



# ROCHESTER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## **PORTFOLIO**

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# INTRODUCTION

The Rochester Softball Association (RSA) became officially established February 4, 1992. We requested non-profit status and received our exemption of Federal Income Tax on May 14, 1992. The RSA incorporated under the laws of Minnesota on July 27, 1995. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote, perfect, and foster community recreational softball in accordance with the aims and objectives encompassed by the City of Rochester and the Rochester Softball Association. In addition, we will present a healthy and wholesome pastime to all interested participants, and uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play. Without limiting the foregoing, this organization's objectives shall include:

- To obtain funds for the acquisition, development, and redevelopment of softball facilities.
- To assist regulatory units of government charged with such purpose in the identification of needs and prioritization of facility funding, and to provide funding for the same at a minimum cost administratively.
- To maintain and improve communication between members and regulatory units of government.
- To enhance the image of softball participants.

An annual meeting of the membership is held each year. At such annual meetings, all voting members shall transact business as it comes before the members. Any member in good standing has one vote.

The government of this organization is comprised of two CO-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Directors, consisting of members from the following classifications:

- Women's leagues: minimum two (2), maximum three (3)
- Men's leagues: minimum two (2), maximum three (3)
- Co-ed leagues: minimum two (2), maximum three (3)
- Fast Pitch leagues: minimum one (1), maximum two (2)
- Umpires: minimum one (1), maximum two (2)
- Members at large: minimum one (1), maximum unlimited

In early organizational stages, these issues and goals were established:

- Provide leadership and direction for Rochester softball
- Provide every player a voice and vote in all decisions regarding:
  - Program administration
  - Association affiliation
  - Facilities improvements
  - Tournament opportunities
  - Concession improvements/concerns
  - Communication with the Park and Recreation Department
  - Promote softball programs

Provide supplemental funding for softball improvements

- Promote sportsmanship and fair play
- Improve caliber of softball in Rochester
- Promote local, weekend softball tournaments
- Sponsor district/regional/state/national tournaments
- Create a consistent softball sanctioning policy
- Finance sanctioning of all teams with the Amateur Softball Association
- Provide administrative assistance to Parks and Recreation Department, by submitting team rosters and sanctioning information to MSF
- Finance Field Owner's Liability Insurance
- Establish relationship with Rochester Visitor's and Convention Bureau

# GOALS

- **PROCURE FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF SOFTBALL FACILITIES:**

- Membership Fees
- Tournament Revenue
- Concession Revenue
- Website/Communications
- Promotions

- **ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING FACILITY FUNDING:**

- Liaison Committee Meetings
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Meetings with Director of Park Facilities

- **MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION:**

- Liaison Committee
- Communications Committee
- Annual Spring League Managers Meeting
- RSA RUNDOWN (newsletter) Distribution
- Umpire Organizational Meeting
- General Membership Meeting
- Minnesota Sports Federation/Amateur Softball Association-District I League Directors Meeting
- Cooperation with the Rochester Women's Softball Association (RWSA) and the Rochester Youth Softball Association (RYSA)
- RSA Website
- Minnesota Sports Federation Annual Meeting
- ASA Council Meeting

- **ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF SOFTBALL PARTICIPANTS:**

- Developmental Committees:**

- Liaison
- Capital Improvement
- Communications
- Tournaments
- Concession

- Contributions:**

- Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame
- Silver Lake Community Playground
- Olmsted County Developmental Achievement Center
- Rochester Women's Softball Association
- National Junior College Women's Softball Tournament
- Youth Softball Tournament Participants

Rochester Senior Softball  
Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame  
Minnesota Amateur Sports Facility  
United Way  
Possibilities of SW Minnesota

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1991:** Organized unification of the softball community  
Established cooperative relationship with the Minnesota Sports Federation/Amateur Softball Association
- 1992:** Financed portable fencing for Soldiers Field (\$500)  
Published and distributed the RSA RUNDOWN (\$500)  
Established annual travel donations to national tournaments (\$100/team)  
Financed sanctioning of 329 teams with Amateur Softball Association (ASA), which provides liability insurance to the City of Rochester (\$3,948)  
Provided administrative assistance the Park & Rec.  
Contributed to the City of Rochester Park Department, for the black topping of McQuillan parking lot (\$20,000)  
Donated to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame (\$500)  
Financed distance markers for McQuillan Fields (\$300)
- 1993:** Financed sanctioning of 313 teams with ASA (\$3,756)  
Acquired McQuillan Concession Stand  
Provided financing for improvements required by the Department of Health at McQuillan Concession Stand  
Purchased new grill at McQuillan Concession Stand (\$1,200)  
Implemented RSA merchandising  
Achieved non-profit organization status  
Established hosting programs for post season tournaments  
Awarded Men's C State, Men's District 1 and Touch Football Tournaments
- 1994:** Financed McQuillan Field dugouts (\$7,175)  
Sanctioned 303 teams with ASA (\$3,636)  
Established policy to return game balls to teams  
Acquired bulk mail permit for non-profit organizations  
Awarded Coed Class A State and Girl's 14U State Tournaments  
Provided travel expense for post-season teams (\$500)
- 1995:** Financed Concession/Bathroom Facility at McQuillan Park (\$100,502)  
Purchased new Concession Stand Equipment (\$15,000)  
Sanctioned 258 teams with ASA (\$3,096)  
Expanded RSA RUNDOWN newsletter mailing to all members  
Awarded Men's Class B State Tournament  
Hosted the First Annual RSA Benefit Banquet (\$5,000)  
Achieved incorporated status for Non-Profit Associations  
Travel expense for post-season teams (\$500)
- 1996:** Installed 3 scoreboards (fields 3, 4 &5) with Coke and Budweiser  
Completed parking lot blacktop

