



Summer Pick-Up Games

The summer pick-up games came to a close this past Saturday. Despite the hot weather over the past month or more, team rosters were filled to capacity for each game time and the stands were filled with fans. Thanks to all for a great Summer season, and especially Fred Dresser, Commissioner Extraordinaire, for organizing the games and making sure everyone had a great time!

Field Usage

Now that the Summer season is over, the field is available for limited use beginning the month of August on a first come, first serve basis. The only exceptions for now is the field is not available for use on Monday and Friday until 10:00 AM, due to grass cutting. In addition, should the projects involving outfield fence replacement and warning track soil composition replacement get underway before the end of the month, it will be necessary to close the field. More information will be provided in next month's newsletter regarding field usage restrictions beginning in September.

Summer Capital Improvement Projects

Following up on the previous topic, there are several capital improvement projects planned before the start of the Fall season in October. For those of you who have made your way down to the field in recent weeks, an area consisting of six oleander bushes and one palm tree has been removed to allow for expanding the warmup/batting tee area behind the third base line fence. It is hoped that this work can get underway within the next two to three weeks.

Another project planned before the start of the season involves replacing the warning track soil composition around the entire field so that it is the same as the infield soil composition. In addition, the board remains hopeful that the outfield fence can be replaced in conjunction with the warning track project, and are awaiting final HOA approval before moving forward.

Finally, the HOA has agreed to replace the dirt parking area parallel to Virginia Avenue with paved/striped parking to accommodate 30 or more additional golf cart parking spots. It is hoped that this project will get underway at some point this Fall, but all should be aware that it will involve the loss of vehicle parking spots. There will likely be a loss of additional dirt parking spots in the future, below homeowner residences, along Roanoke Avenue, so all players are encouraged to drive their golf carts or bicycles to the ball field as your mode of transportation.

Bat Certification and Approval

The board has been asked to clarify its position on what bats are approved and not approved for use in games. So long as a bat is certified by ASA softball, USA softball, or USSSA softball, and/or has a stamp of 1.20 BPF on the bat, it is approved for use by PCSSA. If a bat does not meet any of these criteria, it is not approved for use. If you have any questions on whether a bat will be approved, please contact a member of the Bat Committee (Mark Pollock, Jan Hangen) for assistance prior to purchasing.

2023-2024 Fall/Winter Season Registration

As of August 1, we have 254 players registered, along with 27 subs/volunteers/nonplaying managers/assistant managers. As previously announced, **the close of registration has been moved up and ends at midnight on August 5**, in order to allow sufficient time to determine the number of teams in each division; finalize managers; and secure and assign sponsors, as necessary.

At this time, the total number of registered players equates to 23 teams plus one player, based on 11 players per roster for all three divisions. As additional players may register, the board will decide whether to add an additional team, or make other adjustments, as necessary, including “ghosts.”

New player evaluations are scheduled for September 5, 7 and 9 at a location still to be determined. These will be the final evaluations prior to the 2023-2024 draft. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

The draft will be held the week of September 11. As announced at the last board meeting, it will be an “open draft” for all three divisions, regardless of rating, and “no floor.” Still to be decided is that players rated a certain number or higher must play in the American Division. Players may register for their preferred division, but if they are not drafted in that division, they become automatically eligible to be drafted in the next lower division.

Registration fees can be paid via Zelle (tbosePCSSA@yahoo.com) or by check. If by check, please drop off to Tom Bose (16342 W. Sheila Lane/Tuscany Falls). **Registration fees must be paid by September 1 to be included in the draft.**

Upcoming Events

August 5 – Close of Registration for 2023-2024 Fall/Winter Season

August 21 – Board meeting, Tuscany Falls, Milan Room, 8:00 AM

September 5, 7 and 9 – New Player Evaluations

Week of September 11 – 2023-2024 Draft

October 21 – 2023-2024 Fall/Winter season “Tentative” Opening Day