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To: 2017 Softball Managers and Teams

From: Tony Tewalt, Recreation Manager

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Re: 2017 Spring Softball League – **TEAM PACKETS READY MARCH 28TH**

Thank you for registering your team in the 2017 Spring Adult Softball League. The beginning of the season is right around the corner with the Jamboree to be held the week of April 3rd-7th.

TEAM PACKETS will be ready to pick-up in the Skagit County Parks & Recreation office beginning TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH. Jamboree schedules for the following week will be part of your packet!

NOTE that there will NOT be a MANAGERS MEETING this year, though there will be an **Umpire Forum** on WEDNESDAY, April 12th at the Playfields Picnic Shelter at 6:00 PM to discuss the upcoming season, expectations, rules, etc. The Skagit Valley Softball Association will also be on hand to provide information about joining the Advisory Board, player advocacy and upcoming projects AND will have pizza for all that attend. NOTE that this meeting is open to ALL players and not just team managers.

Managers are responsible to cover all items in the TEAM PACKET and share that information with team members. Team packets will include A.S.A. Rosters, W.A.S.A. Tournament Guides, an A.S.A. Rule Book, a score book, and the Skagit County Parks & Recreation Adult Softball Rules Handbook, as well as many additional items to help you prepare for the upcoming softball season.

Noted below are regular season start dates, which are different from years past, a NEW Rain Out Hotline that went into use during this past season's Indian Summer Softball League, a change in the Base Paths (to 70'), Pitching Arc (from 2010), an important rule change from 2007 regarding Home Runs in Men's Recreation Divisions, as well as a couple of additional rules that are still worth noting for the upcoming season:

1. **REGULAR SEASON START DATES** – Monday nights will NOT have a week off between the Jamboree and the regular season in 2017 again as both Memorial Day (5/30) and the 3rd of July fall on a Monday in 2017. The other start dates will be: Tuesday, April 18th, Wednesday April 19th, Thursday, April 20th and Friday, April 14th. NOTE that Friday COED as usual doesn't take a week off between the Jamboree and the start of the Regular Season, as well.
2. **NEW RAIN OUT HOTLINE NUMBER** – 360-416-1361 x1
3. **Base Paths** – Base Paths for A.S.A. were moved to 70' beginning with the 2013 Spring League (previously at 65'). This is for Men's, COED and Women's Leagues!
4. **Pitching Arc** – The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet and from the ground while not exceeding 10 feet from the ground.
5. **HOME RUN Rule** – All Divisions (Men's & COED) will be three (3) Home Runs Ahead. A team can not be more than three over the fence Home Runs ahead of the other team.
6. **NO Stealing in Men's Divisions** – Stealing will NO LONGER be allowed in ANY Men's Divisions.
7. **Home Plate Safety Line & Commit Line** – These will be used in ALL COED Divisions (ONLY). Refer to League Rules sheet or Manager Handbook for detailed information.!

Call Skagit County Parks & Recreation at 360-416-1350 or by e-mail at tonyt@co.skagit.wa.us if you have any questions.