

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League's

Extra Innings



A Message From The President...Clint Berger

First of all, my condolences to anyone reading this who may have lost a family loved one, friend, neighbor, etc., to Covid over the past couple of years. I will not stake claim that the KCMSSL has been squeaky clean with all of our procedures, but I do feel we have, to date, come through this pretty well. We can only pray we're on the downhill slide of this outbreak, and better days are ahead for everyone.

That being said, let's move on to more pleasant thoughts. I'm sure you are already looking forward to Spring – to be on the ballfield again – where we can renew old acquaintances, socialize, get the blood flowing with some intense exercise...and be able to tell that tall tale, at least one more time, about your MVP play, game, or season....back when!! Here's hoping you have a great 2022 season.

The current outlook for our upcoming season is for most of our venues to start with close to the same number of teams as last season. Some locations report they will be down a team, while others will be adding one, or so. Overall



I'm currently aware of six, maybe eight, new teams. Our 35+ Sunday evening conference at Black Bob Park is reportedly adding two new teams. That is encouraging -- seeing the addition of these "younger" teams to help solidify our foundation. And yes, there are always those teams, here and there, who won't be coming back – for a variety of reasons. Time does take its toll.

Our 2022 plans are again going to provide members with the annual All-Star Games / Picnic event, but this year's event – again scheduled for **Hartman Park on July 16th** – will have an expanded agenda. For now the plan is to double, or maybe even triple, the number of raffle items. Our committee is also working on various "Skills" contests to take place after the regularly scheduled games. More communications to come on both of these topics.

We also plan to have two Swap Meets again this season...since they have been so well received the past couple of years. **The 1st one will be in conjunction with our Spring Tournament – scheduled for Black Bob Park, Olathe – on April 23rd**, and the 2nd is figured to occur after the conclusion of our regular

conference season play.

No location has definitively be set for the 2nd one yet, but it could occur at Hartman Park, or again at Black Bob. More to come on both.

Our draft conferences continue to remain strong, supported by the competitive conferences. We also gain a bit of notoriety from some of the teams who travel to compete in the various tournaments around the country. I feel it is appropriate to acknowledge those teams' accomplishments. Two teams, based out of Independence, MO did well at the SSUSA World Championships in Las Vegas this past September. **The KC Vintage 55+** team won their 46 team AAA classification bracket, and **Big Daddy's Donuts (60+)** came in 4th in their 40 team AAA bracket. An **Ageless Wonders 65+** team went to the Huntsman Games in St. George, Utah this past October and took 2nd in their classification.

Don't forget to browse our "Online Store" <https://kcmssl.itemorder.com/shop/sale/> for a variety of apparel items utilizing our organization's new logo.

And in support of our ongoing **Ronald McDonald House** charity campaign, don't forget to collect all those "pull tabs" generated from your routine daily activities. Your collection may be turned over to your conference coordinator or any board member anytime you wish to do so.

In closing, I know the vast majority of our members "just want to play ball" ...and that's it. I get it. But, I'm going to ask the following anyway, in case there's that one person out there whom I can influence to become more involved. Simply said, please do not hesitate to give back to this organization – if you feel the urge. Ask your team manager, conference coordinator, or any board member what you can do to help make us a better organization -- for you, your fellow members, friends, and hopefully future members.



Board Committees and Chairs for 2022
Please ask how you can be of service.

All Star Games / Picnic – Gregg;
Uecker, Boos, Willkett, Cloutier
Awards – Gordon; Zimmerman, Gregg
Board Nominations – Berger;
Gordon
By Laws – Scholler; Pycior
Equipment / Safety / Health – Uecker;
Zimmerman
Finance – Harre; Tipton,
Legal / Risk Management – Harre;
Tipton
Long Range Planning – Hendrikse;
Scholler, Pycior
Manager's / Player's Survey – Berger;
Harre, Gordon, Gregg, Tipton,
Pycior
Marketing – Hendrikse; Mondl,
Cloutier, Pycior
Membership Database / Dues –
Gordon; Berger, Tipton
Military Service Wall – Mondl; Berger
Mission Statement / Goals – Tipton;
Zimmerman
New Members / Welcoming – Berger;
Gordon
Operations Notebook – Gordon;
Hendrikse, Berger
Player / Team Ratings – Berger;
Gregg, Pycior
Rules & Protests-
Rules – Draft – Harre; Hendrikse,
John Mondl
Rules – Men's Competitive –
Zimmerman; Gordon, Boos,
Dehan, Harre
Rules – Women's & Co-Ed –
Willkett; Scholler
Social Media – Mondl; Hendrikse,
Cloutier
Special Projects – Scholler; Steve Krull
Sportsmanship – Cloutier; Dehan
Tournaments – Gregg; Boos,
Gordon, Berger, Willkett, Cloutier,
Pycior
Umpires – Dehan; Scholler

