

WSSL — Williamsburg Senior Softball League



Summer Membership Meeting
August 1, 2019

VA Gazette Video

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<https://www.vagazette.com/news/va-vg-senior-softball-league-0507-story.html>

Direct link to video:

<https://www.vagazette.com/news/116562646-132.html>

- Jim Ratkus – Commissioner
- John Antretter – Deputy
Commissioner
- Ric Zakour – Secretary
- Mike Kroeger – Treasurer
- Ben DiVito – Webmaster
- Wayne Glass – Ad Hoc Director
- You - Membership

Spring Season 2019 Recap

- 35 Players to Open the Season
- Blue, Silver, & Red Teams
- Each Team Played a 24 Game Schedule
- 36 Games if You Came & Played Every Date
- Injuries were a Big Deal!!!
- No Lack of Playing Time for Anyone
- In Memoriam Page on Website

Team Managers

Bill Punch – Silver

Mike Allen – Red

Mike Frost – Blue

??? - Gold

New Items for Fall Season

Make up of Teams – Still Discussing

Running for a Batter – Still Discussing

Bat Rule – Ric will Brief

Age Requirements – 40 Women/50 men

Four Teams = Games at Quarterpath Park

Scoreboards – Thank Joe & Pat W.

2019 Calendar

September 2019							
W	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

02: Labor Day

October 2019							
W	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

14: Columbus Day

November 2019							
W	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

11: Veterans' Day

28: Thanksgiving

December 2019							
W	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

25: Christmas Day

Purple – Membership Meeting
Orange – Practice & Evaluation

Red – Team Assignments
Teal – Team Practice Dates

Blue – Regular Season Play Dates
Yellow - Banquet

Green – Rain Make Up Dates

Sponsors

One Calendar Year

- Optimal Service Group (S)
- Jamestown Professional Park (S)
- State Farm Insurance (F)
- Anderson Financial Advisory Group (F)
- Pickleburg (S)
- Williamsburg Parks & Recreation

Coming Next Year

- Organizational By-Laws – Approved by Membership
- Procedures, Practices & Rules Manual – Approved by Board





WE WANT YOU!

Deputy Commissioner

On Field Issues

Player Evaluation

Player Development

Team Assignment

Message from the Deputy Commissioner

- Thank you all for a competitive, fair, respectful spring season
- Only **YOU** are responsible for **YOUR** health
- You certify on the registration form “...that I have had a recent physical exam or deem myself physically able to participate...”
- Let’s Play Ball!!!

Spring/Fall Budgets

	Actual Spring	Actual Fall	Fall Budget	Fall Budget
Number of Players	37	16	60	45
Number of Games	30		30	30
Teams	3		4	3
Cash in Bank - Start of Season	\$0.00	\$459.26	\$459.26	\$459.26
Dues:				
Per Person (\$75)	\$2,675.00	\$1,200.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,375.00
Sponsors	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Extra Hats and Patches	\$31.00			
Total	\$3,806.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,375.00
Startup Costs:				
Total Startup Costs - Equipment	\$586.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Spring/Fall Budgets (cont'd)

Per Season Costs:				
Fields (\$25/day per field)	\$450.00		\$750.00	\$450.00
Practice Fields	\$40.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
Shirts	\$590.64		\$250.00	\$250.00
Caps (Patches \$7.50)	\$1,112.80		\$770.00	\$770.00
Liability Insurance	\$75.00			
Balls	\$377.10		\$250.00	\$250.00
Score Books	\$0.00		\$28.00	\$28.00
Marketing/Advertising		\$85.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
End of Season Barbeque	\$115.00		\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Per Season Costs	\$2,760.54	\$85.00	\$2,598.00	\$2,298.00
Total Costs	\$3,346.74	\$85.00	\$2,598.00	\$2,298.00
Cash in Bank - End of Season	\$459.26	\$2,574.26	\$3,361.26	\$2,536.26

Rules Update #1

Rule 5.5

If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, an overtime procedure will. Starting in the top of the first extra inning (typically the 8th inning), and each half inning thereafter until the game is concluded, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who batted last in the previous inning being placed on second base. A courtesy runner cannot be used for this player unless/until he makes it safely to third base. There are no run limits in extra innings. **Should the score be tied at the end of one extra inning, then the game will end in a tie.**

Rules Update #2

Rule 5.8 The game format will be as follows: All batters will start with a one ball and one strike pitch count. As necessary, one courtesy foul will be allowed on a third strike foul (a foul on the courtesy pitch is an out). The batter will be out on a called third strike or a swing and a miss on the third strike pitch. There will be no additional courtesy pitch

5.8.1 A foul tip is defined as a batted ball that travels sharply and directly from the bat to the catcher's hand(s) or glove/mitt and is legally caught by the catcher. A batted ball that travels with a visible arc (in the judgement of the umpire) from the bat is not a foul tip and, if legally caught by the catcher, shall be ruled an out."

