



### **Division Playoffs & End-of-Year Tournaments:**

- National Division playoffs will be held on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> (format TBD depending on winner of the third session)
- The National Division End-of-Year Tournament will consist of all 14 teams in a single-game elimination tournament. A total of 13 games will be played. The full bracket and game days are posted on the website at the bottom of the NL Winter Schedule.
- American Division Playoffs (if needed) will be on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (format TBD depending on winner of the second session)
- The American Division End-of-Year Tournament will consist of all 8 teams in a single-elimination tournament. A total of 7 games will be played. The full bracket and game days are posted on the website at the bottom of the AL Winter Schedule.
- If no AL playoff is needed, the game days for the AL Tournament may be moved one day sooner.

### **Spring Season:**

- Spring registration is complete. We will have 4 American Division teams and 4 National Division teams.
- Game days for all teams will be Tuesday and Saturday, beginning at 8:00am.
- Opening Day is April 11<sup>th</sup> and the season concludes on June 10<sup>th</sup> (total of 18 games per team)
- Both American and National games will be held on the same days - Tuesdays and Thursdays. Same-division games will be scheduled back-to-back and alternate which division plays first and which plays second. For example, on opening day, the two National Division games will be played back-to-back beginning at 8:00am, followed by the two American Division games. The next game day will have the American Division playing two games first, followed by the National Division, and continue to alternate throughout the season).
- We are evaluating whether or not to use announcers for the Spring Season (TBD)
- New-player evaluations for the Spring Season are scheduled for Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> following the American Division games
- We will be grouping certain player ratings for sub purposes (TBD following the final new-player evaluations)

### **Board Elections:**

As previously noted, elections for the open Board positions will be held on-line, beginning on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and concluding at 12:00pm on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Candidate Bios have already been distributed. New Board member terms begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Volunteer Days (Recap):**

Volunteer Days on February 7-9 were a big success, with several new volunteers offering their time for the many activities we have within PCSSA. Thank you to everyone who signed-up!

### **Bat Specs:**

Thanks to our new Bat Specifications Committee, led by Mark Pollock, we now have easy-to-understand visual guidelines for which bats are and are not accepted in PCSSA. Please see the PCSSA Rules on our website.

### **Summer projects:**

#### **Outfield Fence:**

As previously stated, the HOA is planning to replace the outfield fence as the current one is over 20 years old and requires structural repair in several places. As the fence is not the senior softball standard 300ft from corner to corner, we are evaluating how to extend the distance to as close to 300ft as possible. The LF and RF corners are limited space-wise and would stay the same, but we can angle out from the corners to reach 300ft, or as close to it as possible. The centerfield distance is already 300ft. The height of the fence would remain as it is today. We expect this project to be completed during the summer.

#### **Warm-up Area Expansion:**

The HOA has agreed to remove trees and oleander bushes to allow us to extend the current warm-up area an additional 15-20ft. The plan is to install a 10ft high fence at the end of the current warm-up area, separating it from the new 15-20ft area. The new area will have two batting tees with mats and netting facing back towards the crow's nest. This will allow more room to warm up throwing, while also allowing two players to practice off the tees simultaneously, without the risk of being hit by a thrown ball.

### **Rumor (Offsite Games Next Year):**

Addressing a recently-surfaced rumor, there are **NO PLANS** for regular season games to be played offsite next year. Theoretically, with some schedule modifications, our Field of Dreams could accommodate up to 30 teams, playing 5 games, 6 days per week. The current Fall/Winter Season has 22 teams. We may reach 24 or 25 next year. We have plenty of capacity.

That said, **make-up games** may need to be scheduled offsite if we go to a 6-day per week schedule.

### **Rule Reminders:**

- Players are allowed to play no more than two games per day (including subbing). It is both the player's and the Manager's responsibility to understand this rule. Players cannot sub in a game (even for one pitch) if they are already playing in two games that day.
- Please be sure to read and understand all of our Rules in PCSSA – they are on our website under "Documents."
- No arguing of judgement calls by umpires – period.

### **Save the Date - End-of-Season Banquet:**

Our Annual End-of-Season Banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> on the infield of our very own Field of Dreams. We will be presenting annual awards, recognizing Championship teams and enjoying the food from the Freedom Fire Truck. Cost will be \$25 per person and registration will be open soon!

### **Desert Diamonds:**

Come and support our very own Desert Diamonds, a women's tournament team led by Dawn Hangen, on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the **PCSSA Field of Dreams**. Last year's game drew over 200 people so come early and grab a seat and cheer them on with lots of noise!

Other scheduled Desert Diamond games are:

- Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 at Sun City Grand
- Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 at Sun City West

## **Upcoming Events:**

**March 1** – New Player evaluations at the Field of Dreams

**March 3** – Spring Season Draft

**March 5** – Desert Diamonds vs. Sun City West Hot Flashes at the PCSSA Field of Dreams, 11:00 & 12:30

**March 6** – PCSSA Golf Tournament (All spots now full); Inclement weather make-up day is March 22nd

**March 6** – PCSSA Board Elections begin (on-line voting runs through 12:00pm March 10)

**March 20** – PCSSA Board meeting, 8:00am, TF Milan Room

**March 24** – PCSSA night at the Goodyear Ballpark for the 6:05pm game between the Cleveland Guardians and the Chicago Cubs (sign-up closed as we have reached the maximum 300 attendees).

**April 5** - End of Season Banquet. The event will be held at the Field of Dreams. Details to follow...

**April 11** – First day of Spring Season

**April 17** – Annual General Meeting (9:00am at the Field of Dreams)

**June 10** – Final day of Spring Season

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