2022 KCMSSL Conference Listing

<u>Day</u>	<u>Location, Age & Conference Classification</u>	<u>Coordinator(s)</u>
SUNDAY April 3, 2022 start date	Black Bob Park (14500 151st St, Olathe, KS 66062) 35+, 40+ Men's Competitive Conferences Evenings – one 9-inning game - either 5:30 or 7:00	John A. Dehan -- 913.897.7500 jdehan@callthegame.com
MONDAY April 18, 2022 start date	Hartman Park (700 SW Pryor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) 40+ Women's Competitive Nights – 7-inning games starting 6:45	Susan Scholler – 913.579.8568 redrider60166067@yahoo.com Ann Willkett -- 816.830.1408 doit14@aol.com
	Black Bob Park (14500 151st St, Olathe, KS 66062) 50+ Men's Draft Nights – two 7-innings games starting at 6:30	Dave Hendrikse -- 816.728.2457 dhendrikse@rosemann.com
	Independence Athletics Complex 17800 E Salisbury Rd, Independence, MO 64056 60+, 65+, 70+ Men's Competitive Conferences Nights – two 7-inning games starting at 7:00	Gary Pumphrey -- 816.682.9963 gdpump@yahoo.com
	Roe Park (10400 Roe Ave, Overland Park, KS 66207) 70+ Men's Draft Mornings – two 7-inning games starting at 9:30	Ray Harre -- 913.634.9210 rayharre48@gmail.com
TUESDAY April 19, 2022 start date	Independence Athletics Complex 17800 E Salisbury Rd, Independence, MO 64056 50+ Men's Draft Nights – two 7-inning games starting at 7:00	John Mondi -- 913.284.6005 jmondi@kc.rr.com
	Black Bob Park (14500 151st St, Olathe, KS 66062) 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ Men's Competitive Conferences Nights – two 7-inning games.... 70 & 75's start at 5:30, others start at 6:30	50-55+ – George Callas – 913.272.8157 llabtfos@sbcglobal.net 60+ -- Bobby Gregg – 816.288.0704 bob_gregg@live.com 65+ -- Bob Zimmerman – 816.835.1641 bobz@mycci.net 70-75+ -- Ray Harre -- 913.634.9210 rayharre48@gmail.com
WEDNESDAY April 20, 2022 start date	Hartman Park (700 SW Pryor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) 50+, 55+, 60+ Men's Competitive Conferences Nights – two 7-inng games starting at 6:30	Jeff Harlan -- 816.260.8428 jharlan87@gmail.com
THURSDAY April 21, 2022 start date	Hartman Park (700 SW Pryor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) 35+ Women's Hybrid Nights – two 7-inng games starting at 6:30	Deb Brown – 816.678.9158 brownchild1@aol.com
	Heritage Park (16050 S Pflumm Rd, Olathe, KS 66062) 50+, 55+, 60+ Men's Competitive Conferences Nights – two 7-inning games starting at 6:30	Brad Uecker -- 913.915.6144 uecker15@gmail.com
	Roe Park (10400 Roe Ave, Overland Park, KS 66207) 60+ Men's Draft Mornings – two 7-inning games starting at 9:30	Paul Heacock -- 913.707.7079 pheacock@BasicRelationships.com
FRIDAY April 22, 2022 start date	Hartman Park (700 SW Pryor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081) 40+ Men's / 40+ Women's Co-Ed Nights – two 7-inning games starting at 6:30	Susan Scholler -- 913.579.8568 redrider60166067@yahoo.com
SATURDAY April 30, 2022 start date	Roe Park (10400 Roe Ave, Overland Park, KS 66207) 60+ Men's Draft 60+, 65+, 70+ Men's Competitive Conferences Mornings – one 9-inning game -- Competitive game starts at 9:00, Draft starts at 10:30	Bob Reynolds -- 913.961.7562 psychobob@everestkc.net

NOTE: Women may play on men's teams as long as they fit the age and ratings criteria. The only underage exception is that 40+ women may play on 50+ men's Draft teams.



KC METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

<http://kcseniorsoftball.org/>

DRAFT CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION

PLEASE CHECK EACH CONFERENCE YOU WILL BE JOINING

MONDAY Morning – 70+ Starts – April 18 – 9:30 & 10:30 Roe Park 104th & Roe Blvd. Overland Park, KS 66207 10 weeks; two 7-inning games Coordinator – Ray Harre <input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	MONDAY Night – 50+; starts April 18 – 6:30 & 7:30 or 8:30 & 9:30 10 weeks; two 7-inning games Black Bob Park – 14500 W. 151 st Olathe, KS 66062 Coordinator – Dave Hendrikse <input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	TUESDAY Night – 50+ Starts – April 19 - 7:00 & 8:00 Independence Athletic Cntr. 17450 E. Salisbury Rd., Independence, MO 64056 10 weeks; two 7-inning games Coordinator – John Mondl <input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00
THURSDAY Morning – 60+ Starts – April 21 - 9:30 & 10:30 Roe Park - 104th & Roe Blvd. Overland Park, KS 66207 10 weeks; two 7-inning games Coordinator – Paul Heacock <input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00	SATURDAY Morning – 60+ 15 weeks; 1 9-inning/90 minute Game Starts – April 23 - 10:30 Roe Park - 104th & Roe Blvd. Overland Park, KS 66207 Coordinator – Bob Reynolds <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	

Add \$20.00 to total from above (for membership dues - if you have not already paid online, or paid already via some other method). **NOTE:** 75+ year-old "qualified" Lifetime Members do not pay membership dues.

