



GREATER KINGSTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

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WELCOME TO THE 2023 SOFTBALL SEASON

We are the Greater Kingston Softball Association (GKSA), home of Jr Gaels Fastpitch. Our organization oversees house league, select and rep softball teams in the Kingston area. We welcome players from ages 5 and up - whatever level of ball you are interested in playing, you are sure to find it here. Our volunteers work year round to bring the best softball experience possible to our children and youth, and lifelong friendships are made on the diamond in the dog days of summer!

Please note that the divisions of ball have changed this year to align with the other organizations, so we have gone from U6, U8, ... to U7, U9 ...

GKSA is proudly partnered with Queen's University Athletics, the Jr Gaels Fastpitch teams wear the tri-colours of Queen's and sport the "Q" logo on their jerseys. Register* now to join in on the FUN!

GKSA has been serving the youth of Kingston and Area for many years. We are a member of the Intercommunity Softball Association. We strive to ensure that participants receive proper guidance to play the game in a safe and friendly environment and it is our objective to promote sportsmanship, community spirit and good fellowship.

You can visit our website at <https://greaterkingstonsoftball.com/> throughout the season to check on schedules, standings, diamond allocations and contact information.

Due to Health & Safety and COVID-19 recommendations, we require children to purchase their own batting helmets with face cages. This will a) ensure proper fit for your child, and b) minimize the spread of germs.

I can be reached by email at ke.funk12@hotmail.com or by phone 613-331-5244.

We are always looking for new volunteers to get involved with coaching, being on the board, and helping out with the organization. Contact us if you are interested in helping out!

The registration deadline is April 10th. In order to prepare for the start of the softball season, this is a drop dead date (for U11 and up to Junior). There will be no registrations accepted after April 10th for these levels.

Due to COVID-19, if we have to cancel the season, *all registrations will be refunded*

Enjoy your season and above all HAVE FUN!!!

Kyra Funk, President, GKSA

JR GAELS FASTPITCH

The Greater Kingston Softball Association is excited to continue partnering with Queen's Athletics for the 2023 season. Through this partnership, all GKSA house league and competitive teams will compete as Junior Gaels, wearing the tri-colours of Queen's!

All participants in the Junior Gaels program will receive benefits such as:

- Coaching support from current Queen's coaches
- Opportunities to meet and learn from current Gaels athletes
- Free admission to selected Gaels sporting events

- Special Junior Gaels programming at the Athletics & Recreation Centre (ARC)
- Custom apparel available online and at the Queen's Shop at the ARC
- Discounts, promotions and much more

We at GKSA are thrilled about this continued partnership and we look forward to furthering our partnership with the folks at Queen's and growing the sport throughout the City of Kingston.

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REGISTRATION OUTLETS

We encourage you to register online, however, if that is not possible, please fill out the enclosed registration form(s).

Online:	http://www.greaterkingstonsoftball.com/
By Mail:	Box 22091, Kingston K7M 8S5
In Person:	Monday April 3, 2023 5:30pm-8:30pm INVISTA Centre Room C 1350 Gardiners Rd Kingston ON K7P2Y2
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.

Division	Age	Birth Year	Game Night	Cost
U7 (Co-ed)	5-7	2018-2016	Monday	\$90.00*
U9 (Co-ed)	8-9	2015-2014	Thursday	\$115.00*
U11 (Girls) Co-ed	10-11	2013-2012	Wednesday**	\$120.00*
U11 (Boys) Co-ed	10-11	2013-2012	Wednesday**	\$120.00*
U13 (Girls)	12-13	2011-2010	Tuesday**	\$130.00
U13 (Boys)	12-13	2011-2010	Tuesday**	\$130.00
U15 (Girls)	14-15	2009-2008	Thursday**	\$150.00
U15 (Boys)	14-15	2009-2008	Wednesday**	\$150.00
U19 (Girls)	16-19	2007-2004	Wednesday**	\$165.00
U19 (Boys)	16-19	2007-2004	Thursday**	\$165.00
Junior	20+	2003 and older		\$165.00

Notes:

*Family rate is \$190 for U7, U9 or U11 divisions only. 2 players are family rate

**Game night will vary if the division plays intercommunity. The game night listed is the "home game night".

SEASON DURATION: mid May - August, 2023

Note: The season start date is entirely dependent on the weather and when the City of Kingston is able to open diamonds.

CONVENERS: Below, please find a list of all divisions, conveners and their contact information.

Division	Convener	Phone	Email
U7	TBA		
U9	Jennifer Joubert	613-217-5663	Jennifer_joubert@gmail.com
U11 Girls	Chris Rayner	613-449-8543	ccrayner@hotmail.com
U11 Boys	Chris Rayner	613-449-8543	ccrayner@hotmail.com
U13 Girls	Paul Murray	613-389-7956	paulscottmurray56@gmail.com
U13 Boys	Paul Murray	613-389-7956	paulscottmurray56@gmail.com
U15 Girls	Shawn Fournier	613-545-5434	shawnfournier1@gmail.com
U15 Boys	Shawn Fournier	613-545-5434	shawnfournier1@gmail.com
U19 Girls	Kyra Funk	613-331-5244	ke.funk12@hotmail.com
U19 Boys	Kyra Funk	613-331-5244	ke.funk12@hotmail.com
Junior	Kyra Funk	613-331-5244	ke.funk12@hotmail.com
Select/Rep	Torrie Hawley	613-583-8913	thawley@kingstonhomebase.ca