Received new playground equipment from Park and Recreation  
Installed new fencing on McQuillan field #2  
Sanctioned 250 teams with ASA (\$3,000)  
Held RSA Benefit Banquet (\$5,000)  
Awarded Women's Class B & Touch Football State Tournaments  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio  
Travel expense for post-season teams (\$500)

**1997:** Concession stand mortgage paid in full  
Awarded Men's C & D District tournaments  
Sanctioned 234 teams with ASA (\$2,812)  
Distributed the RSA RUNDOWN to membership  
Donated to Senior Softball League (\$500)  
Donated to DIII Women's JO National Tournament (\$500)  
Travel expense for post-season teams (\$500)  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio

**1998:** Sanctioned 225 teams with ASA (\$3,408)  
Donated funds to post-season teams (\$500)  
Purchased Joxx Box for nine fields (\$8,059)  
Replaced fence on Field #3  
Donated to DIII Women's JO National Tournament (\$500)  
Travel expense for post-season teams (\$500)  
Awarded Class A Co-ed State tournament  
Distributed the RSA RUNDOWN to membership  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio

**1999:** Sanctioned 225 teams with the ASA (\$3,274)  
Replaced fence on Field #4  
Purchased security lights for McQuillan Park (\$9,600)  
Replace foul fences on fields #3, #4 & #5 (\$2391)  
Travel expense for post-season teams (\$500)  
Distributed the RSA RUNDOWN to membership (\$635)  
Awarded Men's D District & Touch Football tournament  
Held RSA Appreciation Week for membership  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio

**2000:** Sanctioned 225 teams with ASA (\$3,445)  
Replaced fencing on field #5  
Purchase flag pole for McQuillan (\$1,193)  
Travel expenses for post-season tournaments (\$500)  
Covered 14 dugouts at McQuillan Field (\$12,180)  
Distributed the RSA RUNDOWN to membership (\$1,736)  
Held RSA Appreciation Week for membership  
New irrigation on McQuillan Fields #3-7  
Awarded Women's C & D State tournaments

Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio

- 2001** Sanctioned 225 teams with ASA (\$3,425)  
Installed 3 scoreboards (fields 3, 4 & 5) with Coke and Budweiser (\$2,800)  
Distributed the RSA RUNDOWN to membership (\$1,900)  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio  
Light repairs and sprinkler heads (\$1,200)  
Travel expenses for post-season tournaments (\$600)  
Held RSA Appreciation Week for membership
- 2002** Sanctioned 235 teams with ASA (\$3,575)  
Installed 2 scoreboards (fields 6 & 7) with Coke (\$8,000)  
Distributed the RSA RUNDOWN to membership (\$1,300)  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio  
Travel expenses for post-season tournaments (\$600)  
Held RSA Appreciation Week for membership  
Awarded State Touch Football tournament
- 2003** Construction “Wall of Fame and Wall of Champions” (\$10,000)  
Sanctioned 240 teams with ASA (\$3,600)  
Distributed the RSA RUNDOWN to membership (\$1,300)  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio  
Travel expenses for post-season tournaments (\$600)  
Hosted RSA Appreciation Week for membership  
Awarded Men’s EE State Tournament  
Installed Safety netting on Fields 3 & 5 (\$1,200)
- 2004** Sanctioned 250 teams with ASA (\$3,750)  
Distributed the RSA RUNDOWN to membership (\$1,500)  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio  
Travel expenses for post-season tournament (\$300)  
Held RSA Appreciation Week for membership  
Installed 2 scoreboards (fields 1 & 2) with Coke & Budweiser (\$16,000)  
Provided administrative assistance to Park & Rec.  
Installed Alarm System and Security System with donation from  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Award State Coed AA & A Tournament  
Hosted 3 B’s Women’s Tournament  
Expanded concession facility storage and construction permanent housing for  
temporary toilet facilities (\$6,000)  
Bid on ASA National Tournament for 2006  
Purchased new bat racks for all dugouts
- 2005** Sanctioned 246 teams with ASA (\$3,690)  
Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio  
Travel Expenses for post-season tournament (\$200)

[www.rsasoftball.com](http://www.rsasoftball.com) (\$4,000)

Held RSA Appreciation Week for membership (~\$300)

Installed bleacher pads at McQuillan Complex (\$33,600)

Provide administrative assistance to Park & Rec.

