

CITY OF STEWARTVILLE  
ADULT SOFTBALL  
MENS LEAGUE

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

**Fees:** \$375 for 11 regular games plus double elimination tournament  
\*Due in Civic Rec by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Softballs will NOT be furnished. Each team will supply their own umpire approved cor **52/300 balls**. Cost of softballs are \$5.00, to order softballs in Civic Rec please use the drop-down option during registration.

**Rosters:** Preliminary rosters are due by April 8<sup>th</sup> in the coaches portal. **Final rosters are due by June 7<sup>th</sup>, any changes need to be done in the coaches portal by this date.** All final rosters will be printed by City Hall, from Civic Rec and sent to USA Softball League.

- 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 the first Thursday in May. No games will be played on the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>, unless a makeup game is required. Playoffs will start the Thursday following the 11 regular games.

**Classification:** Stewartville Men's League may have three classifications – if enough teams sign up:  
    **"C" - 3 home run rule & implementing ONE UP Rule**  
    **"D" – 2 home run rules**

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 USA Softball rules.

VERY IMPORTANT: The intent of the team classification system is to place teams in a division in which they are competitive. 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.

Bats: A list of approved legal bats can be found at [www.teamusa.org](http://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: Managers will receive a phone call for any cancelations.

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 double elimination tournament based upon how they finish during regular season.

Schedules: Rules and schedules are available to each player in their Civic Rec account. Managers can pick up their USA softball packet and softballs at City Hall April 26<sup>th</sup>; hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

Rules: The League will be governed by the USA Softball Rule Book, with certain variations adopted by the city. Example: Any player or manager fighting during a game will be ejected and ineligible for three games/or removed for the season depending on situation.