

NEW TEAM INTRODUCTION PACKAGE FOR NJSBCL SEASON 2010

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Sub: - Welcome to NJSBCL 2010 Championships

Kind Attn: - All New Teams Playing in NJSBCL in 2010

Thanks for your interest in playing the Division 1 / Division 2 Championships of NJSBCL for 2010. We would like to welcome your team and wishes your team an enjoyable season ahead!!!

The schedule for the tournament including your matches will be available at NJLeague@yahoogroups.com and www.njsbcl.com website by second week of April 2010. Games for first round of the league start on April 17, 2010 this year. All new teams will start in the Division 2 with an option to move onto Division 1 at the end of the season based on their performance & ranking this season. Details of this inter-division move will be published along with the schedule

If you have not completed registrations already, please follow these steps to register with the league -

A) Registration Process:

NJSBCL uses NJLeague@yahoogroups.com and www.njsbcl.com website for communicating to the teams. The registration is a two step process.

First step: (applicable only for new teams of 2010)

1. Go to the following link <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/NJLeague/> and click on Join this group. You have to mention clearly which team you are playing for and your contact phone number. A message will be sent to the admin who will provide you access to the NJLeague. This is where we post general communication for all teams. Normally only team captains & managers need to register to this yahoo groups.

Second step: (applicable for all teams of 2010)

2. Team captain or manager should access www.njsbcl.com for completing the registration process online. NJSBCL uses this website for posting details of schedule, rules and regulations, umpiring guidelines, team details, score reporting etc.
3. Once the captain / manager logs into the website www.njsbcl.com, his first step is to add the email id and contact numbers of a minimum of 14 team members. This step should be completed by **March 30, 2010**. Then captain / manager should send an email to his team mates stating the email id which was used in registering their name at the website. The player should then go to www.njsbcl.com click on forgot password link, input the email id which was used by the captain to register him and click ok. The player will get an email with a temporary user id and password. The player can then login to the website with these details.
4. When the captain and players logon to the league website www.njsbcl.com for the first time, they will be taken to a page for accepting the NJSBCL Registration Liability Waiver form. All players of all teams should complete this online form and submit by **March 30, 2010**. This is mandatory. A player who has not completed an online liability waiver WILL NOT be allowed to play in any matches scheduled by the league. If a team adds a new player to their roster after the season starts, they should be added to the website roster and asked to accept the online player liability form before playing their first game.
5. All new teams participating in the league for the first time should submit fees of \$175 along with the team registration. The league fees can be paid by check or cash or PayPal. If paid by check it should be made payable to "NJ Softball Cricket League" This payment should be made to the League Treasurer. Facility for paying by PayPal is available at the league website. This completes the registration process of a team.
6. Once the team registration and league fees are received from new teams, the league EC's Formats & Scheduling committee will consider each application before deciding on the team's participation in the league tournaments. The league EC will reach out to each new team for ensuring that they understand the commitment required to participate for 2010 season. The EC will then communicate to the new team their eligibility for participation in the 2010 season tournaments

B) General Terms & Conditions of Play:

B.1 Ground:

1. All new teams should send an email to ec@njsbcl.com with details of their home ground **by 3/25/2010-**

- a) Which is your home ground?
- b) What is the address & directions for reaching the ground? (This is needed, if it was decided that the ground should be evaluated by the EC for safety)
- c) Is your home ground a baseball ground?
- d) Does all sides have a minimum of 45 yards and maximum of 60 yard length? (We understand some baseball grounds may not have this which is acceptable)
- e) Does your team have a permit from the township / county for playing the match at that ground? If so, please send a copy of the permit & directions to the ground to ec@njsbcl.com and we will post it on the league website so that other teams know you have a home ground
- f) Is there a time restriction on the ground you have? Should the match end by a specific time? All matches should start as early as 7.30AM and as late as 8.45AM unless mutually agreed by both captains and neutral umpires.

2. Every team will be assigned home games and away games proportionately. A team which has its home ground / based outside a certain radius from central New Jersey will be considered a **"travel" team for 2010**. Details of this criteria including travel team names will be published along with the schedule. Travel teams will not be allotted any home games. They will be playing all away games only, as decided by the league. To balance this traveling, these travel teams will not have any umpiring assignment in their schedule. If your team is playing a travel team, your team will have to arrange the ground for the game. In the schedule against your match, in the ground column, if your team's name is mentioned it means that your team will have the responsibility to find a ground to host that game. (If your team is unable to find a ground or does not have a home ground, you can ask your opposition team if the match can be played at their home ground or at a mutually agreeable ground). Last option would be to post a message in the NJ League yahoo groups one week before the scheduled date of the match asking other teams if they can loan a ground for your game.