Total amount due = \$ Please make checks payable to KCMSSL.

You may personally hand this form (with payment) to your coordinator, or mail it (with payment) to your appropriate coordinator's address shown at the bottom of this page. Or, if you plan to play in multiple conferences, you may mail it to any one of the appropriate coordinators assigned to your conferences.

NOTE: If you are new to the KCMSSL, you will either need to apply for membership, online

<https://leaguesheets.com/league/6>, or complete our Membership Application form (on our website)

<https://kcseniorsoftball.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/KCMSSL-Membership-Application-10-05-21.pdf>

DRAFT REGISTRATION

Name: Birth Date (YYYY-MM-DD):

Telephone(s): Cell: Work: Home:

E.C.I. (Emergency Contact Information -- Enter name and ph. #)

Physical Address: City: ST: Zip:

Email Address:

T-shirt size (Check one): S M L XL XXL XXXL

If you are new to the KCMSSL: Please skill-rate yourself. KCMSSL's Player Skill Rating is on a 10-to-1 scale (with 10 being best) comparing your Power, Batting Avg., Arm Strength, Speed, & Defense to your peer age group (players your own age plus those 2 yrs. younger, and older, than you). Calculate, below, your own skill rating (10-to-1 scale):

Power Batting Avg. Arm Strength Speed Defense . Add these 5 figures together, then divide the sum by 5. The resulting single number is your "baseline" 10-to-1 player skill rating. My rating is .

My favorite defensive positions are: 1) 2) 3)

Please answer "Yes" or "No": I am willing to manage a team: I might consider helping manage:

Ray Harre P.O. Box 6181 Leawood, KS 66206 913.634.9210 rayharre48@gmail.com	Bob Reynolds 12103 West 56th Street Shawnee, KS 66216 913.961.7562 psychobob@everestkc.net	Dave Hendrikse 14171 S. Alden Ct. Olathe, KS 66062 816.728.2457 dhendrikse@rosemann.com	John Mondl 10517 W 102nd Ter. Overland Park, KS 66214 913.284.6005 jmondi@kc.rr.com	Paul Heacock 11538 S Carriage Rd Olathe, KS 66062 913.707.7079 pheacock@basicrelationships.com
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CONFERENCE NOTES

Monday Morning 70+

Draft at Roe Park. With players ranging in age from 70 to 90 we are known as the old men of the League. Last year the championship was not decided until the last day. It should be a great time with six teams going for the gold. Roster spots are filling up quickly so sign up now to secure your spot. **Ten weeks of double headers 9:30 / 10:30 for only \$55.00.** Start date is scheduled for Monday, April 18th. Contact coordinator **Ray Harre for further information. 913-634-9210 or rayharre48@gmail.com**

Monday Draft at BlackBob Park

The 50+ Monday Night Draft Conference will be starting play in 2022 at Black Bob Park (151ST Street between Blackbob and Pflumm) in Olathe on Monday, April 18th. We are again looking at a strong 4 team conference for all ability levels with start times at **6:30/7:30 & 8:30/9:30.** It will be another fun and competitive season with balanced teams resulting in the conference championships being decided on the last week of play. The cost for the first 10-week session will be \$75.00 for two

7 inning games. For additional information or if you are interested in possibly managing a team, please contact **Dave Hendrikse, Conference Coordinator at 816-728-2457 or dhendrikse@rosemann.com.**

Monday Competitive Independence A C

We have a 60+ double header league that plays on Monday evenings at the Independence Sports Complex. All games are at 7 and 8 PM. We have four competitive teams, but we try to focus on having fun and enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow competitors. We currently have a need for 5-6 more players. We expect those openings to be filled soon, so if you are interested in joining, please contact **Gary Pumphrey (coordinator) ASAP, at 816-682-9963.**

In 2021 we had one long session . **Big Daddy's** had the best record by far for the season, but the conference ended with a mini-tournament that was won by the oldest team in the league - **R&D Leverage!**

Monday 40+ Women Competitive– Hartman Park

In 2021 the conference had a Silver Division and a Gold Division ; played two sessions Spring and Fall; and has always been noted for its spirited and competitive play. if you are interested in joining, please contact **Susan Scholler or Ann Willkett (league coordinators) at 913-579-8568 or 816-830-1408.**

Tuesday Competitive at BlackBob Park

The **Tuesday 55+ conference at BlackBob Park had four teams in the first session and combined with the 60+ conference for the second session.** The seven team conference was very competitive with **Floor It and More** winning the championship by one game. The conference is open to new teams and anyone looking for a night of competitive softball and camaraderie can **email George Callas at llab-tfos@sbcglobal.net.**

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Tuesday 50+ Draft at Independence A.C.

In the previously established tradition, the 2021 Tuesday 50+ Draft Conference at Independence Athletic Center completed another fine season of both play and camaraderie amongst its 56 players. Great play was exemplified by the closeness of the four teams' records and enthusiasm was fostered by the **Reynolds Brothers, Tom and Mike. Congratulations to the Blue Team** for winning both Sessions, again in close, fun filled outings. Good luck to **Jeff Silver** as he begins a life of retirement in Florida later in 2022.

