

# Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento

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Dear Golden Seniors Club Member,

The 2011 softball season has just ended but it's time to think about the 2012 season. It will be here before you know it and there is much to be done. Attached, you will find the Renewal Application for the 2012 season. You will notice the application is much the same as last year with a few minor changes.

The membership renewal process will be much the same as last year. The Board has decided the membership dues will be \$115 for the 2012 season. This will cover Club membership and one league. The dues for a Playing Life Member will not change. It will remain \$80. The dues for a non-playing member will also remain the same; they will pay dues of \$30 to maintain their Club membership and receive the Dugout Chatter. Non-playing Life Members will continue to pay no dues but must return an application to remain on the mailing list and receive the newsletter. The fees for each additional league will remain \$95. The Board has also decided to maintain the surcharge for the night leagues to defray the additional cost of the lights. This surcharge will be \$15 for each night league selected.

All renewing Club members must include their dues and additional league fees with the application. This will reduce some of the confusion over unpaid fees and reduce the accounting efforts required to collect additional league fees after play has begun. If submitting the total amount of dues along with the application creates a hardship for any Club member, they may contact me, the Player Agent, and make some other arrangements. In the past, Club members have arranged to pay through installments and on some occasions, a scholarship has been awarded by the Board.

If you decide to play in an additional league after you have submitted your application, call me so I can change your application and place you in that additional league. You must pay the additional fees before you begin play in that league.

Refunds have created confusion and some complicated bookkeeping in the past. The Board has decided to simplify the process by making some changes. If a Club member does not play in a league for which they have paid, the member will receive a full refund for that League. If a Club member requests a refund of their dues, fees and surcharges prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season, the member will receive a full refund. If a member is injured or decides to no longer to play, they may request a refund for the games not played. If this request is made prior to June 30, 2012, the member can expect to receive 50% of their dues and fees. If the member makes this request after June 30, 2012, no refunds will be paid. No refunds for the "lights surcharge" will be issued. If a member requests a refund of their Club membership dues in addition to the League fees, the member will be removed from the membership roster and lose any seniority they have in the Club. To obtain a refund, you must communicate with me, the Player Agent, **in writing**. This provides me a record of your request so I can track the request and respond. I will arrange for the Club's Treasurer to refund your money.

Forward your application and check to me as soon as possible. For the 2012 season, the Board has elected to add a \$20 late application fee for any renewal application which is mailed after 1-15-2012. We encourage you to submit your application in advance of this date so we can determine the number of teams in each League and prepare for the drafts in February 2012. My address is on the back page of the application. Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

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