

## Menasha Parks and Recreation Department Men's & Coed Adult Softball Information

### 2016 Team Registration Dates:

Until April 1 – Returning teams

Starting April 4 – Open registration until leagues are full

**Typical Maximum Number of Teams:** Coed – 20 total                      Men's – 8 each division per night

**Entry Fee:**                      \$505—Men's                      \$370—Coed (no fee increase for 2016!)

One-half of the Entry Fee (\$253 Men's Leagues and \$185 Coed league) due with registration form and roster (signed by each player) during the announced registration period. This fee is non-refundable, but does guarantee you a spot in the league.

**Balance:**                      Balance of Entry Fee is due by Friday, April 29 for all leagues! **Failure to have all completed paperwork and fees to the MPRD office by this deadline may result in game forfeiture until all missing and/or incomplete information is received. All fees must be paid for at the MPRD office; fees will not be accepted by officials at the ball diamond.**

**Team Rosters/Participation Agreement – All players must read the agreement and initial the roster!**

The minimum roster size is 14, the maximum is 20. **Any player can be added until Friday, June 3.** Captain will turn in a roster initialed by all members of their team.

**League Class Levels:** Teams are urged to make a realistic assessment of the overall skill of their team and register in the appropriate league! Class levels are based on a scale of A-D.

**2015 League Champions of a less competitive league will be moved to a more competitive league on the same night if it becomes necessary to accommodate another team for any reason.**

**Registration will be denied unless a minimum 14-player roster/participation agreement (fully completed) and entry fee are submitted at time of registration.**

<u>Expected Leagues</u>	<u>Likely Diamond</u>	<u>Starting Date</u>
Sunday - Coed Leagues (2 leagues)	Jefferson East, West	May 8
Monday - Men's League (Class C and below)	Jefferson East, West	May 9
Thursday - Men's Northern (Class C and below)	Jefferson West	May 12
Thursday - Men's Southern (Class B and above)	Jefferson East	May 12

**\*\*The MPRD reserves the right to move teams it feels would be better suited to another league on the same night or will balance out the number of teams in two leagues.**

Leagues may be combined if a minimum number of teams do not register.

**Captains' Meeting and Bat Approval:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:15pm at the Memorial Building (640 Keyes Street) for Men's teams and 6:45pm for Coed teams. All bats used for play in any Menasha league must have a small "approved" sticker on it. If not previously approved, bring your bats to the Captains' meeting. (This is your best option for getting bats approved.) Bats with a Neenah or Appleton sticker do not need Menasha approval.



**Individual team Beer Permits Required:** If your team would like to consume beer before or after your games (remember, no beer drinking during games), you will need to take out a Beer Permit for \$5. **No permit = no drinking at the ball diamond.** The end time for all permits is 10:00pm, so consumption after a late game is not allowed.

**Game Schedules:** By attending the Captains' Meeting, team representatives usually have an opportunity to provide input on how a league will be scheduled. All captains providing an email address will be emailed the schedule and any cancellations. Schedules will also be posted on the website.

**Reserving Fields for Practice:** Reservations for city ball diamonds are taken at the Park and Recreation office, second floor, City Hall. Reservations are limited to two-hour segments with no more than two practices per two-week period. There is no charge for reservations; a confirmation will be emailed to the team captain or manager when a diamond is reserved for practice. Practice availability will be based on field conditions. Call 967-3640 or stop in for diamond availability.

**Playing Unregistered Players:** The player will be suspended for two games and team will receive a one-game forfeit of a future or past game if no games remain. Future violations could bring a complete team suspension from present or future league play.

**Bats and Balls for 2016:** Player safety is the number one consideration for all of our leagues. Captains or players are responsible for making sure a bat is legal before buying or using it. If you are in doubt, check the ASA website or make an appointment to have the Parks and Recreation Director check it out. We recommend you leave the wrapper on the bat if you are bringing it in. No titanium bats. Composite bats ok if they are on the ASA approved list. **All bats must have an "approved" sticker attached to the handle prior to use in any Menasha league.** Stickers can be obtained at the April 21 Captains' meeting or by setting up an appointment. Contact PRD Tungate (967-3641 or [btungate@ci.menasha.wi.us](mailto:btungate@ci.menasha.wi.us)) to schedule a time. Bats will be limited to a 1.20 BPF (Bat Performance Factor). BPF is marked on all new bats. New bats should not exceed 1.20 BPF and national softball organizations (ASA, USSSA) support a BPF limit. Contact the MPRD if you have any questions about whether a bat is legal or not. Double-walled bats will be allowed provided they have a 1.20 BPF printed on the bat. A lengthy list of approved bats can be found at [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) under Certified Equipment. In rare cases a bat with a 2000 or 2004 ASA certification mark may now be banned. Go to the ASA website or stop by the MPRD office to check on a bat before you commit to purchasing it! Another good source of bat information is [www.justbats.com](http://www.justbats.com). A restricted flight .40 Core Poly Ball will again be used.

**Umpires & Scorekeepers:** If you know of anyone interested in officiating or scorekeeping this season, ask them to contact the MPRD at 967-3640. By helping to recruit good people, the teams can have a direct impact on the quality of the league. Thanks.

**League Rules:** Pick up a copy of the league rules when returning your team fee, player fees and roster. Rule modifications may be considered at the Captains' meeting. Rules are subject to change at any time. Captains are responsible for briefing their players on the league rules.

**Menasha Parks and Recreation Department  
Men's & Coed Softball  
Team Registration Form 2016**

**Important Note:** Minimum Entry Fee of \$253 for Men's leagues and \$185 for Coed league along with complete team roster are due with this form. Captains should pick up a copy of the league rules when registering their team. **Registration will be denied unless a minimum 14-player roster/participation agreement (fully completed) and minimum Entry Fee are submitted. The remainder of fees may accompany the roster, but must be in no later than Friday, April 29 for all leagues. Failure to have all completed paperwork and fees to the MPRD office by this deadline may result in game forfeiture until all missing and/or incomplete information is received. All fees must be paid for at the MPRD office; fees will not be accepted by officials at the ball diamond.**

(Please Print Neatly)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Former Team Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

We are a:            \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Team

                          \_\_\_\_\_ Other

League Preference:    \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Coed Blue (a little more competitive)

                          \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Coed White

                          \_\_\_\_\_ Monday Men's League (Class C and below)

                          \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday Men's Northern (Class C & Below)

                          \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday Men's Southern (Class B & Above)

Other Division/Night you would accept: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* To ensure league balance in terms of number of teams per league and team equality, the MPRD reserves the right to place teams in the league of its choice. 2015 champs of lower divisions will be moved up if it becomes necessary to accommodate another team for any reason.**

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_