



2026 Notice of Registration

Dear VSS League Member:

Please use this opportunity to register for the upcoming 2026 VSS season. Mail-in and electronic registration begins January 1. You can also register in person at the indoor softball Tues/Thurs from 9-11am at Star Hill.

Registration closes April 1, 2026. If we do not receive your registration by the deadline, our rules state that late registrations will be put in a common pool for selection and assigned to a team as roster space is available.

This year we will again be offering two leagues – our traditional afternoon league and a morning league where we will play doubleheaders on Tuesday mornings. The afternoon league will begin play the week of April 20th. Afternoon league games will start at 3:15 pm and 4:45 pm. The morning league will begin play on May 5th with games starting at 9:30 am.

Registration Fees

Afternoon League: The fee for the afternoon league is \$75 for returning players and \$100 for new players (the extra \$25 is for a team shirt).

New Morning League: The fee for the morning league is \$50 for all players*.

***Players registering for both leagues will receive a \$10 discount**

To register for either league or both leagues, please complete the attached two forms, and:

- a) Mail them with a check made out to Vernon Seniors Softball League to Steve Vera, 28 Laurel Dr. Willington, CT 06279;
- b) Pay electronically with PayPal using the button on registration page of the website (the direct PayPal link is <https://paypal.me/vernonseniorsoftball>) and either email a scan/picture of the forms to stevenvera@yahoo.com or mail the forms to *Steve Vera, 28 Laurel Dr. Willington, CT 06279* indicating the PayPal payment; or
- c) Give the completed forms and payment to Bill Hettinger at the Tues/Thurs indoor softball at Star Hill

New Player Practice*

- Monday April 13, 2026, 3:30 - 5:30 pm, at Community Field (weather permitting). Rain date is Tuesday April 14. Open practices will be scheduled for later this week (weather permitting)
* New players must attend the New Player Practice or be known to league/board members before placement on a team.

Steve Vera,
Internal Competition Committee Chairman
Call me with any questions (860) 310-6225

Vernon Senior Softball 2026 Morning League Overview

For the 2026 summer season, VSS will be offering two leagues – our traditional afternoon league and a morning league.

The structure* of the new morning league is as follows:

- The morning league will play doubleheaders on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30 am. The rain outs will be made up on Wednesdays.
- The games will be played at Community Field and Henry Park in Vernon
- We will play two 7 inning games with the standard SSUSA 5-run rule and open 7th inning.
- We are hoping to get between 52 and 60 players signed up for the morning league so we can form four teams. The league will be capped at 60 players.
- Player assignment will be via a draft similar to the fall league.
- We anticipate 12 weeks of games beginning May 5 with the league ending by the last week of July.
- Assuming we have enough players for four teams, the season will be divided into two 6-week sessions. We will re-draft the teams between the first and second session.
- Team shirts will also be similar to the fall league – Each team will have a color. Wear a shirt with that color.
- If we don't get enough players to make the morning league happen, we will refund the registration fees.
- Special morning league rules:
 - The minimum age for participation will be 60 (or turning 60 during 2026)
 - To maximize participation by all, the batting order for the second game will start where the batting order ended for first game.
 - Games will be self-umpired.
- The registration fee for the morning league is \$50. There is a \$10 discount for players who sign up for both the morning and afternoon leagues. See the 2026 VSS registration forms for details.

*This is the morning league structure as of the January 1, 2026 date of this document. A few more changes might be necessary as we know the number of players signed up and get the 2026 VSS rules committee rule changes.

VERNON SENIORS SOFTBALL LEAGUE – REGISTRATION FORM

(Return form to: Steve Vera, 28 Laurel Dr. Willington CT 06279 or steven.veract@yahoo.com)

TOWN OF VERNON, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
120 SOUTH STREET, VERNON, CT 06066 Telephone: (860) 872-6118 Fax: (860) 872-5844

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Membership in the Vernon Seniors Softball League is open to seniors who are 55 years of age or older during the calendar year of participation. For 2026, there will be two leagues: a) An afternoon league where each team normally plays two games per week on Monday through Thursday afternoons (about 28 games per season, minimum age 55); and b) a morning league where each team will play double-headers on Tuesday mornings over the course of 12 weeks, (about 24 games per season, minimum age is 60, make-ups on Wednesdays).

