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MEMO TO: 2020 Softball Managers
FROM: Jackie Schweitzer, Director
SUBJECT: Registration for 2021 Softball Season

The calendar has turned and it is officially time to think spring and softball for another season! So, planning ahead, attached you will find the necessary paperwork for registering your team for the 2021 Greendale Park and Recreation softball league program.

First, I want to say “thank you” to each of you managers for making it possible for us to open up the Adult Softball program this past summer in midst of the COVID-19 pandemic....”we” did it together and safely, and are anticipating we will be in a better place for Summer 2021...or at least we’re moving forward in planning that we’ll have a program again this Summer of 2021 (if we could do it in 2020 I’m very confident we’ll do it even better and safer in 2021)!

Secondly, Derek Donlevy our Recreation Supervisor resigned his position in September 2020, and we plan to eventually replace his position, but due to limited program opportunities, fiscal situations, etc. we are holding off on that replacement a little longer...so our office Administrative Assistant Alexandra Gates and I are your contact people through the registration period.

If your team does not intend to return, we would **really appreciate an email ASAP and definitely before the deadline**, as we do receive calls from teams looking to play in a league (they are calling around to many different communities), and we’d like to fill ours as soon as possible to maximize the game potential for teams in our leagues. Also, if we don’t have enough teams in a league, we need to give time to the teams who did register to find another league in which to play. Your cooperation with this request will be most appreciated!

Contract and Fee

Enclosed is the contract form that must be completed and returned, along with the registration fee, to the Recreation Office no later than Friday, March 5th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. This is the only way to insure your team a spot in our program. Please, do not wait until the deadline date to register and pay fees. League entry checks should be made payable to “Greendale School District”. The league entry fee for 2021 will be \$340.00 (again, the fee includes the balls for the league-that is not an additional expense to your team). *Please note, if you need to turn in a personal check (while you wait for your sponsor check), you just need to let us know that when you turn in your contract. We will hold your check for a couple of weeks to give you time! We are more interested in knowing that you will be returning for our planning purposes! Please note that checks will **not** be cashed/processed until probably the start of the season so let a sponsor know this (the softball fees are part of our 2021-2022 budget cycle).*

Player Eligibility

Teams may carry as many players as it takes to put a team on the field (with 18 being the maximum number of players, and players **must be** 18 years of age when the league begins). A non-resident player fee of \$5.00 per person (reduced from \$10.00 previously) will be charged for each non-resident and there is no resident player fee.

Team Ownership

A reminder, as the manager of a team in our program last year, the team stays with you, not a sponsor or the players. If you wish to relinquish your position to someone else for this year, and in the future, that person must bring with them, in addition to the contract and fee, a letter from you indicating that you are turning the team over to the person.

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Fee Summary

Fees for the 2021 season will be the team entry fee - \$340.00 (due by March 5, 2021), plus a \$5.00 fee for each non-resident player. The non-resident fee is **not** due until the first game of the season. Player cards will be required for each player. These cards will be distributed at the manager's meeting.

Manager's Meeting/League Start

A mandatory (30-minute maximum) managers' meeting for the leagues will be held at the Greendale Public Library Community Learning Center Lower Level Meeting Room (5647 Broad Street). Enter through the main doors of the Library on Broad Street, proceed to the right of the Park and Recreation Office where there is a bridge/hallway. Take that bridge/hallway and then the door is to your right as you cross the "hallway/bridge" which will take you downstairs to the Meeting Room. There's also an elevator if someone in the group should need that available. We do ask that only one member of your team (preferably you) attend the meeting to continue to hold down the number of people gathering together and social distancing happens (and bring a mask/face covering).

Men's Leagues Manager's Meeting: Thursday, April 8th at 6:15 p.m.

Tentative League Start: Week of May 10, 2021 (May 13, 2021)

Co-Rec Leagues Manager's Meeting: Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Tentative League Start: Week of May 10, 2021 (May 11, 2021)

Due to summer holidays, games will not be cancelled in 2021 around the July 4th holiday!

Non-Returning Teams

Again, if you know your team will not be returning for the Greendale Park and Recreation 2021 season, we would GREATLY APPRECIATE it if you would send us an email advising us, so as we receive calls from teams looking to get into a league we can let them know before the March 5th deadline date. Your cooperation with this request would be greatly appreciated.

Team/League Openings

Based on the 2020 season, we would automatically be able to take teams in the following leagues:

Tuesday Co-Rec League (had 4 teams so could take another 4 teams)

Thursday Leagues Men (had 7 teams so could take another 1-3 teams)

We will work to fill the open team spots to their capacity for each league...so please help spread the word!

League Specifics

Finally, just as a reminder, the Department reserves the right to assign teams to the various leagues. We will move teams within the leagues before we add new teams (the new teams will have to fill in where the final openings occur). A breakdown of the leagues is as follows:

Tuesdays	Co-Rec (Men and Women)	4-16 teams (restricted flight) 12-14 week season**
Thursdays	Men's (based on the number of teams)	6-16 teams (restricted flight) 12-14 week season**
		**number of weeks adjusted based on number of teams registering.

We hope to see you back this summer for another great year of fast and fun softball! The deadline for the contract, and the fee of \$340.00, is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5th, for any returning teams.

Thanks for your previous support and continuing interest in our program.