



# Happy New Year!

## Play Resumes January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Games resume on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> with five Mid-American League games. The first half concludes for all three leagues the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## New Player Evaluations

Several new players are scheduled to be evaluated following the final American League game on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. New player evaluations will continue to be scheduled throughout the season as necessary.

## Spring Season

The spring season schedule has been established as follows:

- February 1 – Registration Opens
- February 29 – Registration Closes
- March 4 (Tentative) – Player Draft
- April 9 – Opening Day
- May 18 – Last Day of Season

Depending on the number of registrations, there will most likely be two leagues: American League and a combined Mid-American/National League. It is anticipated that the leagues will be divided by player ratings (e.g. 20 and above, 19 and below).

Based on an 18 game schedule, all teams will play 3 games per week for 6 weeks (Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday). This will shorten the schedule from 9 weeks to 6 weeks, as has been the case in the past, to deal with the heat and the use of the many subs that fill out rosters during the closing weeks of the spring season.

There will be a renewed focus on spring being a “Development League”, with an emphasis on developing pitchers and players wishing to try different positions. The Board will be seeking interested managers, especially those that may not have managed previously, but would like to give it a try to see if it’s a good fit. If interested in being considered for a manager position, please reach out to a Board member.

The following registration fees will apply:

- \$70 – Player Fee
- \$40 – Assistant Manager/Coach Fee
- \$40 – Sub Fee (if not on a Fall/Winter roster)
- \$20 – Sub List (if player has own jersey from Fall/Winter season)

### **National League**

Effective January 5<sup>th</sup>, National League game times will adjust to 75 minutes apart, with games scheduled at 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30. The adjusted game times have been posted to the website. This is primarily a result of the use of Designated Pitchers, which has shortened the length of games.

In addition, also effective January 5<sup>th</sup>, a batted ball striking the pitchers screen will be deemed a dead ball. There will be no change in the count to the batter. Any other thrown ball into the net remains alive.

### **Picnics**

Six picnic dates have been scheduled over the months of January and February, with picnic dates spread evenly over the three leagues. Please see the dates below under Upcoming Events.

### **Desert Diamonds**

Come out and support our very own Desert Diamonds, a women’s tournament team led by Dawn Hangen. There are three games scheduled at our PCSSA Field of Dreams over the next three months as follows:

- Saturday, January 20 at 2:30 PM
- Saturday, February 3 at 2:30 PM
- Saturday, March 16 at 2:30 PM

Last year’s game drew a big crowd, so come out early, grab a seat and cheer them on with lots of noise!

### **Sponsors**

Sponsor Saturday returns on January 6<sup>th</sup> with the appearance of Redline Carts, a new banner sponsor, followed by additional sponsors over the next three Saturdays. Please see the attached file for a list of sponsors during the month of January.

In addition, the products of one of our team sponsors, Silver Spring Foods, can now be found at Off the Hook meat shop on Indian School Road. They have horseradish, cocktail sauce and a variety of mustards. Please remember to support our sponsors and use their services whenever possible.

## **Upcoming Events**

**January 15** – Board Meeting, Tuscany Falls, Milan Room, 8:00 AM

**January 16, 17** – Hot Dog Picnics

**January 29** – Pulled Pork Picnic

**February 1-29** – Spring Season Registration

**February 14, 15, 16 (Tentative)** – Hot Dog Picnics

**March 4 (Tentative)** – Spring Season Draft

**March 4-8** – PCSSA Board Elections

**March 9** – PCSSA Golf Tournament (details to follow in mid-January)

**March 18** – PCSSA Night at Goodyear Ballpark, Spring Training Game Between Cincinnati Reds and San Francisco Giants, 6:05 PM (sign-up details and ticket information to follow in mid-January)

**April 1** – League Championship Games

**April 4** – End of Season Banquet, Tuscany Falls Ballroom (details to follow in February)

**April 6** – Tournament Championship Games

**April 9** – Opening Day of Spring Season

**April 15** – Annual General Meeting at Ball Field

**May 18** – Last Day of Spring Season