

West University Softball Association

Summer 2020 Newsletter

As summer 2020 comes to a close, for many in our WUSA family it will be remembered for more than just canceled summer camps and quarantines.



WUSA was able to safely support ten summer tournament teams across our 14U, 12U, 10U, and 8U divisions that competed in a number of events in the Houston area. Softball was a welcome outlet for our league after having the spring season abruptly cancelled. The summer tournament teams' experiences were not only enjoyable and highly competitive, but also informative in many ways as the league made plans for re-opening WUSA Fall Ball.

At the time of this writing, 2020 Fall Ball registrations have concluded and our participation rates remain very strong. With over 360 participants in fall ball ages 7 – 12 years old, we are set to have another great fall of softball development for the girls. Our newsletter this quarter will address some of the league's activities this summer, updates to our facilities and expectations for participants in our 2020 Fall Ball program.

Summer Tournament Team Wrap-up:

Ten competitive WUSA summer tournament teams took to the fields this summer. Over 130 WUSA players were part of the teams that represented the league as formidable competitors but also as a fun and respected community of families.



Teams played exclusively in the Houston region and garnered numerous tournament championships and top 3 placements while the players built softball skills and experiences at all levels. Our WUSA



summer teams averaged over 30 games played in a period of 6-8 weeks. Teams played deeper into the summer than ever before finishing play in August this year in part due to the late start for summer ball but also because of the strong interest in play from the participants.

Looking forward, WUSA also supports competitive fall tournament teams in each age division for registered league participants who are interested in additional repetitions and an even more competitive softball experience. Sign-up for the WUSA email blasts on our [website](#) so you don't miss any of our tournament team notifications.

Facilities Updates:

Game Cameras at South Campus and McGovern Fields

Don't miss the softball action if you are social distancing, out of town, or just pulled in three directions at once! WUSA game cameras allow parents, friends and family to watch practices and games live if they can't be there in person.



Take advantage of this great feature by linking to the “your gamecam” website [here](#). Contact your team’s manager for the gamecam login and password for the 2020 fall season. Share the [link](#) and password with friends and family.

South Campus Upgrades

Over the summer the league completed some essential infrastructure maintenance at our South Campus location. Drainage was updated to better

deal with rain and the drainage lines from the concessions and bathrooms were replaced to manage increased capacity. The maintenance and updates at our South Campus facilities are necessary to support the league's robust growth and ensure that we continue to showcase the best softball facilities in the Houston area.

Over the summer, WUSA also worked through the permitting process for the planned expansion of its South Campus concession building and addition of a large covered pavilion between Fields 4&5. WUSA expects to receive the permit in the next few weeks. In addition to the concession expansion, other planned updates include the addition of more dedicated warm-up space for pre-game throwing and pitching. These spaces will provide more safety to players and spectators.

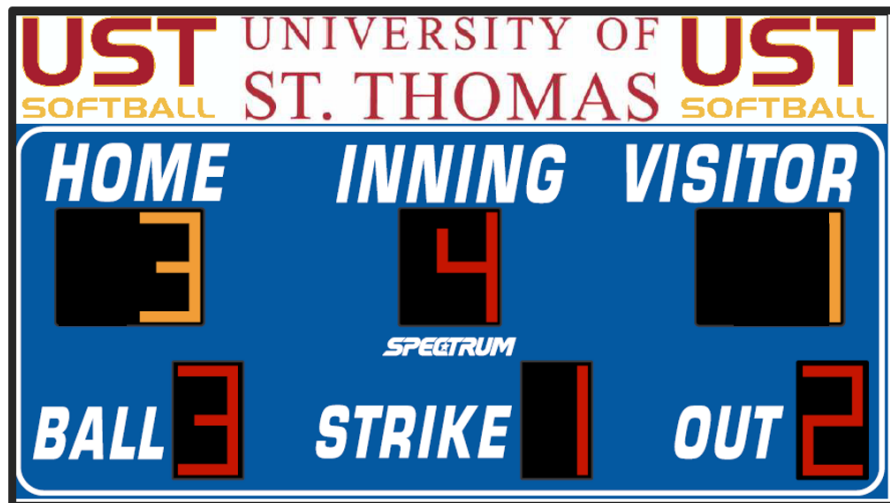
WUSA is still seeking donations and contributions to support this exciting expansion. If you are interested in contributing to WUSA's capital improvement projects, please contact us.



WUSA and University of St. Thomas to Host College Softball at South Campus

Starting Fall 2020, WUSA will partner with the [University of St. Thomas](#) as they start a women's NCAA Division III softball program and utilize WUSA's South Campus Field #4 as the Celt's, "Home Field". Below is a mockup of the new scoreboard signage that will be placed on Field #4 this fall.

WUSA is very excited for the opportunity to showcase our facilities and welcome collegiate level softball at South Campus.



UST will play their home games at South Campus starting in the spring of 2021 and all WUSA players and families will be welcome to attend games and experience the exciting action. There is no doubt having collegiate level players practicing and playing games at WUSA facilities will give our league's young players the opportunity to dream about playing at the collegiate level and perhaps pick up a skill or two that could help them on their way.

WUSA will also benefit from targeted coaching camps supported by UST staff in the future to further develop our leagues ability to cultivate talent through instructing girls on the proper techniques for success in softball. Stay tuned for more news on this exciting development.

Return to Play Safety Reminders:

We have a shared responsibility to keep our families healthy while preventing the spread of COVID. Support the directives outlined by the league and your team manager.



The league has taken steps to promote safety for players and families. New signage at South Campus reinforces the league's requirement for social distancing of players, coaches and spectators. Benches are marked to help prevent players from sitting too close. Only 4 players are allowed in each dugout. Players should bring a chair to sit on for practices and games.



Hand sanitizer stations are available in the dugouts and across the facilities. No sharing of equipment is allowed. Masks are mandatory for adult spectators not on the field and coaches if they are unable to socially distance when on the field.

Lastly, openly communicate to the team manager if you have a non-softball COVID exposure so that we can all collectively do our best to keep our league participants and families safe.

Sponsorships

We are very thankful for our sponsors who help us offer so many great softball experiences to our WUSA families. WUSA has several sponsorship opportunities at different price points and can create customized sponsorship opportunities to meet a sponsor's specific interest. To learn more about our sponsorships and how you can become a WUSA sponsor, please [contact us](#). We ask that our league families support our sponsors so [link here](#) for our 2020 sponsor listing.



From all of us at WUSA, good luck and best of health as we head into the fall season. “Let’s Play Ball!”

Michael Liebl

WUSA Executive Vice President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 7th, 2020: Practices begin for Fall Ball
- September 19th, 2020 Fall Tournament Team Tryouts
- September 21st 2020 – Fall Ball Games Begin
- November 16th – Early Bird registration for Spring 2021 Season Opens
- November 19th – Fall Ball Season-closing Tournament begins (TBD)

If you missed any of our past newsletters, link to them here:

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