



GREATER KINGSTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

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WELCOME TO THE 2011 SOFTBALL SEASON

The Greater Kingston Softball Association (GKSA), has been serving the youth of Kingston for many years, providing a safe and fun way for kids of all ages to enjoy this great sport. Many players start playing at the "T-Ball" level and continue to play summer after summer up to the Jr. Ladies and Jr. Men's divisions.

Our volunteers are hard at work year round to try to bring the best softball experience possible to our children. We are always available for suggestions or ideas. Please feel free to contact either myself or any other member throughout the season.

If you should wish to become involved at a greater level with the association, simply contact any member of the executive.

Be sure to visit our website at www.greaterkingstonsoftball.com throughout the season to check on schedules, standings, diamond locations and contact information.

I can be reached by e-mail at impauto@kos.net or by phone: 613-634-1756 or 613-542-2127.

New this year, the registration deadline is April 16th. If your registration is received after that date, your child MAY be placed on a pool team/waiting list; and team and coaching requests MAY NOT be possible. Avoid disappointment and register early.

Enjoy your season and above all....Have Fun

Mike Snelgrove, President, GKSA

T BALL: IT'S A BLAST!

We at GKSA are looking forward to this summer's T Ball season. The new rules for T Ball that were implemented in 2009 were a resounding success! Parents and Coaches had nothing but praise for the changes. We saw an increase in registration numbers at this level and had to consequently add two additional teams to accommodate all the little T Ballers. I will, once again, be looking for coaches/helpers for this season. Experience is not required but is certainly welcome! Please feel free to contact me.

Brenda Harmsen, T Ball Convenor: bharmsen@cogeco.ca

PLAY BINGO AND SUPPORT THE LEAGUE!!

Bingo funds help keep the fees for players at an affordable level while providing the much needed equipment and uniforms for all of the teams that play under our GKSA banner. The bingos are run by Paul Webster and his trusty group of volunteers and will provide a large amount of the monies needed for the organization. Please visit the Treasure Chest Bingo located at 1600 Bath Road.

REMINDER

Please remember to sign your child up in the division in which they were born regardless if they were born at the beginning or end of that year. Most divisions are comprised of children within a 2-year age span and therefore it is important for them to be playing with other children in their own age group. Children who are in the 2nd year of their respective division have the option of moving up one level only.

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REGISTRATION OUTLETS

Fill out the enclosed application(s), include payment and return as follows:

By Mail: Box 22091, Kingston K7M 8S5

In Person: Portsmouth Olympic Harbour - Saturday, April 2, 9am-3pm.

Bayridge Public School (Hudson Dr) - Saturday, April 9, 9am-1pm.

Drop Off: (payment by cheque only- extra applications will be available)

Glenburnie Grocery

Cheques: Payable to G.K.S.A. Inc.

N.S.F Non-sufficient funds will be subject to a \$25.00 handling charge.

Waiver: Please ensure the date of birth and telephone numbers are correct and sign the waiver form on the reverse side.

With maximum 12 players per team any late registrants will be placed on the first available team where there is room or will be put on a waiting list if there is no space available.

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>BIRTH YEAR</u>	<u>GAME NIGHT</u>	<u>COST</u>
T-Ball Co-ed	5-6	2006-2005	Monday	\$25.00 *
Jr. Mite Co-ed	7-8	2004-2003	Thursday	\$65.00 *
Mite Co-ed	9-10	2002-2001	Wednesday**	\$65.00 *
Squirt Girls	11-12	2000-1999	Thursday**	\$65.00
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Novice Girls	13-14	1998-1997	Wednesday**	\$85.00***
Peewee Boys	13-14	1998-1997	Thursday**	\$85.00***
Bantam	15-17	1996-1994		\$100.00***
Midget/Junior	18-23	1993-1988		\$100.00***

NOTE: *Family Rate \$100.00 T-Ball, Jr. Mite or Mite Division Only

**Games night will vary if the division plays intercommunity.

***Novice/Peewee & above only - A reduction of \$10.00 for any player wishing to use their intact black ball pants from the previous year.

SEASON: May – August 2011

CONVENORS: Chief Convenor - Paul Webster 542-7407

paul.webster@sympatico.ca

T-Ball	Brenda Harmsen	389-7280	<u>bharmsen@cogeco.ca</u>
Jr. Mite	Sharon Sullivan	389-9474	<u>bssullivan@cogeco.ca</u>
Mite	Paul Murray	389-7956	<u>pmmasm@sympatico.ca</u>
Squirt Girls	Mike Snelgrove	542-2127	<u>impauto@kos.net</u>
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Novice Girls	volunteer needed		
Peewee Boys	Phil Tomsett	389-6371	<u>cooke56@hotmail.com</u>
Bantam Girls	Brenda Harmsen	389-7280	<u>bharmsen@cogeco.ca</u>
Bantam Boys	Phil Tomsett	389-6371	<u>cooke56@hotmail.com</u>
Jr. Ladies	Paul Murray	389-7956	<u>pmmasm@sympatico.ca</u>
Midget/Jr. Men	Phil Tomsett	389-6371	<u>cooke56@hotmail.com</u>
Select	volunteer needed		