Rules Update #3

After Rule 5.10

To expedite play:

Pregame batting practice should end promptly at 8:50AM to enable first games to begin at 9:00 AM. This ten-minute interval between the end of batting practice and the first pitch allows time for the disassembling of pitching screens and for managers to brief their teams before they take the field. Games should be limited to 75 minutes from the first pitch. Games should be limited to 75 minutes from the first pitch. An inning starting prior to the 75 minute mark may be completed. No inning, including an extra inning, should start after the 75 minute mark. The Home Team Manager is responsible for monitoring the game time.

Rules Update #4

Pitching Regulations

Rule 6.1.

The pitching area shall be properly designated with a pitching plate. The playing field may not have a pitching mound. The pitcher may stand up to 7 feet behind the pitching plate to pitch.

Rules Update #5

Current Rule:

3.4 In accordance with USA Softball policy, only ASA approved bats may be used in WSSL. Bats should be inspected and approved by the managers prior to the game. Any batter using an illegal bat after this inspection (i.e., entering the batter's box) shall be declared out and given a warning. A second violation will result in ejection from the game.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Certified-Equipment/Equipment-Bats>

Proposed change:

3.4 All bats should have either the NSA OR ASA certification OR the 1.2 BPF stamp on them. Bats without these markings or any bats on the NSA or ASA non-approved bats lists are NOT allowed. Bats should be approved by the managers before the game. Any batter using

Rules Update #5 (continued)

Legal bats will contain one of these marks



Website (wsslva.org)

- Website has been up and running since March
- wsslva.org is our own domain
- Navigation and pages adapt to mobile devices
- Day-to-day operation plus information for newcomers
- Site still evolving as league progresses
- Please report any problems
- We welcome your suggestions

Current Website Content

HOME ABOUT OPERATION SEASONS PLAYERS DOCUMENTS CONTACT

- Home: news, links, team standings, events, partners and sponsors
- About: background, goals
- Operation: games, calendar, fields, newcomer info
- Seasons: game schedule, player registration, calendar
- Players: rosters, photo gallery, in memoriam
- Documents: PDF files of league documents
- Contact: email addresses for Board of Directors

Home Page News

Latest News

Our summer membership meeting will be held on Thu, Aug 1 at 5pm. The location is Williamsburg Community Chapel, Moog Room (upstairs). Use entrance East 2 on the left side of the building. All potential newcomers are invited to join us.

Congratulations to all members for a successful spring season. We are now accepting registrations for the fall season.

Check here for updates as the weather or other circumstances might change.



Quick Links

- [Game schedule and scores](#)
- [Register for fall](#)
- [Team rosters](#)
- [WSSL rules](#)
- [Map to Kiwanis Park](#)

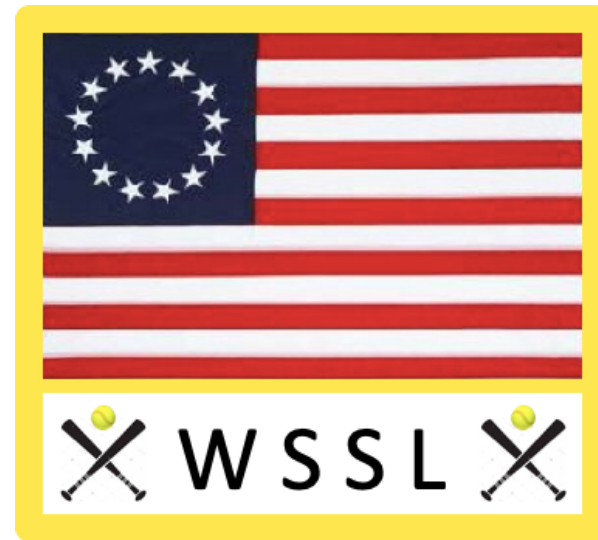
Going Forward

- Spread the word: tell your friends about wsslva.org
- Poster/flyer available under Documents
- This presentation will be posted to the website
- Please send website corrections, suggestions, etc.
- Frank Hefner has volunteered to serve as backup webmaster
 - Thank you, Frank!

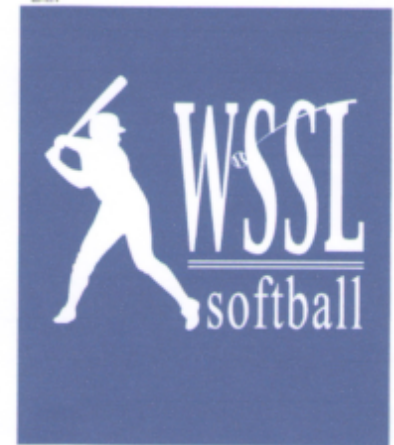
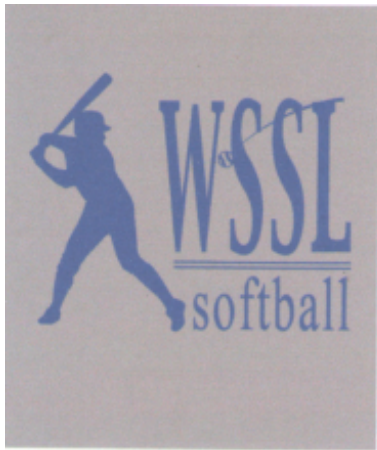


Uniforms – Wayne Glass

- Samples of shirts and hats
- Teams and colors
- WSSL logo



Shirt Colors and Logos



Questions?