Wednesday 60+ Competitive at Hartman Park

The conference spring session began with five teams and finished the year with four in the fall session. The four teams participating fought like **cats and "dawgs"** as they were well balanced and very competitive. For more information contact **Jeff Harlan at 816-260-8428**

Thursday Morning 60+ Draft Competitive

Roe Park

Due to some carryover from a previous session this is the best bargain around at only \$45.00 for the 10 week session of double headers 9:30 / 10:30. **Start date is Thursday, April 21st.** Player's ages range from 60 to 90 with the average last year being 73. Players of all ability are welcome. Sign up now to secure your spot on one of the anticipated six teams. **For more information contact Paul Heacock who will be taking over as coordinator. 913-707-7079 or email phea-cock@basicrelationships.com**

Thursday 50+ Competitive at Heritage Park

This conference contains very strong, competitive teams along with players that relish the opportunity to drive their dingers over fields that measure 285 ft. The divisions are marked off by age from 50+ and up and then by Gold and Silver classifications within the divisions. To keep

every game competitive, mandatory equalizers are used when a **Silver Team plays a Gold Team.** For more information contact **Brad Uecker at 913-915-6144**

New - Thursday 35+ Women's Hybrid Draft Conference at Hartman Park

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK!!!

IF YOU ARE TIRED OF PLAYING WITH THE 20-YEAR-OLDS AND THINK YOU ARE GETTING TOO OLD TO PLAY.... WAIT FOR IT, WAIT FOR IT.... MOST OF YOU ARE STILL TOO YOUNG TO PLAY IN THE 40+ CONFERENCE. **BUT WE HAVE AN OPTION FOR YOU!!!**

THIS YEAR THE **KANSAS CITY METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE** WILL BE WELCOMING A NEW CONFERENCE. **THE WOMEN'S 35+ HYBRID CONFERENCE.**

LAST YEAR WAS A TRIAL YEAR WITH A GREAT OUTCOME **WITH AGES FROM 35 TO MID-60'S.** WE WANT TO SEE OUR NUMBERS INCREASE THIS YEAR. DUST OFF THOSE CLEATS AND GLOVES AND JOIN US IN A FUN CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE NOTES

New - Thursday 35+ Women's Hybrid Draft Conference at Hartman Park

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ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOMED TO PLAY AGAINST OTHERS-- LAUGHING, SMILING AND ENJOYING PLAYING BALL AGAIN.

THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE A 10-WEEK DOUBLE-HEADER SESSION.

DON'T HAVE A TEAM...NO PROBLEM. WE WILL BUILD TEAMS FROM PLAYERS WANTING TO PLAY. HAVE A TEAM ALREADY...NO PROBLEM. WHETHER YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL OR A TEAM, **PLEASE CONTACT DEBIE BROWN AT brownchild1@aol.com. REGISTER AS A MEMBER IN THE WOMEN'S 35+ HYBRID CONFERENCE AT <https://kcseniorsoftball.org/>**

Friday Co-Ed Conference at Hartman Park

Here is a great opportunity for fun...

For more information please contact Susan Scholler at 913 579-8568

Saturday Draft and Competitive Conferences at Roe Park

The Saturday morning **Competitive Conference** gets started at **9:00 A.M.** and a **nine inning 90 min. time limit** game is played. The Conference has six teams with five striving to finally top the **CSI/Austin Juggernaut team** led by coordinator **Bob Reynolds**. Some teams may be looking for players so please call Bob at 913-961-7562.

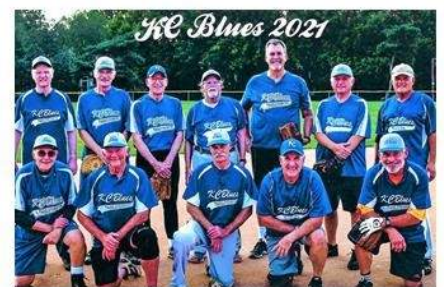
The **Saturday Draft Conference** also plays a nine inning game which **begins at approximately 10:30 A.M.** and is also a time limited game of 90 minutes. To join this Conference you must first complete a draft registration form. Again, for more information please contact **Bob Reynolds at 913-961-7562.**

Sunday Competitive Conference at Black- Bob Park

Our game plan is to start Sunday April 3th. With that said, it will be weather permitting.

We expect a record number of 9 teams this spring and hopefully we will have 2 weeks in before Easter. These games

consist of one 9 inning game with a time limit of 90 minutes. **For more information please contact John A Dehan at 913-897-7500**



2022 Spring Tourney looks to eclipse an excellent 2021



**Bobby Gregg is already at the drawing board planning
The 2022 KCMSSL Spring Tournament.**

**WHEN : APRIL 23rd (a week later than prev. years
to appease the weather gods!)**

WHERE: BLACKBOB PARK, OLATHE

ENTRY FEE: \$300 3 GAME GUARANTEE



SWAP MEET 1 and SWAP MEET 2 in 2021

Remember the old Double mint Gum commercial with the tagline: “Double Your Pleasure”? Well, the KCMSSL’s initial SWAP MEET in 2019 was so successful that after our Covid shortened 2020 season we held two SWAP MEETS in 2021 to allow for **“Double the Opportunity”!**

Double the Opportunity to buy, sell, swap any and all equipment—NEW and OLD—made available from your teammates and fellow members. In 2021 the KCMSSL sponsored both a pre-season (at Black Bob Park in Olathe) and a post-season (at Roe Park in Overland Park) SWAP MEET.