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2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President	Kyra Funk	613-331-5244	3rd Vice President	Dustin Hawley	613-985-8913
1st Vice President	Jennifer Joubert	613-217-5663	Secretary	Torrie Hawley	613-583-8913
2nd Vice President	Chris Rayner	613-449-8543	Treasurer	Dennis Linton	613-389-7861

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Diamond Scheduler	Chris Rayner	613-449-8543	Umpire-in-Chief	Paul Murray Bryan Beaubien	613-389-7956 613-541-8010
Sponsorship	Sandra Valente	613-893-0294	Equipment Managers	James Badour Dustin Hawley	613-561-9799 613-985-8913
Registrar	Sandra Valente	613-893-0294			
Social Media / PR	TBA		Developmental Clinics	TBA	
Webmaster	TBA				

**COACHES MEETING
AND EQUIPMENT
PICK-UP COMBINED:**

- Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Kingston U-Lock Storage, 685 Development Drive, Locker #G23-G24
- T-Ball and Jr. Mite 9:00 a.m., and all other levels 10:00 a.m.
- All team coaches/representatives are **required** to attend this meeting

ON-LINE BOOKING OF DIAMONDS FOR COACHES WILL CONTINUE

For the upcoming 2023 Ball season, we will continue to use our website for coaches to view their scheduled games and practices. Also this online schedule will help maximize our use of the diamonds allocated by the City. Coaches will be able to see unused diamond times and book rain-out games. Then they can arrange for umpires and a diamond liner. In addition, coaches will notify us in advance when they will not be using their scheduled games or practices by unbooking that diamond time which will free up that diamond for other teams. This will save numerous phone calls and ensure that diamonds get used. Also, if you are going to cancel a diamond for any reason, please send Kyra an email at ke.funk12@hotmail.com so that she can cancel the diamond with the city.

UMPIRING

We are looking to improve our umpire base with young and adult candidates. Anyone interested in becoming an umpire is asked to please contact Umpire Bryan Beaubien at beaubienbryan@yahoo.ca or 613-541-8010.

PLAY BINGO AND SUPPORT THE LEAGUE!

Play! Gaming & Entertainment has been one of our most successful fundraising activities for many years. Despite the current pandemic restrictions, they continue to support GKSA Jr Gaels so we can keep softball costs low for the Kingston community. Please visit Play! Gaming & Entertainment located at 1600 Bath Road.

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SPONSORSHIP

Our gratitude goes out to the following sponsors, just to name a few. We can't even begin a season without your help. Thank you for being there for our kids. We encourage all parents to please support our sponsors whenever possible, as they support us when we need them. Anyone wishing to sponsor a team can contact Sandra Valente at sandra.valente1225@gmail.com or (613) 893-0294. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$350. Team sponsors will be on the back of the house league jerseys. If you are interested in sponsoring a select or rep team, please contact Sandra Valente. A standing ovation in thanks to all the sponsors for our house league for your past patronage, as we are nothing without you!!!

Amber Morgan ReMax Team	Bob's Butcher Shop	Caduceon Water Labs
Carquez Construction	Cataraqui Dental	Collinson Custom Building
Corey Lapointe - Lapointes Tile	Harmsen Construction	HV Construction Ltd
Ivimey & Hogeboom	Jacki White Chiropractic	Kingston Cosmetic & Laser Clinic
Marlin Travel	Primetime	Sousa Ready Mix
Specialty Trophies	Tarnowecky Law	The Marco and Rob Real Estate Team
Walter, Viner, Kennedy & Associates		

T-BALL - IT'S A BLAST!

We at GKSA are looking forward to this summer's T-Ball season. We have continued to see this division grow, but recognize children of this age may benefit from smaller team sizes and will again incorporate that into our 2023 T-Ball season. As always, we are looking for coaches and co-coaches. We do have some experienced coaches that we are welcoming back this season as their children are not moving up a division and their experience on the field will be a valuable asset to our rookie coaches. If you feel you cannot commit to being at every game either for work or other reasons maybe co-coaching is the answer! At this level, parents are generally at the diamond anyways and it doesn't just have to be parents who coach, Grandparents are welcome too! Please feel free to contact the T-ball Convener, TBA, if you are interested.

SELECT PROGRAM

The GKSA select program has grown steadily for the past few years and we continue to offer select at most levels. Players who tryout for and make select teams participate in additional competitive tournaments and exhibition games, while playing on their House League teams. It is always our hope to run select teams at all levels, but it is dependent on interest. The players always have tons of fun and they get to play in a provincial championship at the end of the year! If your son/daughter is interested in playing select or would like any further information about the Select Program, please contact Torrie Hawley at thawley@kingstonhomebase.ca.

SKILLS CLINIC

In the months to come, GKSA will be hosting some clinics this season. Some will be a pitching clinic, catchers clinic, batting as well as running the bases clinic. The cost will be only \$20 and it is open to all children who have registered with GKSA (from U7 up to U15). The location of these clinics will be held outdoors on our diamonds as soon as the City says they are open. Our volunteers for these clinics will send out any information regarding these clinics to our social media pages. So please keep checking our pages out!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us for the latest information on

- Facebook at facebook.com/kingstonGKSA
- Twitter @GKSA_kingston
- Instagram at [gksa_kingston](https://instagram.com/gksa_kingston)

