

2025 Website Open Letter to all **New** or **Returning Senior Softball players:**

Note that all references to Substitutes are in Blue ink. Green ink is used when the info only applies to new players. Red ink is for wording added for 2025 or for changes from last year's policies

You may only sign up for one team each day, or just one team for the week, your choice. **For all returning ball players**, all Registrations (only if required by your Manager) and checks must be in ASAP to the address he gives you. **Do not send them to the 6560 County Road M address.**

Brand new players may sign up at any time. Only new players without a team or players wanting to be drafted onto a second team should send the completed BIO forms to the 6560 County Road M address found at the bottom of the BIO form with the correct answers circled or filled in or x'd.

HOW CAN YOU GET ON A TEAM in GMSS:

If you are a prospective new player then you will be placed in a Draft Pool. You must fill out the 'BIO' form (where you fill out the personal info, rate your ability level, and decide which days you would like to play) and send it to the address at the bottom of the BIO Form. Then the Managers who need players will meet the first Wednesday in April and select new team members from the BIO forms that have been sent in for the Draft Pool. That Manager will contact you to join his team. Be as honest as you can in filling out the BIO.

New players are encouraged to sign up even after Mar 25, because some teams find themselves short due to attrition of players during the season and have to sign up new players to fill out their roster.

You are advised to read the 2025 edition of the GMSS Rules as found on the Website after March 1, 2025 under the 'RULES' button. There have been changes made and all commonly known slow-pitch rules have been left out of the current rules

Every player is allowed to be a rostered player on only one team **each** day. If you want to play in more games a week, your only choice is to get on the Substitution List (no cost) which will be maintained by a GMSS Director. Get on the Sub List by filling out a BIO Form and sending it via U.S. Mail to the GMSS address found on the bottom of the Draft Pool/BIO Form. This list is available for any Manager's use in finding Substitutes to fill out his team on any day that he is short players during the season. That Manager will contact you prior to his game.

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. If you are interested in being a Substitute and playing additional games, then complete the BIO Form found on our website under the 'FORMS' button and mail it to GMSS, 6560 County Road M, Verona, WI 53593.
3. Managers will be free to select almost any player on the Substitute List or may recruit a needed player who will best fill the slot created by the missing rostered player. **There are exceptions in that teams #1 and #2 on Wed and #1 & #2 on Thursday may not select a substitute from any #1 or #2 team from either day when they are playing a #3 or lower ranked team. When teams #1 or #2 play each other, there are no restrictions as to whom they may select as a substitute.**

4. Substitutes are not under any special rules and may be used by the Manager anyway he sees fit during the game, except they must bat at the end of the batting order.
5. If a functional rostered player shows up late, he must take the batting spot of his Substitute and the Sub will be removed unless another opening has occurred.
6. Managers are allowed to have as many as three substitutes on any team for any game as long as they do not have more than 11 players **capable** of playing **defense** that day. **Affected managers may agree to suspend this rule to ensure that they have a good game since there are no winners in a Forfeit.**
7. 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.

WAIVER of LIABILITY for GMSS LEAGUES

The Waiver is on a separate sheet that the Manager will produce and all players must sign it when they meet with their Manager.

RETURNING PLAYERS: Fill out a Registration Form only if your Manager requires it. Make your Fees (and shirt {\$8.00} if wanted) check out to your Manager and he will collect it.

**If you are new to a team or a new player, your jersey is free. New unassigned players please fill out the BIO (but no payment at this time) as soon as possible & send it to:
GMSS, 6560 County Rd M, Verona, WI 53593-9370**