

Ms. Hillary Wright,
Granite City Electric
Field of Dreams IV

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Please accept this application for the 2008 Granite City Electric Field of Dreams IV contest.

The Billerica Girls Softball Association has been serving the organized recreational needs of girls in Billerica ages 6 to 18 for over 30 years. The league plays at 10 different fields around town but due to a number of competing programs such as Billerica Memorial High School's Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity Softball Program, a men's softball league, a summer youth softball league and an adult co-ed softball league all competing for the same fields scheduling a full season of softball games for the girls of Billerica Girls Softball is a difficult task. The Marshall Middle School Softball Field is used by all the above leagues and with the exception of lighting, it is probably the best field in town. The addition of lighting to this field would greatly ease the scheduling burdens of the various teams and leagues by extending the time the field can be used by all parties. Currently, the latest the field can be used is approximately 7pm during the spring. Adding lights to the field would enable us to schedule games until 10pm, allowing us much greater flexibility in scheduling by allowing us at least 6 extra game slots per week.

The Billerica Girls Softball Association prides itself on its history of keeping its fees as low as possible. Our current fees are \$55 per year for one girl, \$80 per year for two sisters and \$100 per year for 3 or more sisters. These low fees allow many girls access to youth sports who may otherwise not be able to afford to play. The Association also prides itself in never turning a girl away for lack of ability to pay. Unfortunately, these low fees and fee waivers mean that the Billerica Girls Softball Association does not have a lot of funds to spend on field improvements, especially something as costly as adding lighting to a field.

Yours in Sports,
Rick Heckbert
President, Billerica Girls Softball Association



Softball Field
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