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EMASS Senior Softball League Opens Player Registration for 2026 Season

Be Part of a Team, Form Lasting Friendships and Enjoy Balanced Competition

WAYLAND, Mass. – February 26, 2026 – Eastern Massachusetts Senior Softball (EMASS) is opening its annual registration campaign for men and women softball players age 50 and older. With approximately 500 members, the league attracts players from towns across Eastern Massachusetts, with games played primarily in Wayland, Medfield, Ashland, and Framingham. The EMASS season runs from late April through early October, including Playoffs. Interested players can register for the EMASS 2026 season at <https://e-mass.org/current-programs>.

EMASS has six divisions that accommodate a range of skill levels. Two play doubleheaders on Saturday mornings, and four play on weekday mornings. EMASS has many seniors in their fifties and sixties who can still hit a ball over a 300-foot fence, run down a deep drive in the outfield, or turn a double play in the infield. Other divisions allow players whose talents may have diminished over time to enjoy playing with similarly skilled friends.

A Community of Like-Minded Players Who Become Friends

“We are a group of folks who recognize how lucky we are to be able to play a game we love at our current age and at a level that matches our abilities,” said Steve Bober, Commissioner of EMASS.

“I joined EMASS when I retired and didn’t know a single person,” said Al Handel, an EMASS Division coordinator. “Six years later, the best thing about being part of this community has been the number of friends I’ve made. This is truly the essence of the experience.”

Division Coordinator Mike Mauceri added, “These friendships can expand, providing opportunities such as playing in tournaments or traveling to Cuba to play in a friendship series. Whether you just want an outlet for fun and exercise or to build new friendships, there's something for everyone.”

A Physical Activity Outlet with Balanced Competition

EMASS adds about 60 new players each year. “We shuffle team rosters in all divisions every year to enhance connections within our large softball-loving community,” said Board member Rich Goldberg. “Our members enjoy competing with and against their friends.”

EMASS players cherish their weekly double-headers and the three-hour escape to the ballfield. “Aches and pains are easily tolerated when offset by the joy of playing and competing with

friends,” said Steve Elkinson. “At a cost of roughly \$5 per game, there’s no better value for healthy recreation.”

A Sense of Accomplishment

In retirement, without a job to perform consistently, some retirees worry about how they will enjoyably fill their days.

“A lot of my self-worth came from my job, so when I retired, I worried whether I would still matter,” said Andy Wrobel. “EMASS softball has helped answer that question with a resounding ‘yes.’ Now, in addition to other pursuits, I measure my accomplishments in hits, runs scored, smiles, and high-fives.”

“I really look forward to game days,” said David Ossam, E-Mass’s Secretary. “That anticipation starts several days before the game, as I think about what I can do to help the team in its upcoming games. Playing – and seeing my teammates – really is a highlight of the week.”

About EMASS Senior Softball League

EMASS was founded in 1995 and offers active seniors of all skill levels a safe, well-organized opportunity to play competitive slow-pitch softball. Players can sign up for a division with players of similar abilities. With two Saturday divisions and four weekday divisions, players can play at a level most comfortable for them. Many members play on different teams in multiple divisions.

For more information about EMASS Senior Softball League, visit www.e-mass.org.