



2012 Guelph Men's Recreational Slo-Pitch League Newsletter

Ball Season Is Just Around the Corner!

With the season quickly approaching we encourage all members to promote our league with friends, neighbours and acquaintances. A ball season is always better when shared with friends.

Please talk up the league with friends and family

Full league registration is our best means of keeping our registration cost low in the future and retaining the league activities. For 2012 we plan to field 28 teams.

2012 Message from the League President

Gentlemen,

With the new season approaching I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the coming season. As a result of the hard work the advertising committee has done, we expect nearly full registration - so get your registration in on time to avoid being placed on the waiting list.

Last season we took successful steps to control our costs and bring them in line with our fees. We took these actions in order to ensure that the league was in a sound financial state for the future. The realities were that we needed to adjust our fees to accommodate increases in expenses. As a result of the control on expected expenses the general fee will be \$160.00.

As a result of the tremendous success we had for the closing banquet we will continue with the same format of closing banquet, dinner/dance format. Any player who wishes to have a Guest attend may purchase a ticket in advance of the event that will partially cover the cost of the meal.

We will again continue the process that will require ALL personal bats to be approved prior to use in the league. This process will provide an easy means of verifying that the bats being used comply with the standards that the league has established. Specifics on this process are provided in the Registration Letter and on the website.

Again this year we have examined all aspects of the league operation in order to determine a balance of events and fees to provide the best value. I want to personally thank the other members of the Executive for their time and efforts in reviewing our costs. Again this year our fees cover: Opening night dinner; team shirts; regular season games; June Tournament and Family Picnic; August Tournament; Playoffs; Year-end dinner/dance. As most of us have heard before - it is the best value in town!

I look forward to seeing everyone on the diamonds again this season. Best wishes for a fun and safe 2012!

Regards,
Larry Brazolot,
Guelph Men's SloPitch 2012 League President

2012 Changes

The Closing Dinner will once again be a dinner/dance format with advance tickets for guests at \$20 each payable by Sept 1st (tickets will NOT be available at the door). The fee goes to support the incremental cost of the Guest's meal. It also provides us with a means of managing the anticipated numbers and our overall cost for this event.

We will again offer a "play both nights" option for registration and this will be discussed in the Registration section.

Registration

Members are encouraged to bring new players into the league. We will continue with our "sign up a buddy" program where each member can identify **one new member** that they would like to have on their team for the 2012 season. We cannot 100% guarantee, you will play together on the same team, however the earlier we receive your registrations, the more likely it is you will be assigned to the same team. Both registrations must be submitted **together** with two cheques in order that Pete Tyldesley (our Registrar) is aware of your request.

2012 will continue the concept of "*sign up for both nights*". The approach here will be that **IF the league membership is not full by close of registration** then we will allow members to register to play both evenings (Tues and Thurs). Members will be asked to designate their primary night which will be used to determine the team you will play on for the June Tournament and Playoffs. If positions are available you will be assigned to a team on the alternate night. The price for this will be \$45 and the member will be provided with a team shirt for the alternate night as well as their primary team.

The league is open to registrants who are 33 as of December 31 in the current year

League Approved Bats

The league will continue this year the process of having all personal bats checked, qualified and accepted by a

committee before being allowed in a game. The dates and locations are listed in the Registration letter. This process is being introduced to try to increase overall league safety.

Picnic and Tournaments

We will once again hold the June tournament AND Family Picnic on the weekend of June 8th/9th at Marden Park, just north of town.

The **August tournament** is planned for the weekend of August 10th/11th. As before, we will structure it as a 'lottery tournament'. The number of interested players will determine the number of teams and the tournament format. All teams will be guaranteed three games. You will have the opportunity to meet and play with a completely new group of members.

Pete Tyldesley will use our computer rating system to establish a tournament team for each of you to play on. Your tournament Rep will contact you and provide details for the weekend.

Small Business Owners

Everyone, at one time or another is in need of someone to help repair the washer, fix some plumbing, and finish some electrical or other tasks. With that in mind, we have developed a list of small business owners and placed this on our web page. If you would like to be included in this section, please reply to info@guelphslopitch.com and provide us your business, contact name & number.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another year of Slo-Pitch and look forward to another successful season. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions which greatly assist to improve the experiences we all enjoy as members of this league. We are committed to creating a recreational membership, which builds on lasting relationships and lifelong friendships.

2012 Executive Team

Larry Brazolot	President	Pete Tyldesley	Director
Bob Gierling	Vice President	Keith Sine	Director
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