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# West University Softball Association

## *Winter 2019 Newsletter*

West University Softball Association's Board of Directors wishes our WUSA families a safe, restful and fun-filled holiday season. For the WUSA Board and Auxiliary, the holidays are no doubt the calm before the storm. The New Year brings the excitement of a new spring softball season – tryouts, drafts, team meetings, the start of practices, and the Opening Day Parade & Carnival. As we wrap up another successful Fall Ball season and look forward to our spring season, we wanted to update you all on a few happenings around the league.

### **Fall 2019 Recap**

WUSA's 2019 fall ball season was its largest ever with 425 registered players. This registration number surpassed some of our league's spring registration totals from not that many years ago. We thank our families who continue to come back and support our league and we welcome the newcomers who are trying WUSA for the first time.

This fall's weather was certainly favorable for softball. There were only a handful of rained out games, with no rainouts occurring on any of our Sunday game days. The league's recently purchased tarps (along with the parent volunteers who helped roll them out on the infields) got the assist for saving two weeknight sets of games. We now have tarps for all five of our fields at South Campus and look forward to making good use of these infield covers this coming spring.

Pink Out Day and the Hit-a-thon on October 20 were once again very fun, successful events for our league. That Sunday afternoon we saw a steady stream of hit-a-thonners of all ages hitting line drives at pink targets (and occasionally at some coaches). The pink socks and pink shirts were on full display across South Campus. In the end, we were able to raise a total of \$19,000, with the funds being divided as follows: \$7,000 to the WUSA College Scholarship Fund, \$7,000 to WUSA's capital improvement projects, and \$5,000 to be donated to The Rose, in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Thank you all for your support of each of these important causes and fundraising efforts.



### **Spotlight On: WUSA Auxiliary**

WUSA's Auxiliary is a group of parents that plan, coordinate and execute the league's fun, spirit-filled activities in both the spring and fall seasons. The Opening Day Parade and Carnival, Father/Daughter Dance, Hit-a-thon and Adult Social are all Auxiliary-run events that have become an integral part of the WUSA experience. The Auxiliary is always looking for creative, motivated parent volunteers to continue to develop and evolve these great activities and to potentially add even more fun events to the WUSA calendar. WUSA understands our parents' volunteer hours can be stretched, but rest assured, your time spent volunteering for WUSA's Auxiliary will have a direct,

meaningful impact on the experience of our WUSA players. To volunteer for the Auxiliary or if you have any questions about the organization, please email us at [wusahelp@gmail.com](mailto:wusahelp@gmail.com).



### **Fall Tournament Teams**

WUSA sponsored three tournament teams this fall, one each at the 10U, 12U and 14U levels. WUSA is one of the very few recreational softball leagues that offers and supports fall tournament teams, and as such, our teams must play against “select” teams from across the Houston area. Despite the tough competition, these three Wave teams posted several strong tournament performances and overall represented WUSA very well. The 10U Wave took home two second place trophies and one third place trophy, while the 12U Wave finished their season strong by winning their final tournament outright, rallying for a come from behind win down three runs in the final inning of the championship game at 11 PM on a Saturday night! This final tournament was held at South Campus, which marked the first time WUSA has hosted a fall

tournament at our facilities. The volunteers from across the league did a fantastic job ensuring that the tournament went off smoothly.



### **South Campus Expansion**

As mentioned in the fall newsletter, WUSA has initiated design work for the expansion of our facilities at South Campus to support our robust growth and ensure that we continue to showcase some of the best softball facilities in the Houston area. Stay tuned for updated renderings of the campus that show the expanded concession building, additional shade areas and more. In addition, we will be seeking capital donations to support this expansion. If interested, please email us at [wusahelp@gmail.com](mailto:wusahelp@gmail.com) and a Board member will contact you to discuss available contribution levels with associated recognition options.

### **Softball 2020**

We know 2020 will be a banner year for the sport of softball, as it returns to the Olympics for the first time since 2008! The increased awareness and popularity of softball in our country is a phenomenon that we at WUSA want nothing more than to continue to develop and promote. The sport can provide the safe space

for girls to challenge themselves, take risks and have experiences that will benefit them for years to come. But it also is a fantastic vehicle for the development of lasting friendships.

We are anticipating another fantastic spring season in WUSA, complete with all the cheers, big hits, crazy socks, and exciting catches. Spring registration is already off to a very strong start, with nearly 550 girls registered as of the end of Early Bird Registration. [CLICK HERE](#) to register today and secure your spot for the 2020 season!



We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing all of you in January as we kick off the spring season!

**Sean Meehan**  
President

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 7, 2020: Spring Registration Closes
- January 9, 2020: Managers' Meeting (The Zone)
- January 11-12, 2020: Player Evaluations
- January 12-13, 2020: Drafts
- January 15-16, 2020: Team Meetings (Southside Clubhouse)
- January 18, 2020: Coaches' Clinic
- January 20, 2020: Practices Start

- February 8, 2020: Parade/Carnival
- February 10, 2020: Games Begin
- February 21, 2020: Father/Daughter Dance
- February 22, 2020: Photo Day & Directory Delivery
- February 29, 2020: 6U/8U Day at South Campus
- March 28, 2020: Adult Social



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