GREATER KINGSTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President	Mike Snelgrove	542-2127	3 rd Vice President	Phil Tomsett	389-6371
1 st Vice President	Paul Murray	389-7956	Secretary	Brenda Harmsen	389-7280
2 nd Vice President	Paul Webster	542-7407	Treasurer	Dennis Linton	389-7861

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Diamond Scheduler	Phil Tomsett	389-6371	Umpire in Chief	Jim Peters	546-3637
Sponsorship	Diane Linton	389-7861			
Equipment Manager	Ed Howard	541-0883/483-4797			
Chief Convenor	Paul Webster	542-7407		Ball Phone Line	530-4930

**COACHES MEETING: Saturday, April 30 – Woodbine Park (building on site)
T Ball, Jr. Mite and Mite 9:00 a.m. and all other levels 10:15 a.m.
All team coaches/representatives are required to attend this meeting.**

**EQUIPMENT PICK-UP: Saturday, April 30 – Kingston U-Lock Storage, 685 Development Dr.
Locker # G23-G24.**

***** NEW *** OUR DIAMOND SCHEDULE GOES ON-LINE**

For the upcoming 2011 Ball season, we are planning to put the complete diamond schedule on our website. From week to week, coaches will be able to view each day what diamonds are being used for games and for practices and more important what diamonds are available for rain out games. Coaches will be able to go on-line and book an available diamond, then arrange for umpires and a diamond liner. This will save numerous phone calls and ensure that diamonds get used. Also when coaches have cancelled scheduled practices or postponed scheduled games in advance, then they will be required to go on-line and make that diamond available to other coaches. We all hope that this new venture will be a success.

WAITING LIST

The number of teams in each division will be calculated at our meeting after the last registration on April 9th. Please make sure that your registration form reaches us by then to avoid having your child's name go on a waiting list.

SPONSORSHIP - FROM 2010 SEASON

Our gratitude goes out to the following sponsors from the 2010 season. We can't even begin a season without your help. Thank you for being there for our kids. We would like to encourage all parents to please support our sponsors whenever possible, as they support us when we need them. Anyone wishing to sponsor his or her child's team can contact Diane Linton at 389-7861 or 530-4930 (ball line) or by fax at 389-0101. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$350. (1 color logo), \$375. (2 color logo), \$400. (3 color logo). A standing ovation in thanks to all the sponsors for your past patronage, as we are nothing without you!!!

Alliance Wireless Communication	Canadian Tire	DaCosta Painting&Decorating
Glenburnie Grocery	Hogeboom Chart'd Accts	Import Auto Supply
Kingston City Police Assoc.	Kingston Community Credit Union	Leading Edge Hobbies
Lennox Fencing	McDonald's Restaurant	Mino's Takeout
Parade of Paints	Primetime Marketing	Service Guaranteed Travel
Specialty Trophies	Tim Horton's (Agnew Food Services)	

UMPIRING

We are looking to improve our umpire base with young and adult candidates. Anyone interested in becoming an umpire please contact Umpire Ian Edmunds at 544-1601.

JEWELRY RULE

All participants are reminded that players are not allowed to wear jewelry at anytime during the playing of softball. The only exception to this rule is a medical alert bracelet or necklace. Players contemplating having any piercing done are urged to delay it until after the ball season. The jewelry rule is a safety issue and no exceptions will be made.

Representative League

Registration Fees - Jr. Mite and Mite \$125 All other ages \$150

The Representative League has been serving the youth of the community for over twenty years. In that time we have maintained competitive teams for boys and girls ranging from seven to twenty-one years of age. We are proud of our qualified coaches and volunteers who give many hours of time to make our organization the prestigious one it is today. During our longevity, we have brought home many bronze, silver and gold provincial and eastern Canadian medals and much recognition to Kingston in the sport of fastball. Our athletes have achieved individual awards as well at both the provincial and Eastern Canadian level with awards of top pitcher, top batter and most valuable player. Some have even received scholarships to post secondary schools. We would like to invite the youth of the city of Kingston to come out to our tryouts and find out what caliber of ball we offer. Come and visit us at the cultural services Leisure Showcase on Saturday, April 2.

The season runs from May till August and the travel area is from Kingston to Trenton with most home games played at the Cloverdale diamonds at the Catarauqui arena. Enjoy seeing some of the province and making new and lasting friendships through your travels. Maybe even bring home a Provincial or National medal.

For more information, please contact Paul Webster at 542-7407 or paul.webster@sympatico.ca.

Come out and enjoy the sunshine and the thrill of competition

SELECT PROGRAM

Select players participate in competitive tournament play in addition to playing on their House League teams. The program is designed to provide house league players with an opportunity for more challenging play without the time commitment needed to play on a full-time representative team.

The Greater Kingston Softball Association intends to develop select teams at each division where interest is shown. Select teams will have additional practice time and participate in out-of-town tournaments as well as provincial championships. In 2006, GKSA teams captured Champions Gold for Mite Boys in Orleans and Consolation Gold for Bantam Girls in Brampton.

If you are interested in participating in the select program, or if you are interested in coaching this exciting development opportunity please make a note on your registration form or call Paul Webster at 542-7407 (paul.webster@sympatico.ca) for more information.