

OLDE TYMERS SOFTBALL LEAGUE



P.O. Box 251, Dagsboro, DE 19939
<https://teampages.com/leagues/118816>
Established 1998

November 1, 2023 (revised 1/18/24)

Senior Softball Players –

We're ready to start the registration process for our 27th year of Olde Tymers Softball (OTS) and hope you plan to be part of our 2024 season. We welcome recreational players, both men and women, who will be 60 years of age or over before December 31, 2024. Skills in fielding, hitting, throwing and running are evaluated to ensure players are capable of protecting themselves while playing and have the minimum skills to participate.

Games take place at the Dagsboro Church of God fields located off Route 26 in Dagsboro, and are played during the summer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Each team will only have 2 games per week, but some weeks the team will play on Tuesday and Thursday, some weeks on Tuesday and Wednesday and some weeks on Wednesday and Thursday. The number of games each team will play will be determined based on the number of players that register. Each team typically plays between 25 and 30 games. **Please note that games are played all summer and that games are very rarely postponed due to high heat and humidity.**

Please read this entire registration letter. It contains important information about deadlines, team formation, participation commitments, waiting list, refunds and other items. Then fill out the attached registration form and send it along with your registration fee. The entire form needs to be filled out, even if nothing has changed. Payment and mailing instructions are on the registration form. Be sure to note the dates you will be unavailable to play in the area provided on the registration form. If you won't be in the area before the first games on April 30, please note the date you will be back in the area and available to play. Players that won't be available to start playing until after April 30, 2024 will not be in the draft and will be placed on the waiting list once they are available.

Check the appropriate boxes to indicate your interest in playing in tournaments, being trained and serving as an umpire, being a manager/assistant manager, being part of the field maintenance crew, being trained in CPR/AED, or optionally declaring a medical condition. If you are currently a tournament player or have been a tournament player in the last 5 years, check the "I play on an OTS or other tournament team" box.

COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE: *To help maintain team rosters throughout the season, you must commit to playing in over 2/3 of the regular season games from May through the end of the Summer Season. For a 30-game season, that works out to committing to play 20 of the 30 games. Players that can't commit to playing 2/3 of the games are invited to register as a substitute player.*

TEAM FORMATION: A player draft is held each year. The number of teams, team sizes and number of players are limited, and last year there was a waiting list. There is a high probability that not everyone who registers will get on a team. All returning OTS players will be given top priority for the draft as long as their registration form with payment is received by January 31, 2024. All new players will be placed on the player list after all the returning players who register before the deadline in the order their registration form and payment are received. Any returning players registering after the deadline will be placed on the player list in the order their registration form and payment are received.

Those players below the cutoff for the draft will be placed on the waiting list. Once the season begins, players on the waiting list are available for use as substitutes for players who might miss a game or two, and as replacements for players who expect to be out for an extended period of time. **Note to returning players: Getting your registration in by January 31, 2024 does not guarantee you a spot in the draft. The last several years we have started the spring with more returning players than available slots in the draft. The earlier you get your registration form in, the better the chance that you will be in the draft.**

NEW PLAYERS: New players are expected to attend the pre-season practices that start on April 2. The pre-season practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and continue thru April 16. Once registered, new players will receive an email with more details about the pre-season practices and the draft process.

The registration fee for the 2024 season remains at \$100.00 per player. For returning OTS players, there is a \$25.00 early sign-up discount if your registration form and payment is received before January 31. New players, which includes everyone that hasn't registered for a previous summer season, are required to pay the full \$100.00 fee. The fee schedule is:

- All players new to an OTS summer season - \$100.
- Returning players, payment received by 1/31/24 - \$75.
- All players whose payment is received after 1/31/24 - \$100.

The registration fee is refundable if you notify the Secretary of your withdrawal prior to April 1, 2024. In the case that the league is unable to place you on a team during the draft and you do not wish to be placed on the waiting list, a refund can be requested prior to May 1, 2024. **No other refunds will be made, even if the season is shortened or canceled due to whatever reasons.**

This letter and the 2024 Registration Form and our By-Laws, which include our Code of Conduct, are available in the Documents Section of our website:

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Important Dates (subject to change):

- OTS General Meeting – Monday, April 1, location and time TBA
- Pre-season practices – start Tuesday, April 2
- New Player Rating Day – Tuesday, April 16
- Player draft – Wednesday, April 17, location and time TBA
- Practice with new teams – starts Thursday, April 18
- 2024 Season – starts Tuesday, April 30 and runs no later than the end of August
- Hall of Fame Induction Banquet – Saturday, May 18
- End-of-Season tournament – starts after the season and ends no later than the third week of September

Questions may be directed to the league officers listed below:

- President Steve Unger at 302-858-4078 or bankjock4@gmail.com
- Vice President Steve Carey at 302-841-5130 or scarey201@comcast.net
- Treasurer Jesse Bare at 302-732-9402 or myragayle27@verizon.net
- Secretary Carl Pierce at 302-381-7393 or carljohn2@verizon.net
- Information Officer Tom Wendorf at 302-200-1890 or tomwendorf9@gmail.com

2024 OLDE TYMERS SOFTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM



Print Clearly Please

Name: _____		Date of Birth: _____	
Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Mobile Phone: _____		Home Phone: _____	
Email: _____			Shirt Size: 3X 2X XL L M
Bat Right/Left (circle) _____	Throw Right/Left (circle) _____	Positions you <u>can</u> play*: _____	
Emergency Contact: _____	Relationship: _____	Phone: _____	

* Actual positions you play will be determined by your team manager

RELEASE and AGREEMENT: I understand I will not hold the team, manager, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, any member of the Olde Tymers Softball League, team sponsors, Dagsboro Church of God, Town of Selbyville or any other facility used by OTS, responsible for injuries I receive while participating in the OTS Softball League games and activities. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure I am in satisfactory physical condition to play in this league, and that the Olde Tymers Softball League does not provide health or injury insurance for any OTS players. I agree to adhere to the OTS By-Laws and maintain a sense of sportsmanship and camaraderie. I understand that failure to fill out this form completely and accurately may be cause for dismissal and/or exclusion from the OTS league.

Signature

Date

Registration fee is \$100 per player. There is a \$25 discount for returning players only if their registration form and payment are received by January 31, 2024. New players are not eligible for the discount.

Make checks payable to OTS and mail, along with this completed and signed form, to:

Olde Tymers Softball
30817 Ridge Court
Lewes, DE 19958

IMPORTANT: To help maintain team rosters throughout the season, you must commit to and participate in over 2/3 of the summer season games from May through the end of August. It is very important to contact your manager regarding changes in your availability to play.

Please note dates when you anticipate you might not play due to vacations, tournaments, conflicting activities, etc.:

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- I am interested in serving on the field maintenance crew I am interested in playing on an OTS tournament team
 I am interested in being trained and serving as an umpire I am interested in serving as a team manager or assistant
 I am interested in being trained in CPR/AED use I play on an OTS or other tournament team
 I have a medical condition I wish to declare. (This is not required, and will not be disclosed to anyone in the league unless there is a need to know.) _____

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