

SOFTBALL REVISED WEB PAGE

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Senior men and women 55 and older, come join us for fun, fitness, and fellowship in a game of slow pitch softball. Please come join us even if you haven't played in many years. We are all experienced players of various skill levels and ages who come to play the game they love and played in their younger days. You'll appreciate just being on the field again, being active, and enjoying the fellowship of others.

A Little About Us

SENIOR SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL IN THE TRICITIES

Our senior slow pitch softball has been open only to men, but starting in 2023 it is now opened to women 55 and older who would like to get back in the game. The rules of senior softball have many safety features to minimize injuries and allow for substitute runners. We will continue to use 12" softballs and 65' base distances and our adopted "Rules of Play" available on this website.

Our regular intra-league games are played on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Winged Deer Park on the Bristol Highway in Johnson City. Participation in these games is guaranteed regardless of skill. Because the age levels are wide we try to keep everyone aware of skilled batters that need special attention when playing the infield. Our season begins in March and ends in early November with weather often affecting the actual dates. In late October we have an end-of-the season banquet to celebrate our sponsors, volunteers and season.

Special games are available to players with advanced skills. There are regional games with nearby towns. The managers of these teams have the full authority for scheduling games and deciding who plays and what positions and batter order is used. Teams are often designated in age brackets to balance competition.

We also have had tournament teams for senior men only because they are sanctioned by national men's organizations such as SPA or ISSA. The age brackets are 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-80; and 80+. Often a few players will play for teams from other areas in these tournaments or players from other areas get invited to round out one of our teams. There are national slow pitch tournaments for senior women for those interested in playing at that skill level.

HOW TO JOIN

The cost for new players is \$40 and that gets you a new cap and shirt and regular league play for the season. Fees for returning players vary. Players 80+ pay nothing unless they're ordering a new shirt. Returning players who do not order new league shirts pay only \$20. All you need is a glove. Most players buy their own bats but we do have an assortment of league bats for those who don't want to purchase one.

Registration begins in mid-January. Uniform orders are placed in late February. We keep an inventory of extras for those registering later. You can get registration forms by [clicking this link](#) or by picking up a registration form at the Johnson City Senior Center 510 Bert St. Johnson City TN 37601, the Winged Deer Park Tower, or at the JC Park and Rec office outside the main

parking lots. You can call the Winged Deer Tower at 423 283-5825 for more information. Checks should be made out to the City of Johnson City with "senior softball" in the memo. Mark, eliminate phone numbers for league directors. If they call the Park Tower, Joe can answer the questions or refer them to one of us.

GALLERY

I'll ask Larry Smith to send you some of his pictures from this year so you can refresh the gallery. His mobile phone is 423 747-7282. You can talk to him about how many you'd like and the best way for him to send them.

CONTACT

Eliminate our directors names and phone numbers. Joe can refer them to one of us if needed. Instead replace with

Joe Ebarb, Director
Winged Deer Park
423 283-5825

The emails will still come to me under "Send Us a Message" but that will change in 2024.

MARK, CALL ME IF YOU SEE OTHER PLACES I MISSED OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.