

Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento

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Dear Prospective Club Member,

The Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento (GSSCS) is a non-profit organization set up and run by people, over the age of 50, who enjoy playing softball. Because you have requested an application to join the Club, you share a common interest with over 500 other members who live in the greater Sacramento region.

The GSSCS follow the Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.) Rules unless those rules are superseded by GSSCS Playing Rules. GSSCS has created some Playing Rules, in the interest of safety, to minimize the possibility of injury to Club members. When you are assigned to a team, you will learn more about the Club's Playing Rules. GSSCS also has a Code of Ethics which all members are required to follow.

The Golden Seniors Softball Club has seven different leagues in which a member may be eligible to play. These seven leagues have eligibility requirements and play on different days of the week and at different ball parks. Some of the rules may vary slightly from one league to another. On the application, you will be asked to select one or more of these leagues. Below is a brief description of the leagues and their requirements.

League #1: Monday Day League... for members over the age of 70. The games are played on Monday mornings at Howe Avenue Park. The 1st game begins at 9:30 AM; 2nd game at 11:00.

League #2: Tuesday Day League... for members over the age of 60. The games are played on Tuesday mornings at the Sacramento Softball Complex. The games begin at 9:00 AM.

League #3: Tuesday Night League... for members over the age of 50. The games are played at the Sacramento Softball Complex and are scheduled for 6:30, 7:45 and 9:00 PM.

League #4: Wednesday Night League... for Club members over the age of 50. The games are played at the Sacramento Softball Complex and are scheduled for 6:30, 7:45 and 9:00 p.m.

League #5: Thursday Night League... for Club members over the age of 50. The games are played at the Sacramento Softball Complex and are scheduled for 6:30, 7:45 and 9:00 PM.

League #6: Tuesday Day Select League...for Club members over the age of 60. The games are played at the Sacramento Softball Complex and are scheduled at 10:30 AM. Club members are selected to play in this league by team managers. Participation in this league is usually governed by skill level and is not guaranteed to all Club members.

League #7: Tuesday Day Select League... for Club members over the age of 70. The games are played at the Sacramento Softball Complex and are scheduled at 10:30 AM. Club members are selected to play in this league by team managers. Participation in this league is usually governed by skill level and is not guaranteed to all Club Members.

You may choose to participate in one league or several. The first league requires the \$115 membership dues. Each additional league requested requires an additional fee of \$90. When you submit the application for membership, you must include the \$115 membership dues and the fees for any additional leagues. If, for some reason, you do not play an entire season in a League you pay for, or you are not selected for a league you paid for, your fees will be refunded on a prorated basis.

Please indicate on the application the amount and type of your previous softball experience. The Club passes this information to the team managers who, in turn, use the information to make selections during the formation of their teams each new season. This information helps the Club establish some equity among the teams so the skill levels of each team are evenly matched.

On the application, you must complete the medical and emergency information requested. If this section is left blank, it will delay your membership until the information is provided. Please be clear and write legibly. Each team manager is provided this information which may become very important should you be injured while playing.

The Club sponsors practice sessions/games during the off season. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9 a.m. Club members gather at Carmichael Park, split into teams and play a practice game. Please find time to attend some of these practice sessions as it will prepare you for some of the exercise required during the season. It will also provide you with the opportunity to get to know the rules and some of the other Club members. At some point, you may be invited to attend a “try out” session where the team managers will be able to assess your level of play before they make up their teams. Each year, old teams are dissolved and new teams are formed.

Once you are selected to play on a team, the team manager will contact you to ask a few questions about your interests and abilities. He will inform you about some scheduled practice games which are usually schedule in the month of March. Be sure to write down the name and phone number of the team manager. You may need to contact him before the season begins.

Please read the Code of Ethics and the Release and Waiver section of the application. The Club is serious about this. You take responsibility for your own health and safety. Sign the application under the Release and Waiver section. Should you fail to sign the application, it will be returned to you for your signature. This will delay your membership.

Mail the application and a check for your membership dues and additional league fees to the Club’s Player Agent:

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Please take time to visit the Club’s web site: www.GSSCS.org. The web site contains current information, current applications and newsletters which are full of information about the Club. You can download the Club’s membership applications and pass them on to your friends. You can also call the Club’s answering machine (916) 491-1721 to learn about field conditions and any changes in schedules.

We welcome you to the Club and look forward to meeting you and enjoying this time honored game of softball. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call any of the Club’s officers.

Tom Sansone
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