

2018 Open Letter to all Senior Softball players:

Every player who wants to play two games a week is encouraged to sign up for a Wednesday team and a Thursday team as your two Primary teams. If you want to play a third or even a fourth game a week, your best bet is to get on the Substitution List (no additional fees) which will be maintained by a GMSS Director. **Get on the Sub List by filling out a BIO Form, including the red blanks *** in the center of the BIO Form.** This list is available for any Manager's use in finding Substitutes to fill out his team on any days that he is short players.

If you can't find a 1st or 2nd team on your own, then you should fill out the 'BIO' form and send it in with your 'Registration(s)' form. Managers in need of players will contact you about playing on their team on the day or days you've checked on the form. Also fill out the BIO form if you want to be a Substitute.

As in 2017, A and B will play on Wednesday and C (Over 65) and D (Open) will play on Thursday. You may sign up for **one team only** on Wednesday. On Thursday you sign up for a team that will be your PRIMARY TEAM for that day. If you want to sign up for a second team on Thursday, you designate that 2nd team as a SECONDARY TEAM and this means that when your two teams play in the same time slot (**and they will because of the C & D inter-league games being scheduled**), you will be expected to play for your Primary team that day, thus leaving your Secondary team possibly short-handed. There will also be A & B inter-league games on Wednesday.

Each C League team may sign up to two 64 year olds (born in 1954) to help in filling out their roster.

SUBSTITUTION RULES - Any player may volunteer as a Substitute player for any A, B, or D team that is short-handed for a game. The Sub for a C team must be 65 years old unless that C team is playing a D team that day and then the Sub may be any eligible GMSS age. Each team is allowed up to three Subs to fill out their fielding roster for the day, but they must have 8 rostered players to begin the game or else it is a forfeit. **For clarification, see GMSS Rules, B section.**

GENERAL INFO REGARDING SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS:

1. A GMSS Director will maintain a list of Substitute player volunteers and their contact information plus the BIO Form needed by managers to help them choose Subs when short players.
2. Any player who wants to be a Sub must fill out a BIO sheet and designate what days and leagues he will be available to be a Substitute.
3. Managers will be free to select any eligible player on the Substitute List who will best fill the slot created by the missing rostered player.
4. Once selected per published guidelines, Substitutes are not under any special rules and may be used by the Manager any way he sees fit during the game.
5. If a functional rostered player shows up late, he must take the batting spot of any Substitute and the Sub will be removed unless another opening has occurred.
6. Managers will now be allowed to pick-up to three substitutes on any team for any game as long as we do not have more than 11 players capable of playing **defense** that day. If somebody, for physical reasons, can't run or play defense, but wants to bat and use a courtesy runner, he or they may do so even though they would be the 12th (or even 13th) (does not refer to Batting position) player on the Batting Roster. The substitutes may be used in any manner or anywhere the manager sees fit.
7. C (Over 65) and D (Over 55 Open) League players may be on two teams (one per league) on Thursday. **BUT please note this requirement:** On the Registration Form you must designate one of those two teams as your Primary Team and that means when the two teams you are on face off in an inter-league game, the Primary Team Manager will depend on you to play on his team for that game. Also, when your Secondary team plays any other team in your Primary team league, the game times may coincide & you would miss that game also.
8. *As an individual player, it might be more sensible to only sign up for one team on Thursday and plan on playing as a Substitute (if needed) in the other time slot when your schedule allows.*