Bats are usually the most sought after commodity and there is always much discussion about the pros and cons of Suncoast vs. Miken vs. Worth vs. ??? to go along with bats changing hands. But don’t discount all the other items available such as: **ball gloves, ball bags, cleats, batting gloves, clothing**—you name it—and someone is trying to sell it, swap for it, or buy it. Just look at the smiling faces of happy KCMSSL members with their newly acquired SWAP MEET treasures. They look like kids at Christmas. And those bats

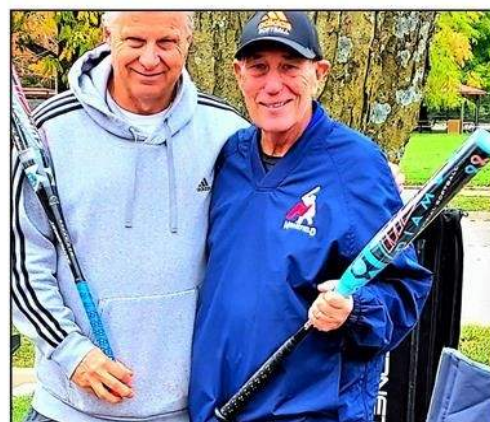


surely have more than a few hits left in them!

Our PRE-SEASON event is set to coincide with the KCMSSL's Spring Tournament at Black Bob Park in Olathe on Saturday, April 23 - from 9 A.M. until the tournament games are concluded.



Come out to play or watch your favorite team participate in the league’s Opening Day games. While there, satisfy your 2022 wish list for any equipment still needed to help you compete in 2022.



WINTER WORKOUTS AT HOMEFIELD

Being a member of the KCMSSL allows approximately 1000 members on 90+ teams the luxury of playing organized softball every day of the week in 5 venues throughout the Metro from April to October. That's a lot of softball and once the season is over we are all happy to put up our bag and rest those weary bones and muscles.

When the body is finally healed after a successful season and cabin fever hits with the urge to get some softball practice in...**HOMEFIELD** has proven to be an excellent solution. The KCMSSL has partnered with **HOMEFIELD**, an indoor sporting facility which offers our members a series of workout opportunities at extremely reasonable rates during the off-season winter months.

HOMEFIELD (<https://www.homefieldkc.com>)

Homefield KC
5000 Bannister Rd
KC, MO 64137
and in Kansas...

Homefield, Olathe 2115 E. Kansas City Rd. Olathe, KS 66061

KCMSSL Members have been given the special winter membership opportunity to work out in either of the **HOMEFIELD** locations from **9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Monday to Friday**. A monthly senior softball membership costs \$35.00 + tax and includes use of large, high-ceilinged open fields where the pitching distance and height, as well as the infield base locations can be utilized to the exact dimensions and heights as used during game conditions.

Other amenities that your membership includes is unlimited use of the **HOMEFIELD** extensive weight area and cardio equipment

For those who might want a personal trainer--**HOMEFIELD** can provide group and individual training for an additional fee.

Currently, at the Olathe facility, we have team and group practices scheduled in **two hour increments. If a team wishes to reserve a 2-hour slot they can do so.** For draft players and those members that play on teams but whose team is not participating in a team sanctioned practice we have made time slots available for those mixed groups.

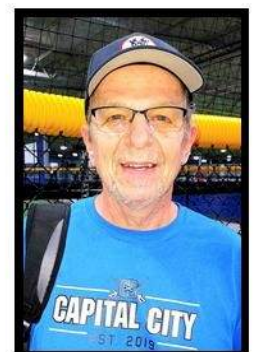
The **HOMEFIELD** facility is amazing and the staff are friendly and accommodating. If any teams or individuals are interested in practicing at **HOMEFIELD** in 2022 there are still openings so please contact Barry Gordon, barrygordo@aol.com or **913-827 7722** for more information on how to get started.



Shawn Bolton January, 2022

Photo to the right...

John Weber, new to KCMSSL



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ARTICLE I. Definitions – Pitching:

The arc of the legal pitch must be from 6 to 12 feet above the playing surface.

ARTICLE IV. Dress Code: Will be implemented in 2022

Recruiting players:

Solicitation of players, from the start of the first session to the end of the second session, from another conference team, will not be tolerated . Any reported incidents will be investigated, and addressed, by the Sportsmanship Committee.

Cleared Up Definition of Loaned and Borrowed Players

Borrowed player – A player (current paid member) from another KCMSSL team, who will be filling in on your team. Borrowed players must meet the minimum

age, requirement for the subject conference/division, and their age -adjusted rating has to be equal, or lower than the team rating. They must play Catcher, Right Field, or Right Center Field (on teams with

11 defensive players) and bat last in the order. If a borrowed player does not play one of the above mentioned positions, 2 runs will be awarded to the opposing team at the beginning of the game.