Secured 2006 ASA Men's Class "C" West National Tournament (\$6,000)

Installed parking lot security lights (\$8,100)

Hosted 3 B's Women's Tournament

Hosted Coed Major State Tournament

Hosted Women's CC & C State Tournament

Provided funding for portable toilet systems at McQuillan (\$2,000)

Hosted Men's State Touch Football Tournament

Purchased and installed windscreens and fence toppers for fields #3, 4 & 5  
(\$4,800)

Purchased new benches for all dugouts (\$6,100)

**2006** Sanctioned 252 teams with ASA (\$3,780)

Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio

Travel Expenses for post-season tournament (\$500)

Provide administrative assistance to Park & Rec

Hosted Men's Class "C" West National Tournament (80 teams) (~\$10k  
revenue)

Received "ASA James Farrell Award of Excellence" for  
hosting the highest rated ASA National Championship  
in 2006.

Purchased fence toppers for all fields (\$3,000)

Purchased misc. equipment for tournament directors (\$5,600)

**2007** Sanctioned 269 teams with ASA (\$4,035)

Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio

Provided administrative assistance to Park & Rec

Hosted Men's DD South State Tournament

**2008** Sanctioned 292 team with ASA (\$5,800)

Purchased fence toppers and windscreens for repair (\$1,618)

Host [www.rsasoftball.com](http://www.rsasoftball.com) (\$540 (3 years))

Revised and distributed RSA Portfolio

Provided administrative assistance to Park & Rec

# **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC IMPACT**

<b>2008:</b>	RASC Partnership for WSL Midwest Championships	TBD
<b>2007:</b>	MSP DD South State	\$30,000 *tournament flooded
<b>2006:</b>	MSP C Western National	\$650,000
<b>2005:</b>	CRSP Major, CC & C WSP State	\$275,000
<b>2004:</b>	CRSP AA & A State	\$216,000
<b>2003:</b>	MSP EE State	\$300,000
<b>2002:</b>	Men's State Touch Football	\$185,000
<b>2000:</b>	WSP C & D State	\$368,000
<b>1999:</b>	MSP D Districts:	\$120,000
	Men's State Touch Football	\$225,000
<b>1998:</b>	CRSP A State	\$60,000
<b>1997:</b>	MSP C District 1	\$96,000
	MSP D District 1	\$120,000
<b>1996:</b>	WSP B State	\$120,000
	Men's State Touch Football	\$250,000
<b>1995:</b>	MSP B State	\$175,000
<b>1994:</b>	GFP 14U B State	\$144,000
	(Co-hosted with Rochester Women's Softball Association)	
	CRSP A State	\$55,000
<b>1993:</b>	MSP C District 1	\$145,500
	MSP C State	\$216,000
	Men's State Touch Football	\$250,000

## ***TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE TO THE CITY OF ROCHESTER THROUGH 2008:***

***\$4,000,500***

## FUTURE AMBITIONS

Future goals of the RSA are to continue to provide and improve facilities that meet requirement to host post-season tournaments on a reoccurring basis. Below is the list of site requirements set forth by the Amateur Softball Association for tournament hosts.

1. For class A men's slow pitch 300' fences are necessary. For class B and below, all fields shall be fenced at a consistent and minimum distance of 285'.
2. At least one-third of the fields utilized shall be lighted.
3. Outfield and side fences shall be a minimum of six feet in height.
4. Common fence, if present, shall be a minimum of 10 feet high.
5. Dugouts shall be fenced and located off the playing field in out of play areas.
6. Each field shall have an electronic or manual scoring device.
7. A minimum of two fields shall have public address systems available.
8. All fields utilized shall have above or underground watering systems available which produces a lush full presence of green manicured grass and infields shall be firm with proper agra-lime soil mixture.
9. A permanent press/tournament headquarters and concessions building shall be present.
10. Foul poles on all fields.
11. Sufficient seating on each field.
12. \*Warning tracks on fields with permanent fences that are 6 feet or below in height.  
(Warning tracks optional)
13. If temporary fencing is use, it shall be of the safety variety with soft, pliable posts and with top/bottom rail attached. (No snow fence.)

## **OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008-2009**

**Co-President A:** Daren Walk  
**Co-President B:** Becky Macken  
**Secretary:** Tyler Glynn  
**Treasurer:** Ben Boldt

**Women's Representatives:** VJ Thiesse  
Jodi Schmidt

**Men's Representatives:** Mike Macken  
Jeff Spoelstra

**Umpire Representatives:** Tom Keller  
Dan Sickles

**Coed Representatives:** Clint Fousek  
Jaimi Stejskal

**At-Large Representatives:** Gene Donaldson  
John Larsen  
Chris Beste