B.2 Umpiring:

3. All teams will be assigned umpiring duties in the schedule. If on the schedule against a specific game, your team's name is mentioned in the umpiring column it means your team is responsible to send two umpires to officiate that game to the ground where that game is being played. Normally in a weekend if your team has a game on Saturday, your team might have an umpiring assignment on Sunday and vice versa. Teams, on the days they are assigned umpiring duties will have to coordinate with the captains of the playing teams (whose details are found in the www.njsbcl.com website) and arrange to send two umpires as mandated by the league. Teams defaulting on sending umpires will be liable for a penalty of losing **5 points + \$40 per umpire**. These points will be deducted from your points tally in the website. The \$40 will have to be paid to the league treasurer by the team captain/manager at the end of the round in which the teams did not send the umpire. **Once again, it is mandatory for all teams to send two umpires on a game they are scheduled to send the umpire. There will be no relaxation on this rule.** The people who are assigned for umpiring MUST have read the rules & regulations document posted in the www.njsbcl.com website. This document specifies the rules that will be followed for our league. Some rules are different from normal ICC laws - for e.g. we do not have LBW or leg byes in the league

4. Please take the time to read all the applicable rules and regulations that govern the playing conditions of NJSBCL games and carry a copy of the Rule Book 2010 with you when you are going to umpire a game.

B.3 Start Time & Coordination:

5. Please note that all NJSBCL games have an earliest start time of 7.30AM and a latest start time of 8.45AM on a scheduled day but the actual start time would be decided between the playing team captains and informed to the umpiring team. Umpiring teams does not have a say in deciding the start

time or venue of the match. **The start time will be decided based on the time constraints of the ground you are playing or umpiring.**

6. For a game that your team is considered as a home team (a game where your team name is listed on the ground column of the schedule), it is the home team's responsibility to coordinate and inform the umpiring team when, where and at what time the match will be played at. Please start this coordination process on the Monday before the weekend your match is scheduled to be played. You should reach an agreement with the captains of opposition teams and get a confirmation from the umpiring team's captain about the match start time and the ground. For coordinating & Communicating to umpiring teams and opposition teams, first please login to the www.njsbcl.com website and get their contact details (email & phone number). If you do not receive any reply then you can send an email to NJleague@yahoo.com provided you already are registered at the yahoo groups.

7. Any issues / queries / grievances should be addressed to ec@njsbcl.com only and not on the NJLeague yahoo group.

B.4 Season & Forfeiture:

8. NJSBCL season runs from April middle to October first week. All teams will be scheduled to play their round robin league games from April middle to September beginning. So we expect teams that do not qualify for knock out rounds to commit to playing & for sending umpires for umpiring duties to at least September beginning. The schedule will indicate in advance the weekends that are off for the whole season so you can plan your vacations accordingly.

9. Forfeitures / Not sending umpires for scheduled games are **NOT allowed** in the league. Any team that forfeits a game due to any reason (including but not limited to players not available, last minute calls from workplace, falling sick in the morning of the game, too far to travel, not interested anymore since already out of running for next round etc) will be strictly monitored and penalized. Penalties will include fines as mentioned in point 10 below, deducting points from their tally, debarring from the league and not allowing the team to continue playing in the league for the same season or upcoming seasons in its own name or under a different name / leadership. Captains / manager are solely responsible for ensuring the team is ready and available to play on the game day.

10. All new teams and teams that defaulted last season will be asked to pay a caution deposit of \$100 at the beginning of this season. This \$100 is in addition to the league registration fees of \$175 already paid. This money will be retained by the league as soon as a team forfeits two matches in a season. Also if a team does not send two neutral umpires for a scheduled game, \$40 will be deducted from the deposit and league will use this money to send a paid neutral umpire for that game.

B.5 Balls

11. All games of the NJSBCL league are played using Khanna Super hard tennis balls. Teams can collect the balls for round 1 from the league EC at a pre-announced date, time and location. **Only these balls should be used for all the games of the league.** A new ball will be used for each inning of the match. If a ball is lost during a match, neutral umpires will decide which ball to use from a collection of old used balls.

B.6 Scoring & Score reporting:

12. After you register at the www.njsbcl.com website, team captain / manager will have to login to this site and post your scores of the weekend's game by the Monday after the weekend. The score sheet for tracking and reporting the scores is available in PDF format in the NJleague yahoo groups. You can print this out and use for tracking your scores during the match. The winning team is responsible for updating the scores of both teams on the Monday after the weekend. So please ensure that you get a copy of the score sheet from the losing team at the end of the match.

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