

## SOUTHLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (Inc)

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### Newsletter No 1

Welcome to another season of Softball. This first newsletter is the one for you to keep, as it lets you know a few of the important details necessary for your club to adhere to.

### Opening Date for Morning and Afternoon Softball & T/Ball

All grades of will commence the start of the 2012/2013 season on **Saturday, 29 September 2012**. This is a week earlier than normal, but it is necessary for the Juniors to start on this date before the school holidays, otherwise they would be into November before starting.

### Entries for all Grades

Entries for all Grades close on Friday 21 September 2012.

### Affiliation Fees

This is a club levy for Affiliation to the Southland Softball Association, and is due in with your clubs entry.

**Affiliation Fee 2012/2013** \$115.50 + GST = \$132.83 for each Club

### Registration Fees

This is a team and grade levy. We actually have some good news for the Major League teams, being that we have made all of the Afternoon Grades Teams registration fees the same amount.

### **Afternoon Team's Registration Fees for 2012/2013**

**All afternoon teams**, i.e Major League, Major Reserve A, Major Reserve B, or any other afternoon grade that may or may not result from entries \$600 + GST = \$690.00 per every afternoon team.

### **Morning Grade Registration Fees**

**Under 17/15/13/11** \$155.00 + GST = \$178.25

**Under 9/7 T/Ball** \$125.00 + GST = \$143.75

### **Groundsman & Diamond Marker**

We urgently call for nominations for the position of the grounds and diamond marking for the 2012/2013 season, as Andrew Karsten is no longer available to do this. Please give this position some thought and get back to the Association ASAP.

Other positions as mentioned at the AGM:

**Development Officer:** Will be called for once the Association decides just what the requirements are.

**Representative Softball** Board Member, Jason Milne will look after these teams, advising what is required from the Association, and what is required from the Manager of each team pre-tournament and post-tournament.

**Property Management (SSA Representative Gear & Uniforms)** Tom McSoriley and Cheryl Dahms will look after all of the gear and uniforms this coming season, doing a complete stocktake before the season starts, to ascertain just what is missing and what is required.

**Cleaning of the Pavilion** The current cleaner, Donna Karsten will once again do the cleaning.

**Bar** The Board Members are working on this. making sure that we have at least two persons with Bar Manager's Licenses. A Bar Roster will then be done, so if you have someone willing and reliable who would like to be added to the roster, please let us know.

**Web Site Administration** Until an Administration person is put in place, Grant Smith will update the Web Site.

**Advertisement in the Southland Times for an Administration Officer**

There will be an advertisement placed by the SSA Board in the Southland Times this week, seeking a person to take over a vacancy for an Administration position (ex GM) vacancy. If you are interested in this position, please answer this ad and submit your CV to either the above Box number, or to the above email address. and a job description will then be sent to you.

**Type of Balls to be used** There was a discussion held at the AGM concerning the type of balls to be used for all grades for the coming season. The current policy is the Diamond Flyer for all age groups, U17/15/13, as these are used at all SNZ Age Group Tournaments, and the Mazuno for the afternoon grades. It was felt that the diamond ball was not user friendly and wore out far quicker than the mazuno, costing the clubs un-necessary funds to replace them. At the AGM, it was suggested that everyone use the mazuno, with all agreeing that this was cost saving and made sense. The only downside to this (from Softball NZ) is that the reason for the current policy is that the mazuno is much harder than the diamond, and comes off the bat at a faster speed, particularly in the U17/U15 combined competition, meaning that injuries are more prevalent in the younger age group players, hence the reason why they use the diamond for the youth tournaments. However, the decision is yours, so please either confirm the change to mazunos for everyone, or stay with the present policy.

If there is something else that you require, please do not hesitate to, contact us for help.

Yours sincerely  
Southland Softball Association

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Temporary Administration