

**Columbus Softball Association Release and Indemnity
for Participants of Minor Age (under 18 years of age)**

In consideration of my child or ward’s participation in the Columbus Softball Association Softball Leagues, and any related activities (collectively, the "CSA Event"), wherever a CSA Event may occur, I agree to assume the risks incidental to such participation. I acknowledge that, if present at a CSA Event, I have or will inspect(ed) the facilities and equipment to be used in conjunction with the CSA Event and, if I believe any unsafe condition exists, I will immediately advise a CSA Event official of such condition and will refuse participation until such condition is corrected. On my child or ward’s behalf, and on behalf of my child or ward’s heirs, executors, administrators and next of kin, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge the Released Parties (as defined below) of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature arising out of or in any way connected with my or my child or ward’s participation in a CSA Event and/or any such activities, and further agree to indemnify and hold each of the Released Parties harmless from and against any and all such liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses including, but not limited to, all attorneys' fees and disbursements up through and including any appeal. I understand that this release and indemnity includes any claims based on the negligence, action or inaction of any of the Released Parties and covers bodily injury (including death), property damage, and loss by theft or otherwise, suffered by my child or ward either before, during or after such participation. I declare that my child or ward, is physically fit and has the skill level required to participate in a CSA Event and/or any such activities. I further authorize medical treatment for my child or ward, at my cost, if the need arises. I also understand that my child or ward may be required to leave a CSA Event venue and/or Gerrard Park should my child or ward exhibit undesirable conduct. For the purposes hereof, the "Released Parties" are Columbus Softball Association, ASA, the City of Columbus; and the officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, successors, assigns, and volunteers of each of the foregoing entities.

Print Participant Name	Signature	Date
Print Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of “Canned Beer Only” Permit & Alcohol Policies

The Columbus Board of Parks Commissioners has the right, if requested, to grant the Columbus Softball Association a “canned beer only” permit during CSA sponsored events at Gerrard Park. The CSA requires that all participants of minor age (under 18 years of age) make their parents/guardians aware that the presence of alcohol may exist during CSA sponsored events. The CSA requires confirmation of this awareness from a parent or guardian along with permission for their child or ward’s participation in the Columbus Softball Association softball leagues knowing the presence of alcohol may exist.

The CSA and adult softball players at Gerrard Park have always good stewards of the canned beer privilege granted by the Board of Parks Commissioners and have very effectively monitored this privilege. The CSA has always been very active in providing an atmosphere which demonstrates responsible drinking by adult softball players of legal age. The CSA softball leagues at Gerrard Park are not a sanctuary from the responsibility of the Laws of Nebraska. The age eligibility and alcohol policy rules, regulations and penalties from the *COLUMBUS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION ADULT MEN’S AND COED LEAGUE BY-LAWS for the 2019 Season at Gerrard Park* are printed on the reverse side.

The CSA is in need of your help and cooperation. By signing below, you as a parent/guardian are acknowledging that the presence of alcohol may exist during CSA sponsored events and are granting permission for your child or ward to participate in CSA sponsored events with this knowledge. With your signature the CSA assumes that you have read and discussed this document with your child or ward. The CSA will not act in loco parentis. This form will be kept on file. **IF THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS NOT ON FILE WITH THE CSA, YOUR CHILD OR WARD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN CSA SPONSORED EVENTS.**

Print Participant Name	Signature	Date
Participant Date of Birth	2019-2020 High School Grade Level	Phone Number
Print Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

10. AGE ELIGIBILITY

If a high school division (i.e. Godfather's League) is scheduled for play, all adult team players must have graduated from high school or have attained the age of his graduating class. High school team graduating seniors can play both high school and adult leagues.

If a high school division is NOT scheduled for play, high school teams are allowed to form and play in the men's or women's leagues only. All high school team players must be at least age 17 and were enrolled as a Junior or Senior the previous school year. All minors (under the age of 18) must have a parental permission form signed by a parent or legal guardian to play.

16. ALCOHOL POLICY RULES, REGULATIONS & PENALTIES

The Columbus Board of Parks Commissioners has the right, if requested, to grant the Columbus Softball Association a "canned beer only" permit during CSA sponsored events at Gerrard Park. If a "canned beer only" permit is granted for the current season, the following Rules, Regulations & Penalties apply regarding this permit.

- a. Any minor who is on a team roster and is caught drinking at Gerrard Park will be suspended for one year from that date from participating and being present at Gerrard Park during CSA sponsored events. Law enforcement will immediately be contacted regarding the incident. The team whose roster included the minor who was caught drinking will be forced to forfeit their next two league games and will be responsible for the full umpire fees of the two forfeited games. These forfeited games will be recorded as losses for your team in the league standings.
- b. In regards to the physical area which the "canned beer only" permit applies, the following restrictions apply:
 - i. Consumption of canned beer is restricted to within the confines of the softball complex. The softball complex is physically separated from the rest of the park by the outfield fences and border fences between the all the fields. The entrances which should be used are the far north-west corner of the main parking lot and the driveway entrance on the west side of A, B & C fields.
 - ii. Consumption of canned beer is not allowed in the parking lot or the area outside the softball complex which includes the playground equipment area.
 - iii. Consumption of canned beer is not allowed by players or staff inside the concession stand.
 - iv. Consumption of canned beer is not allowed in the dugouts or on the field of play.
- c. Rules, regulations, and penalties association with the restrictions listed in c.) above include the following:
 - i. Consumption of alcohol outside the confines of the softball complex which includes the parking lot and the playground equipment area is strictly enforceable by the City of Columbus Police Department.
 - ii. If a team which is scheduled to work the concession stand is caught consuming or having possession of canned beer inside the concession stand, that team will automatically loose their concession stand deposit and will be forced to forfeit their next two league games and will be responsible for the full umpire fees of the two forfeited games. These forfeited games will be recorded as losses for your team in the league standings.
 - iii. If a player is caught consuming or having possession of canned beer inside the dugout or on the field of play, the team is immediately disqualified for that game and must pay both teams' umpire fees (same penalty as a forfeited game).
- d. The "canned beer only" permit is only applicable during CSA sponsored events. This only includes CSA adult league night play and CSA adult weekend tournaments. This permit does not apply during annual weekend youth tournaments including fast-pitch and baseball tournaments or weekend where no tournaments are scheduled.
- e. The issuance of a "canned beer only" permit is to be taken literally in the fact that only canned beer is allowed, NO glass containers are allowed!