



SCSL Newsletter

January, 2010

LEAGUE REGISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION

The South County Softball League's website is www.southcountysoftball.com. This website will link players and volunteers to the registration page as well as providing information about tryouts, Opening Day, contacts, important dates and answers to questions. The hotline number for The South County Softball League is **966-7408**. This is another important way of getting information out to the league. Please take advantage of the information posted on the website as well as the hotline.

AGE CUT-OFF

The age cut-off date is December 31. League age depends on what year the player is born. Example: Birth year 2003 - league age 6, 2002 - league age 7, 1997 - league age 12, or 1995 - league age 14 and so on. A complete age chart is posted on the website for your convenience.

Roanoke County allows children to play in our league if they were born before October 1, 2004 and are **enrolled in kindergarten**. As in the past, upon **written request and approval** of the SCSL Board of Directors, a player may be allowed to play in an older age group. No player may play in a younger age group.

UNIFORMS

- Every player will be required to purchase uniform shorts (color to be silver gray). These shorts can be purchased at "Downtown Athletic" on Apperson Drive or call Robert Bell at 444-5645.
- All players in Divisions 10U and up should wear compression shorts (color to be black). ("Downtown Athletic")
- The league will provide shirts, 2 in 1 socks and visors.

COACHES NEEDED

Coaches are needed for teams at all age levels. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the appropriate Division Director as soon as possible. Division Directors can be found under "contacts" on the website. NYSCA Clinics are mandatory for all head coaches and will be offered on line. If you have any questions about the NYSCA website call Allen Hayes at Roanoke County Parks and Recreation Department (387-6078 ext. 254).

https://www.nays.org/nyscaonlineclinics_secure/

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Background checks are now required by Roanoke County for at least two coaches on every team. Practices and games require a screened and approved official in attendance. SCSL is very supportive of this action taken by the county and will make sure this policy is an easy process for the coaches. Division Directors will be contacting coaches to get the process started. For more information go to www.roanokecountyva.gov/athletics click Youth Team Sports.

SPONSORSHIPS

Team sponsorships are being offered again this year. This tax-deductible contribution entitles a company, a group, or an individual to an acknowledgement on our website, a plaque acknowledging support, and team T-shirts printed with the sponsor's name. The proceeds from sponsorships will go to the league's general account. Sponsorships will be granted on a first come, first serve basis so make your plans early to assure that the team that you want to sponsor is available. Please contact Jill Mabry (774-7076) for additional information.

OPENING DAY

Opening weekend will be held April 23-25 and is expected to be our biggest fund raising project. Regular season games will begin April 24 and continue through the weekend. Opening Ceremonies will be at 11:30am on April 24 (Saturday). Team pictures will be taken April 24 & 25.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to get involve with softball but feel you can not coach? Well, there is a job for you in South County Softball League!!! The league needs all sorts of volunteers to keep the league running smoothly. Some of the new opportunities are Concession Stand Committee, Picture Coordinator and Uniform Coordinator. If you have any question or want to volunteer please contact Karen Griffith 774-2986.

PITCHING CLINIC

First session will be January 10, 2010!!!!

No registration is required and the cost is FREE !!

The location will be at Hidden Valley High School as follows:

January 10 - Main Gym

January 17 - Main Gym

January 24 - Main Gym

January 31 - Main Gym

February 7 - No Session due to the Super Bowl

February 14 - Main Gym

February 21 - Main Gym

February 28 - Main Gym

TIMES AND AGE GROUPS:

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Ages 9-10 (including rising Mini Mites)

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Ages 11-16

(Age of player is determined by her age as of December 31)

* Please remember to check the South County hotline at (966-7408) before each session in the case of inclement weather or necessary schedule changes.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. **Play Up Requests** - Requests for players to move to an older age group require a written request to the Board of Directors.
 - 1.1. The written request must be sent to Box 20894, Roanoke, Virginia 24018.
 - 1.2. While the request can be noted on the registration form, only an official request in the form of a letter to the Board will be considered.
 - 1.3. **Written requests for players to move to an older age group must be received and approved by the SCSL Board of Directors before the first tryout.**
2. **Same Team Requests** - Requests to play on the same team as a friend requires a reciprocal request on the friend's registration. Only one reciprocal request will be considered.
3. **Coach Requests** - Requests for a specific coach will not be honored.
4. **Higher Level Play Requests** - Requests in "A" level play will not be honored.
5. **The Board cannot guarantee that all requests will be granted.**

PLAYER REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 15, 2010

Below is a list of things that are needed to complete the online registration for SCSL: Please note that SCSL online registration will not accept checks as payment.

- **Player's Physician's name and telephone number**
- **Insurance Company name and ID number**
- **Credit or Debit/Check card including a date of expiration**
On line registration will not accept checks as fee payment
- **Questions about registration payment? Call Karen Griffith 774-2986, Jill Mabry 774-7076 or Liz Hamrick 774-7856**
- **New players must send a copy of their birth certificate to:**
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P.O. Box 20894
Roanoke, Virginia 24018