The morning league games will start at 9:30 am. For the afternoon league, early game start times are 3:15 and late game start times are 4:45 pm. Players still working can ask to be assigned to a team that only plays late games however assignment to late teams is not guaranteed and depends on available roster openings. All games are played either at Community field – 375 Hartford Turnpike – Route 30, Vernon, CT (behind the Community Building) or at Henry Park in Vernon.

An annual fee is charged in an amount set annually by the League Board of Directors. For the 2026 afternoon league, the fee is \$75.00 for returning players and \$100 for new players. For the morning league, the 2026 fee is \$50 for all players. Players registering for both leagues will receive a \$10 discount. This 2026 fee is non-refundable unless the player is unable to participate due to unforeseen circumstances and said player has not played in a regularly scheduled game, or we are not able to place you on a team. Dues will not be discounted regardless of when the player signs up.

The morning and afternoon leagues are recreational leagues that exist for the enjoyment and participation of members. Players are assigned to teams based on their skills and ability with an eye toward achieving parity within the leagues. Therefore, attendance at games is important. Certainly, there are valid reasons for absences; these include injuries, illness, family problems, work schedules and vacations. However, signing up is a commitment to your team and the league. If you sign up, please show up!

By signing below and paying my annual fee, I agree to abide by the Vernon Seniors Softball League By-Laws, the Rules of Play, and the Rules of Conduct as established by the Board of Directors of the Vernon Seniors Softball League, copies of which I have received. In addition, I hereby acknowledge that this Program's activities have inherent risks of injury. I, therefore, assume these risks and I waive, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the Town of Vernon Parks and Recreation Department, the Vernon Board of Education, and the Vernon Seniors Softball League, its Board of Directors, its Sponsors, its Players, its Managers, its Umpires, and its Coaches from any and all liability for any injuries or death resulting from my participation in this activity.

					Signature	Date
2026 Fees Paid:	Afternoon League	Morning League	Both Leagues	Paid Via:		
Returning Players	<u> \$75 </u>	<u> \$50 </u>	<u> \$115 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash		
New Players	<u> \$100 </u>	<u> \$50 </u>	<u> \$140 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check		
				<input type="checkbox"/> PayPal/Venmo		

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VERNON SENIORS SOFTBALL LEAGUE
Registration Questionnaire 2026

Name _____

Emergency Contact Info

Telephone No. _____

Name: _____

Email : _____

Phone: _____

Shirt Size (circle one): M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL Positions played (give at least two): _____

Will you be available for the season's start on April 20? If not, when _____?

Do you plan on missing any significant time during the season? If yes, when _____

Are there any specific days or dates you cannot play? If yes, when _____

Afternoon League:

Previous team if returning: _____ I want to OPT OUT from my current team _____ ***See below
I would consider moving to another team if the situation was right _____
What is the earliest time you can participate? 3:15 PM _____ 4:45 PM** _____

New Players – Do you currently play in other leagues? When was the last time you played regularly?

How did you hear about Vernon Senior Softball?

Please check all that apply:

- ____ I would be interested in being a league umpire when not playing (we need umpires!)
- ____ I am interested in being a sub for the morning league
- ____ I would be interested in being a team manager/assistant team manager
- ____ I would be interested in joining/managing a Travel Team*
- ____ I would be interested in a limited fall league after the regular season ends
- ____ I know others who would be interested in joining the League. List their contact info:

- ____ I know someone who would be interested in becoming a sponsor. List their contact info:

***If you wish to OPT OUT from your present team please read section R-Selection of Teams in the Rules of Play found on our web site (vernonseniorsoftball.com). The Internal Competition Committee will assign you to another league team.

** The league will attempt to assign players indicating 4:45 participation only to teams that play all of their games at 4:45

*The League sponsors several Travel Teams, which play other teams outside the area and participate in several Senior Softball Tournaments throughout the season. Travel Team games are normally played on weekends. Travel Teams also play at the Cape in September. Players are selected by invitation of the Travel Team Managers.