number of players required to play a particular sport, not the number of players allowed on a roster. Examples: (1) A team has five players or more that play on a C team in another league; they must play in the C league in Stewartville. (2) A team has five players or more that play on a B team in another league, they CANNOT play in Stewartville as we do not have a B classification. Teams found in violation of the classification rule shall be immediately disqualified from completion.

Balls: Each team will need to supply their own umpire approved cor 52/300 ball. The NEW BALL SIZE is a requirement of the ASA-MSF due to safety concerns. Teams can order softballs through the City at \$4.50 per ball. Please see registration form if interested.

Bats: A list of approved legal bats can be found at www.teamusa.org.

Mats: Mats will be used at home plate. If ball hits the mat or the plate it is a strike – no questions asked.

Cancellations: All cancellations will be sent to team manager's email and the City's Facebook page or players can call City Hall at 533-4745 between 4 and 5 p.m.

Rain-outs: If a game has a rain-out it will be rescheduled for a later day.

Playoffs: All teams will be included in a single elimination tournament based upon how they finish during regular season.

Schedules: Rules and schedules will be available at City Hall on April 19, 2017. City Hall hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rules: The League will be governed by the 2017 ASA Rule Book, with certain variations adopted by the city.

**2017 MENS SOFTBALL LEAGUE
REGISTRATION**

**NAME OF
TEAM** _____

MANAGER _____

Address _____

Phone _____

***E-Mail** _____

Please include manager's email as we will be using this as notification of rain-outs, etc. Thank you!!!

CLASSIFICATION ___Upper ___ Middle ___ Lower

- **Include fee of \$350 – make check payable to City of Stewartville and return to City Hall by April 7, 2017.**
- **Include preliminary roster (see attached form) by April 7, 2017.**
- **The Final roster will be required to be filled out on the NSA-MSF form and due no later than June 2, 2017. This form will be included in the Manager's packet.**
- **The City will have sole discretion in what division they will play.**

The City can order softballs from the State for \$4.50 each. If you are interested in purchasing one or more balls please indicate the number you would like to order.

_____ times \$4.50 per ball = Total due _____
Please include check for balls with registration.