Loaned player is a player from the opposing team to be used for defensive purposes only.

Number of defensive players. Teams that are made up of all 65+ year old players, will be able to play with 11 defensive players. These teams may have up to three loaned/ borrowed players to complete their team.

Ball Rule. Article VI. L. Equipment 3.

Only league approved balls with the league logo may be used. It is preferred that umpires manage the balls and that all balls enter the game through the umpire.

Bat Rule. Article VI. L. Equipment 2. We will follow SSUSA approved bat rules. A bat’s manufacturer must be on the SSUSA approved

Bat list, and the bat must have a 1.20 bpf or 1.21 bpf marking on it or be stamped “NTS certified” and does not have to have the SSUSA logo .

Game length. Article VI. F.

1. Conference games will be scheduled for seven innings and 60 minutes maximum . (except the Saturday and Sunday Conferences scheduled for 90 minutes. They will have the 5 runs per inning. Saturday shall have a “Mercy Rule” and Sunday shall not have a “Mercy Rule”.)

Definition - Conference – A

group of teams playing at a specific facility on the same day of the week under the sponsorship of the KCMSSL. Not to be confused with the League (Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League)

Definition – League

(Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League) – the term we use to define the combination of our total members. Not to be confused with a conference.

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Divisions & Player

Ratings – Article VI. A.

A team shall remain at the highest team rating level they have attained during the session they are currently playing in. In other words, a Team's rating cannot go lower by adding lower rated players onto their rosters during the session they are currently playing in. Also, once a player is dropped from a team's roster, that team shall be prevented from adding the same player back to its roster during the same session.

A. 3. A team's classification is based on the average skill rating of the 10 highest rated players on the roster.

Women's Conference

Both the women's silver and gold division will follow the league's loaned/borrowed player rules.

Draft Conference

4/ The coordinator may choose to assign these borrowed players. If

there are no bye teams, managers may loan players from their opponent.

14. Home run rule change at ROE PARK...

Note: a fielder cannot stand on the sidewalk or outside the sidewalk to catch a hit ball. He would be considered out of bounds, and it would be a home run. Any batted ball landing on the sidewalk or rolling onto the sidewalk is a ground rule double. A batted ball that is touched by a fielder and then hits or rolls onto or over the sidewalk is a ground rule double. A batted ball that hits one of the trees outside the sidewalk in the air is a home run even should the ball, after hitting the tree, lands inside or onto the sidewalk. If a batted ball hits the tree that is on the field side of the sidewalk on field A it is a live ball. Should the ball land on or over the sidewalk after hitting the tree in the air it becomes a ground rule double. If the ball lands over the sidewalk before hitting the ground it would be a home run. If a player catches the ball after it hits the tree but before it hits the ground it is still considered a live ball and should be played as such, it would not be a fly out.

couple from California who basically lived on donuts for two weeks. That couple eventually got back on their feet and now both work for the town. To view: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=saved&v=1597150253967243>

Big Daddy's Donuts

**Recognized For
Community Outreach**



"Yes, I Am Big Daddy"



A video recently produced gave some nice attention to BIG DADDY's. Cited were examples of how Big Daddy's provides donuts to those who work hard in their community such as to the police, firefighters, EMT and hospital workers. One of Big Daddy's employees brought donuts to a homeless

**KCMSSL
Statement
On COVID-19**



**By Bob Zimmerman
Health & Safety
Committee Member**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League (KCMSSL) is bound by the mandates/requirements and recommendations of several organizations including; the Center for Disease control (CDC), National Institute of Health (NIH), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Missouri and Kansas Departments of Health, Johnson & Jackson & Clay Counties, and all local Cities wherein we play. We do not make our own mandates and do not claim to have any medical expertise - we are truly the tail that the dog wags and in this case, there are several dogs wagging us.

That being said we are also bound to the most stringent guidelines from the above organizations - please reread the dog/tail analogy.

Covid is an ever changing virus and the resulting recommendations to counter it also have to be ever changing. The space in this Newsletter is too limited to list the guidelines that these organizations have to counter the virus. As a way to keep up, please see the following guidelines from the CDC for two activities similar to our KCMSSL:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports-faq.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/gatherings.html>

Also, please check the kcseniorsoftball.org web site and open up the "Health and Safety" section in the "Members Site" tab to keep abreast of the League's current guidelines. As with all the issues we have had to deal with during Covid times, the lion's share of keeping our fellow players safe relies on each individual effort to; notify your team manager if you had Covid and have possibly exposed others, properly quarantine if exposed or currently positive, wear a mask when appropriate and get vaccinated if so inclined.

Reminder for Competitive Conference Players: Your manager will be unable to place you on the 2022 team roster until you register and pay your membership fee. Even if you do not need to pay a fee, (76+) you must register. So...please don't hold up your team's formation. Thanks!



