

To All Silver League Members

This letter is to let you know that your board has been working hard this fall preparing for the 2012 season, our 26th overall.

Some of the issues that we have been working on are honing the procedures around substitutions, Hall of Fame Elections, New Player Evaluations, drafting procedures, game scheduling and safety.

Even though our costs are rising, we are able to keep the registration and sponsor fees at last year's levels. Involved in this is a new 10 year contract we have negotiated with Barberton Parks and Recreation. Starting in 2013 the first 5 years will hold at the 2012 rate. We will also be acquiring glare/sun screens for all 4 fields and the purchase of 2 defibrillators. Jim Ruby, our Umpire-in-Chief, will transport these units and will have 1 for both the upper and lower fields for all games. We will have training classes and it is the boards hope that all umpires and managers will attend. Players are also welcome. Sessions will be announced later.

In keeping with the purpose of the league, we try to create balanced teams across the divisions. With this in mind, we will be adopting a New Player evaluation procedure. All new players to the league will be required to attend one of the two evaluation days at Pronio's Sports Complex, 2420 Wedgewood Dr, Akron, OH., on either March 17 or March 24 both session running from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. Please call me to reserve your spot as they are limited. In the event we have favorable weather conditions, the sessions will be moved to a local Akron field. Watch the website for details. New players not attending one of the sessions will be placed on the substitution list and not be eligible for the draft.

Attached you will find an application for nominees for the Silver League Hall of Fame. If you think someone is deserving, please complete the form and attach any additional supporting detail. These applications must be received by May15th for consideration in 2012. All previously submitted applications have expired so we need new ones. Additional forms are available on the website.

This year's General Membership meetings will be held at the Barberton Recreation Center , 500 West Hopocan Ave, Barberton, OH. The dates are February 5 and March 4, from 1:00 to 3:00.

You can help yourself and the league by participating in getting a NEW sponsor. If you contact the sponsor and collect the fees, your league fee will be waived for that year. Forms are available on the website.

I hope each of you are enjoying your off season and looking forward to the 2012 season.

Tom Shaffstall

President Silver League