

Savage Parks & Recreation 2024 Summer Softball

Men's Softball League



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Thank you for your interest in the City of Savage Parks & Recreation Department's summer USSSA softball league. We take great pride in all our leagues and programs and hope that you have a great season. We are offering 1 men's league this year.

ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE PROCESSED THE DAY YOU DROP YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION OFF. WE ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD, CHECKS, OR CASH.

All pertinent information is enclosed in this packet. If you have any questions regarding these programs, please feel free to contact me at (952) 224-3443 or dbrettschneider@cityofsavage.com.

Sincerely,



Dan Brettschneider
Recreation Coordinator
City of Savage

HOW & WHEN TO REGISTER

To register a team, the manager must submit the league registration and roster forms along with full payment during the appropriate time period. Savage Parks & Recreation accepts payment by cash, check, or credit card. The following is a list of different ways you can register your team.

1. Online

- To register online, whether you are new to Savage recreation or if you have registered with us before, it is essential that your online household account is up to date prior to registering.
- Find a link to register online on our City website at cityofsavage.com by going to the Parks & Recreation tab, then under programs, click "Online Registration". If you have any questions or need assistance with your online account, call our direct line at **952-224-3420**

2. In-person

- In-person registration is accepted (**within the registration dates**) Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Savage Public Works Building, 13770 Dakota Ave.

3. Mail

- Mail-in registration (**within the registration dates**) can be sent to:
 - i. Savage Parks & Recreation
 - ii. Attn: Dan Brettschneider
 - iii. 13770 Dakota Ave.
 - iv. Savage, MN 55378

4. Drop box (**located at Public Works Building**)

- Place your registration in a sealed envelope and drop it in the Utility Bill After Hours
- Drop Box (**within the registration dates**) in the lobby of Savage Public Works Building, 13770 Dakota Ave. This area is open 24/7.

If a team chooses to back out of the league after the registration period has ended, there will be NO REFUND.

**** NOTE: If you played in our league last year, we DO NOT guarantee your spot again if you miss the deadline dates. We take teams on a first come, first serve basis.**

2024 Registration Deadline Dates:

All Teams: Feb 5 – March 10, 2024 (returning team priority dates Feb 5 – Feb 25)

All Leagues are USSSA Sanctioned.

REFUNDS

- If a league is canceled by Savage Parks & Recreation due to low numbers, a full refund will be given.
- If a team chooses to back out of the league after the registration deadline, **NO REFUND** will be given.

MANAGER'S DUTIES

1. Read everything. Ask questions if something is unclear.
2. Make sure the Parks & Recreation office has your correct contact information.
3. Know the eligibility requirements and consequences for use of an ineligible player.
4. Know the playing rules and inform members of your team. This will help the game run smoothly and help your team concentrate on playing.
5. Meet the umpire before the game starts. If you have any questions, ask them. Inform your players of the ground rules. The person representing your team at the pre-game meeting will be the "designated manager" for the game.
6. The "designated manager" must handle any dispute. Do not let one of your players face ejection by arguing over a call.
7. You are responsible for taking charge of your team's and your spectator's conduct. Abusive language, improper drinking, litter and other irresponsible acts will not be tolerated.
8. Any schedule information, changes or other league information will be sent to you and posted on **www.cityofsavage.com**. It is your responsibility to pass this information on to your players.

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUES

All softball leagues are sanctioned USSSA which provides teams the opportunity to participate in State Tournament at the end of the season for an additional cost.

Thursday, Men's "E"
(Double Header League)

(20 to 24 games)

\$760 + tax

ROSTERS

1. The maximum number of players that may be on the roster is 20.
2. Roster changes may be made through **Friday, May 31**.
3. All team members must be 18 years of age before the first game.

MANAGER'S MEETING

All Managers are required to attend an informational meeting on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024**, at the Savage **E.L.C. (Environmental Learning Center), 13550 Dakota Ave, Savage, 55378**. **ALL LEAGUES WILL MEET AT THE SAME TIME – 6:30 PM.**

We will go over new rules, policies, schedules, etc. Please make sure that a team representative is present if the manager is unable to attend.

KEY 2024 MEN'S RULES:

BATS:

Adopted in 2015 - In USSSA leagues in MN, all bats must now have the USSSA "Fingerprint" stamp on them to be used in league play. Older grandfathered bats and bats from other associations are not allowed.

Please check USSSA 2024 rules website for any new rules regarding tournament play for 2024 bat standards.

CASUAL PROFANITY RULE

Casual Profanity pertains to expletives and verbal unsportsmanlike language that most likely involves a player uttering them out of frustration. This type of behavior is penalized by "outs" being declared against the offending team.

1. If the team is at bat and unsportsmanlike words are used, the next batter will be declared out.
2. If the act is committed by a player remaining at bat, he/she will be called out.
3. If the defensive team commits the act, the first person to bat in the next inning will be declared out.
4. The outs will be treated as a delayed dead ball situation.
5. If the violation occurs in the bottom of the last inning where the fielding team may not bat again, apply the ejection rule. If a team has an eligible substitute, they can continue the game.
6. A game may be ended by a casual profanity out!

The Casual Profanity-Verbal Unsportsmanlike Rule provides a lesser penalty for the gray area between accepted conduct and those situations where the offender must be ejected. This rule is to discourage the ball players from saying things others might feel are offensive.

- Each batter will start with a **1 ball and 1 strike count**. Therefore, a three-ball, two-strike count with **NO courtesy foul** will be used in all leagues.
- The base path will be **70 feet** between each base.
- Ball - **12-inch men's ball**: The official ball for men is made by Dudley. The ball shall have a yellow cover with the USSSA logo stamped on the cover, a .40 cor and a 325 compression.
- Pitching - The pitcher may pitch from the Pitching Plate or from the Pitching Area, an area the width of the plate and up to six (6) feet behind the pitcher's plate. The pitcher shall take a position with his/her pivot foot firmly on the ground and in contact with the pitching plate or area when the pitched ball is released. After assuming the pitching position, the pitcher must present the ball in **FRONT OF HIS BODY** (for at least 1 second) before starting the delivery.
- Home Run Rule – 2 Up Rule. Once a team reaches the homerun limit, any ball hit over the fence after that is an out **UNLESS** their opponent is even with them (or only 1 or 2 up) in homeruns hit for that game. Basically, once you are at the limit, you can't have more than 2 homeruns than your opponent that counts. The **Home Run Limit is 2 Up** for all divisions.

WEB SITE

All league schedules, standings, and make-up games will be posted on the City of Savage's web site at **www.cityofsavage.com**. Registration information will also be posted on this site.

SAVAGE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2024 SUMMER SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Team Name _____ Today's Date _____

Manager _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Mobile Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

To be considered a returning team, you must have five or more players plus the manager from the 2023 roster.

LEAGUE FEES

_____ Thursday, Men's E \$760 + tax
(Double Header League)

***FEES DUE, AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

ENTRY FEE \$ 760.00

Tax \$ 63.65

TOTAL \$ **823.65**

**PAYMENTS WILL BE PROCESSED THE SAME DAY YOU DROP
OFF YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION.**

Cash

Check # _____

Credit Card (must be paid onsite at Savage Public Works or online)