The Wes Weddle Classic

KCMSSL's Keystone Event in Honor of Our Founder

Past years' champions



Set Your Tournament Calendars Now For This SSUSA Event

WHEN : **MAY 19TH - MAY 20TH** Age 65+ and up

WHERE: **HARTMAN PARK, LEE'S SUMMIT, MO**

WHEN : **MAY 21ST - MAY 22ND** Age 50/55/60+

WHERE: **BLACKBOB PARK, OLATHE, KS**

ENTRY FEE: \$400, 4 GAME GUARANTEE

Past years' champions



One of the Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League's Conference Teams is the current reigning 55+ AAA World Champion of the SSUSA. This is their story!!!

Jim Helsper has managed one of the **KC Vintage** teams since their inception about five to six years ago. He wrote this very interesting piece for you, our **Extra Innings** readers.

KC Vintage started out as a 50+ year old team. In **2018** we took 5th place out of 86 teams at **The World Championship Tournament in Las Vegas**. Since I was 56 or 57, I moved up to the 55+ age group and stayed playing AAA. Since the team was being bumped to Major classification we needed to bring some younger players onto our roster.

I also played one year with the Renegades when Gary Stucker managed the KC Vintage 50s. I then started the KC Vintage 55's the next year and petitioned Sacramento to move KC Vintage back to AAA since they had a pretty bad year in 2020. That request was granted.

For the past several years, we have had a 50's KC Vintage and a 55 's KC Vintage team. **Billy Green** has been managing the younger KC Vintage 50's. The KC Vintage 55's always try to give the younger KC Vintage 50s players place to

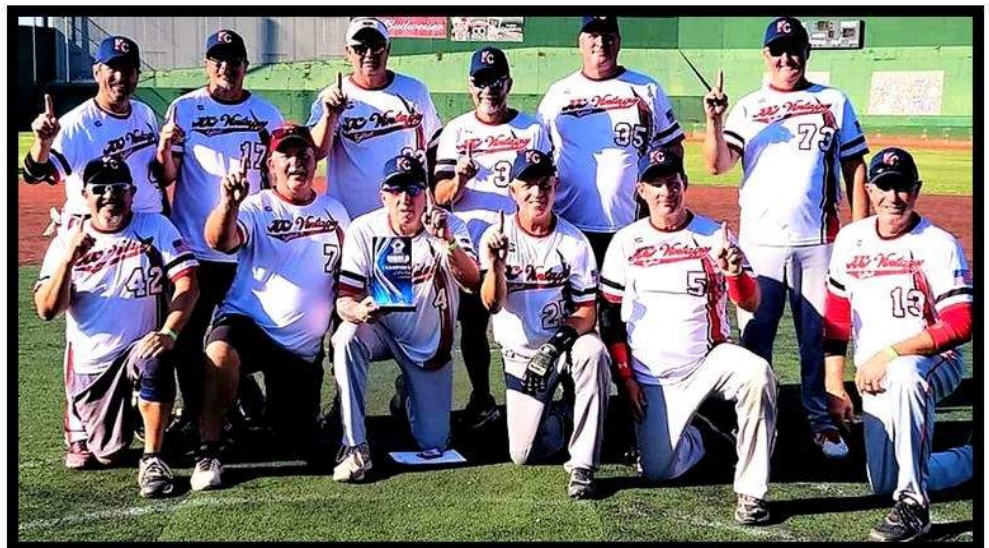
move into once they turn 55 and in 2021 we have had several players move up !

In the spring of 2021 we started the season playing in the **Southwest Championship in Las Vegas**. Our team did really well and realized we were going to have a pretty good season with the new players we had added. During 2021 we finished well in almost every tournament we played .

We didn't have the flash and fancy uniforms like some of the teams at The World Championships but what we did have was **A Team That Played As A Team!** We did not lose a single game. **In the championship game we were down by over 8 runs at one point. But, our opponent was tired after having 11 or more**

runs scored on them in the bottom of the seventh inning in the game before ours. We never gave up and kept chopping away at the lead. We were the home team and needed to score two runs in the bottom of the seventh to win the Championship.

Our first batter flew out. The second batter walked and he happened to be our fastest runner. With a runner on 1st the next batter hit a line drive triple. Now the game is tied and KC Vintage has a runner at 3rd base. Our next batter came up and hit a ground ball thru the third base and shortstop hole (the 5-6 hole) and from then on it was history! We were and are the current World Champions!!! WE DID IT!



WORLD CHAMPIONS KC VINTAGE 55+AAA

2022 Picnic/All Star Games

A Great Time For All



Bobby Gregg will be lining up a lot of help and food to feed our KCMSSL members/guests and to run the All Star Games. Plan on attending the event of the year. Eat and watch or play on the All Star Team representing your conference .

WHEN : JULY 16TH

WHERE: HARTMAN PARK, LEE'S SUMMIT, MO

COST : NO CHARGE (part of our membership fee)



The 2022 Picnic and All Star Games to offer Much More !!!

Last year at the All Star Picnic we had two new events - a Wood Bat Tournament and a raffle. This July, we are planning to expand the raffle with a wider variety of merchandise - some from local businesses and some items from our membership! We have a lot of talent and networks within our organization. Photographers, woodworkers, clothing sellers, cooks, wholesalers, golf pros, bakers and automobile workers to name a few. A number of these folks have agreed to donate to our cause. If you would like to have your business/talent highlighted at our All Star Raffle, please contact me at twciz-me99@yahoo.com.

