

Southern Softpaw League

Mandatory Coaches Meeting **Minutes**

Saturday, August 22, 2020

@ 5:15 PM via ZOOM

Your 12th SSL Fall Ball Season!



Introduction of 2020 SSL League Officers

- Governor: **Kenny Deleon** (*governor@southernsoftpaw.com*)
- Lieut. Gov. & Treasurer: **Kyle Erickson** (*lieutenant@southernsoftpaw.com*)
- Secretary: **Jarrett Bell** (*secretary@southernsoftpaw.com*)
- Charity Director: **Rhonda Gaunt** (*rlgaunt@bellsouth.net*)
- Coaches' Ambassador-at-Large: **Ron Leathers** (*Ron10Leathers@gmail.com*)
- Just Fun Coaches Ambassador: **Tiffany Hamburg** (*tiffany.hamburg@gmail.com*)
- Volunteer & Safety Ambassador: **John Polito** (*wickedatlanta@gmail.com*)

Introduction of 2020 SSL Umpire-In-Chief

- UIC: **Rev. Paul Turner**

Roll call & introduction of coaches – **Kyle Erickson**

- ★ *The Board will determine teams in all divisions in order to be as even and fair as possible. They have the final say and reserve the right move teams to another division at any time.*

Super Competitive → Primetime * Sharks * Shehawks

Competitive Fun → Chargers * Dropdead * Nighthawks * Phoenix * Reign
Titans * Vengeance * Wild

Just Fun → Dogs of War * Knights * Moose Knuckles * Wicked

SSL Covid19 Response Guidelines: **Kyle Erickson** & **Kenny Deleon**

- For SSL's expectations, see attachment: *2020 SSL COVID19 Guidelines*
 - **Board will communicate with coaches if players are not following. Coaches are asked to enforce guidelines with the own players.**
 - **Additional precautions include sanitizing the balls.**
- Volunteers needed!
 - Temperature checks, tent set up, wristbands, signage, bleachers, etc.
 - **Not to police face coverings or social distancing.**
 - Contact John Polito if interested.

Schedule, Rules & Umpires: **Kyle Erickson** & **Kenny Deleon**

- **Opening Day** is Saturday, Sept. 12th. No Opening Ceremonies.
- Saturdays – 10:00AM-4:00PM – Nickajack Park
 - First games start at 10:00AM; last games may start as late at 4:00PM.
- 6-7 weekends with one rainout weekend
 - Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24... *rain out: Oct. 31*

- **With Pride cancelled, coaches voted unanimously to play Pride Wknd (Oct 10)**
- If your team is traveling to a tournament, PLEASE let Kyle Erickson know ASAP
- **Indy tourney (Sept 19) - Shehawks, Vengeance**
- **Charlotte tourney (Oct 3) - Primetime, Shehawks, Dropdead, MooseKnuckles, Phoenix, Knights, Wicked**
- General game rules, see attachment: *2020 SSL Quick Reference Guide*
- Forfeits and pick-up rules
 - Make every attempt to prevent forfeits! – use Facebook
- Nickajack Park rules - PLEASE adhere to park rules and use good judgment!
 - Cobb Parks prohibit alcohol and glass containers. *be smart!
 - Pets allowed but not on the fields – Clean up after!
 - Lock vehicles and don't leave valuables in your car. Report anything suspicious!
- Umpire: USA softball updates. **None at this time.**

Registration: **Jarrett Bell, Kenny DeLeon**

- All registration is electronic. Register and pay via website.
 - Keep up with additions & removals through form on website
 - PLEASE have the updated and completed roster submitted online in advance of your first game (recommended on Friday). It will be verified prior to players being able to play.
- Early Registration Team fee is **\$200** until 8/22 at 5:00pm. Then returns to **\$325**.
- Early Player fee is **\$40** until 9/5. Then returns to **\$50**. One-day fee is **\$15**.
- **Every player must register & pay BEFORE playing – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - If you need players, contact Kyle Erickson.

Charities, Sponsors & Host Bars: **Kenny DeLeon & Rhonda Gaunt**

- No official host bars.
- End-of-Season Awards Banquet is Nov. 7 – TBD
 - Check presentations, Hall of Fame inductions, Awards presentations
- Each team needs to adopt a local animal charity.
- Each team's selected charity will receive a check at the end of the season.
- Charities have been invited to the fields. Encourage players to bring supplies or donate.

Miscellaneous Information: **Kenny DeLeon & Kyle Erickson**

- End of Season Tournament
 - Tournament vs final standings to determine the division championship
 - **Will be determined by majority vote by coaches. Coaches have until 8/26 to vote.**
- League Insurance
 - **Please ensure names on rosters are correct. Appropriate coverage is determined by number of league members.**
- LLC
 - **Filled for (finally) with the help of Chuck Richards.**
- Concessions
 - **Will continue to sell packaged, sealed items (ie. chips, water, Gatorades, etc.)**

- No hot items (ie. hotdogs, chili dogs, nachos, etc.)
- All tips go to the charity of the week.
- New SSL Logo
 - Contact Kyle Erickson if you need the vector file.
- First Aid kits, pitcher's face masks, and AED device available at Info table
- League "happenings" on Facebook and website www.southernsoftpaw.com

Open Discussion - Q & A

- nothing

End of Meeting

- Adjourned at 6:24 PM