



Youth Softball News



from Tupelo Parks & Recreation and Tupelo Softball Association

RE: Spring 2018

Winter 2017

Spring Registration

Registration opens on January 8th and closes on January 26th. Girls must be 4 years of age or older by December 31st, 2017. The cost is \$45 for city residents, \$55 for Tupelo Separate School District, and \$70 for county residents.

If you are registering a first-time player then you must present a copy of your child's birth certificate when you register. The league will begin April 14th with Opening Day Ceremonies. Prepare for the rec season to run through mid-June.

Online Registration

The Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department hosts all registration online. When registration closes, it does so at midnight on the last day of registration.

Coaches Clinics

TSA Plans to host two coaches clinics prior to the start of the spring season. The first being for the 10U and 13U age groups only, which will focus mostly on "How Do I Teach Fastpitch Pitching?" will be held at the Dugout on January 27th. This will be a 3-hour intensive, hands-on, session on the mechanics of the fastpitch pitching motion. The second clinic will be available for all coaches (t-ball through 13U) and will focus on the teaching ques for the general fundamentals of fielding, throwing, hitting, and base running and will also be held at the Dugout, on February 10th.

Director's Cup

Tupelo Department of Parks & Recreation (or TDPR) will continue to host a double elimination post season for 8U (coach pitch) through 13U. Teams will compete during the season for league standings. At the end of the season, all teams will participate in Director's Cup Tournament based on

their rankings. We feel this is a way for teams and players to highlight their skills they have worked on throughout the regular season by competing in a friendly and fun environment.

4-Year-Old T-Ball

TSA will continue to offer a 4-year old developmental T-Ball program. Please call with any questions.

Coaches Corner

We are always in need of willing volunteers to coach in our recreational league. It is a great opportunity to be a positive influence on the young lives of those in our community, as well as giving back to a sport that has probably been a part of your life in some way. Please consider coaching, even if you've never coached before, we will equip you with the basics, and be a resource for your continuing education through the sport of softball through clinics and training tips shared weekly through our social media pages.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Each year TSA has a need for sponsorships. Through sponsorships we are able to keep the costs of participation at a minimum. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in sponsoring a team or field, please call Sheila Runnels at 841-6440. This is a great opportunity for community involvement for all of our sponsors.

Tupelo Softball Association

TSA is a parent association designed to enhance the softball community. TSA is a group of parents, players, and citizens who dedicate time and effort to promote the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Softball Programs. Any participant in a recreational or competitive program is considered a member of TSA and is welcome to attend the scheduled board meetings.

TSA Board of Directors

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If you are interested in becoming more involved with TSA operations, please feel free to contact me at 662-841-6440.

Field Status Updates

If there is inclement-weather looming, call our Rec-Check line at (662) 842-8422 and press 95 after the chime. We update at 4 pm when there are questionable weather conditions. You may also receive text message updates by subscribing to our messaging system by texting the phrase @tsafields to the number 81010.

Website/Social Media

Tupelo Softball will have a new website soon. Bookmark tupelosoftball.org now!

We are also on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TupeloSoftball) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/TupeloSoftball) @TupeloSoftball. We will post news and events, as well as coaching tips, and overall great info about softball on either of these pages. Be sure to use '#TupeloSoftball in #MyTupelo' when posting about any of our events!

Mississippi Express

Competitive program tryouts will be held August 4-5, 2018 for the participation in the 2018/2019 Season. Currently, the Express program is made up of 7 teams. Teams typically form based on birth year and compete in age appropriate divisions at various tournaments throughout the fall and spring. Visit the Express [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ExpressStrong), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ExpressStrong), or [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ExpressStrong) pages to see what all the hype is. BE SEEN•BE HEARD•#ExpressStrong



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