A popular event at a number of tournaments around the country are skills competitions. We are looking at three events - a Home Run Derby, Pitching Accuracy and Base Running Speed. These events will happen after the morning All Star Games and while you are feasting on the free picnic items. There will be prizes awarded to the best in each contest/age division. Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces there! Terry Cloutier.



**Former KCMSSL Member
Sonny Maynard**

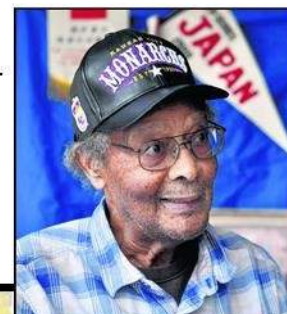
To those who know and/or for those who played softball with Sonny Maynard (88), they know he is one of the most respected and beloved of our oldest initial KCMSS members. Sonny was an active member of the KCMSSL League for at least 28 years and until recently practiced regularly with his former teammates on The Antiques under the barking directions of coach of Doug Wilson who will be 89 in 2022 and playing.

Some of us also played basketball with Sonny...as he loved that sport immensely ...playing well into his 80s at pickup games in the recreation center of his former church in Overland Park. Many of those players still play both basketball and softball in our League.

The Kansas City Star Published an informative article on Sonny reflecting on his legacy during Black History Month. It may be read by copying the link below into your browser.

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Several years ago, Sonny, Don Hicks (deceased), Red Grimes, Ted Growe , Roger Gramly and myself would have breakfast on occasion and relive the softball years that Sonny remembered so well. I being the youngster of the group, gained so many vicarious experiences about softball from these men.



**ONLINE LEAGUE
APPAREL STORE**

Traveling for tournaments this year? Have that special fan that comes out every game? Or just want to show your pride in our league? Have we got just the thing for you, check out the selection of hats, shirts, and outerwear on our online store. It is a great way to keep that special fan warm

during the spring cool nights, or just show you belong to the best senior softball organization in the country.

Add <https://kcmssl.itemorder.com/shop/sale/> to your bookmarks today



Who will become a member of the KCMSSL Ambassadors in 2022? since its inception, 149 members have been named KCMSSL Ambassadors. If you believe you qualify for this distinction, namely, to have been a member of the KCMSSL for at least 20 years, please notify Barry Gordon at barrygordo@aol.com



**2018...The Inaugural year for
AMBASSADOR inductees**





Members since 2019 - 2021 of
the KCMSSL Ambassadors



Will you become a member of the KCMSSL
Ambassadors in 2022?



2021: The Military Service Wall of KCMSSL Members was formalized!

If you are a military veteran, we would like to recognize you by placing on The Military Wall a recent picture of yourself, along with the branch you served in and the dates of your service.

Our Military Service Wall can be viewed at anytime by anyone via our KCMSSL web site under the first drop down featured within the Member Site. If you place this address on your internet browser you will have immediate viewing access https://kcseniorsoftball.org/?page_id=7781

On Saturday morning November 13, 2021 we had a ceremony at Roe Park honoring our military veterans. We plan to do this annually on the Saturday following Veteran's Day and all our welcomed.



Our most recent reported member of the Military Service Wall is Steve Warren.



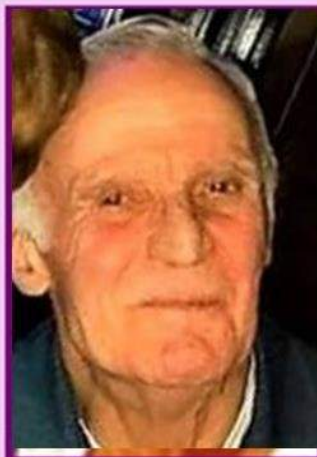
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**It's Always Difficult to Say Goodbye...
In Memoriam for those that left us in 2021**



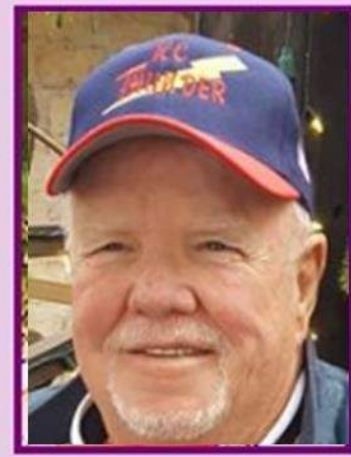
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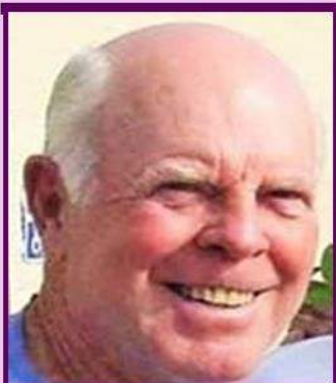
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JERRY HINTON

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DON HICKS

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JODY SHEEHAN

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RICHARD WHITE

5/13/2021



ROBERT (BOB) SMITH

2/2/2021

