

# GRASSLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## OVERALL GAA NEWS

Grassland Athletic Association is so happy to be back on the fields for Fall Baseball. It's been a trying Spring and Summer, but we have been fortunate, and GAA is pleased to announce that our overall baseball and softball participation numbers this season are great. We also anticipate strong numbers in both sports for Spring 2021.

On July 30, GAA had its first in-person board meeting since Covid-19 began. Many things were discussed, and we also elected four new board members: Beth Akers, Brandy Sullivan, Rhett Fordham, and Rob Parker. GAA would like to take this opportunity to thank them for volunteering to donate their time, energy, and support to the GAA families and community.

## BASEBALL NEWS

The Baseball Committee is considering forming a 4u co-ed tee ball division for Spring 2021. This will be for 3 and 4-year-olds and strictly tee ball, no coach pitch.

GAA, along with Crieve Hall Baseball and Franklin Baseball Club, left Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball in 2015 and formed MTBA (Middle TN Baseball Association). Due to changes in management and regulations in Little League and Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth, GAA is exploring the possibility of reaffiliating with one of those organizations.

## SOFTBALL NEWS

Softball numbers are down .7% compared to Fall 2019. However, the overall softball numbers for 2020 are up 3% compared to the full year of 2019.

GAA is aware of a softball field shortage. In October of 2019, GAA put money into revitalizing Field 10 at GMS. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we are unable to use that field this Fall. GAA is currently exploring other options in hopes of gaining access to additional softball fields.

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## BASKETBALL NEWS

As of right now, GAA's basketball league for the winter of 2020-21 is uncertain, due to GAA's dependence upon the use of Williamson County Schools (WCS) gyms. Currently WCS is not allowing any outside organizations to use school property for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2020-21 school year. We are hoping GAA will be allowed back into the schools in January 2021 to play a shortened season. We will keep everyone informed as we get more information from WCS.

## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Dick's Sporting Goods has been the largest sponsor of GAA for the past several years. Each year they give GAA a monetary donation as well as donate gear bags, buckets, practice balls, and much, much more. The next time you are in need of athletic equipment, clothing, etc., drop by their Cool Springs location or check them out online at <https://www.dickssportinggoods.com/>

GAA doesn't solicit or require sponsors during our Fall season; however, we are always gladly accepting sponsorships and donations. GAA is a 501 C (3) non-profit organization so all sponsorships may be tax deductible. For more sponsorship information [click here](#):

## COVID INFORMATION

**TN Pledge:** <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/sports.html>

***YOU MUST HAVE CHECKED YOUR TEMPERATURE AT HOME BEFORE ENTERING THE BALLPARK!***

### ***Symptom Checks:***

*Individuals reporting for a sporting event or activity at Grassland Park should be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival by answering the following questions:*

- 1. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14-days? (This does not apply to medical personnel, first responders, or others who encounter COVID-19 as part of their professional or caregiving duties while wearing appropriate PPE.)*
- 2. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?*
- 3. Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?*
- 4. Have you had any new loss of taste or smell?*
- 5. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?*

***IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ANSWERS ARE YES, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BALLPARK.***