

**NEW RULES AND PROCEDURES and ADDITIONAL 'WAIVER OF LIABILITY' FOR 2021 GMSS**

**Ball Players, Managers, & Umpires! update 1/1/2022**

*All on-site players, umpires, coaches, managers, and other assorted personnel are required to read the following statement, to understand it, and to sign it before being allowed to participate in Greater Madison Senior Softball (GMSS) in any capacity during the 2022 season. You will sign it on the page for the team(s) or position to which you have been assigned for 2022. Your signature on the Team Form also allows you to substitute on any team and your Waiver of Liability will extend to that team(s) also.*

I understand that Covid-19 exposure (including mutations) and it's many subsequent complications is a major health and life threat for all people and especially for those in the 55 years old and older age group. Covid-19 vaccinations and booster shots are now available and should be gotten by all ballplayers before showing up for practices or games.

Whereas I have been informed of these risks and understand the seriousness of this pandemic, I still choose to participate in Senior Softball this year at Verona Parks and agree to hold harmless all people (including, but not limited to, other players, managers, directors, commissioner, umpires, Smart Motors personnel, and city crew members), organizations, and government entities associated with this endeavor in the event of any adverse health or physical effects suffered by myself or others as a result of my participation in Senior Softball and its related events.

I understand that some ballplayers may choose not to play softball this 2022 season because of the Coronavirus risks and the fact that there will be body contact and limited ability for social distancing and the communal handling of the softball and other game paraphernalia. **I agree to abide by the additional safety rules and procedures published on our website and put in place by the League this year** (with special attention to self quarantine if exposed), but I understand that these measures will not prevent all body and breath contact or exposure risks which are an inherent part of playing softball. Criminal acts are not protected or excluded from prosecution with this Waiver.

I have read and understand the above explanations of conditions and risks and seriousness to myself and others of the Covid-19 pandemic and I agree with them. I hereby acknowledge that the current Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic with it's mutations poses additional health risks and agree to abide by the intent of this 'Additional Waiver of Liability' form which is to hold all parties to GMSS activities harmless. This Additional Waiver extends to and includes the possibility of me or my 'fans' contracting the Covid-19 coronavirus or any of it's mutations during my participation in the GMSS Leagues. This additional Waiver of Liability is all encompassing and applicable to all circumstances which I may encounter as a participant in GMSS 2022 league activities.

I have also read, understand, and will abide by the published 'SAFETY PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR GMSS 2022" as found on GMSS web page under 'Rules' button.

NAME OF WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY TEAM is: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am the Manager for the \_\_\_\_\_ team and I agree to the above Additional Covid-19 Waiver plus I have personally witnessed my team members' signatures on this Waiver of Liability Form.

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*Manager's printed name* *signature* *date*

\*\*Please note that these forms will be printed off and furnished one to each Team for signatures on the first two scheduled GMSS game days. All personnel must sign before they will be allowed to participate in any GMSS activities. Therefore your team should arrive a half hour early in order to complete this form, warm up, and be ready to go on time. **Managers may fill out this form and print it, awaiting only the players' signatures.**