



# PPRSSA 2024



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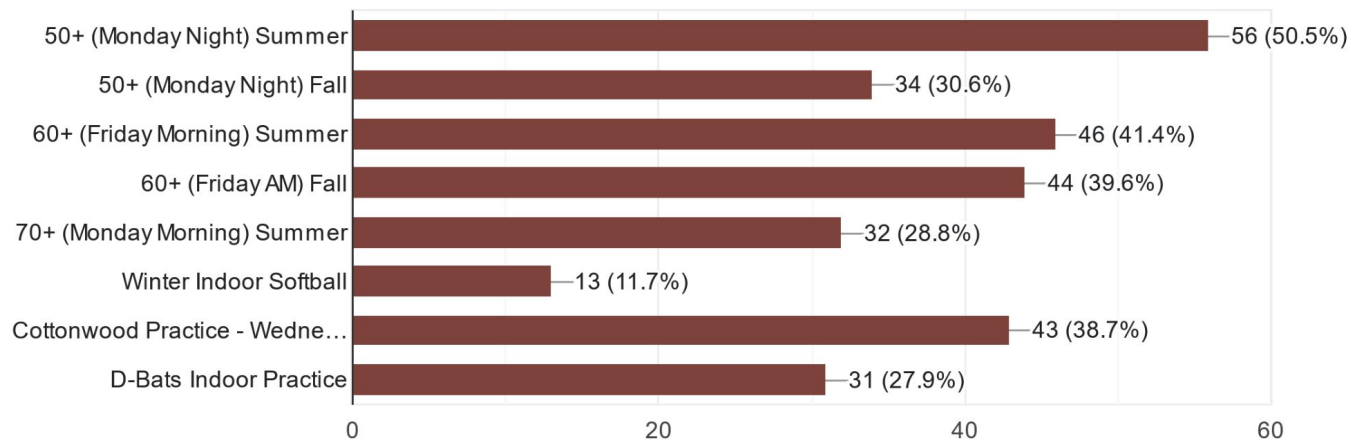
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- 114 Total Responses (39%)
  - 16 + over last year
- 54% Anonymous

Which PPRSSA activities did you participate in? (check all that apply)

111 responses

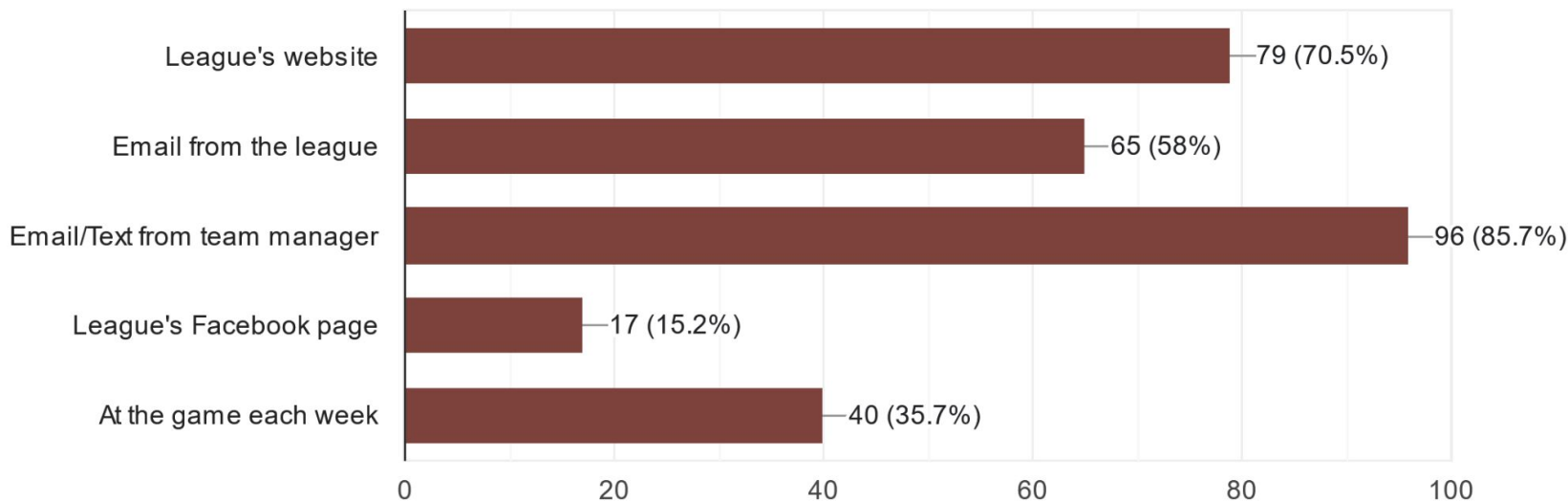


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How do you get updates about our league and your team? (check all that apply)

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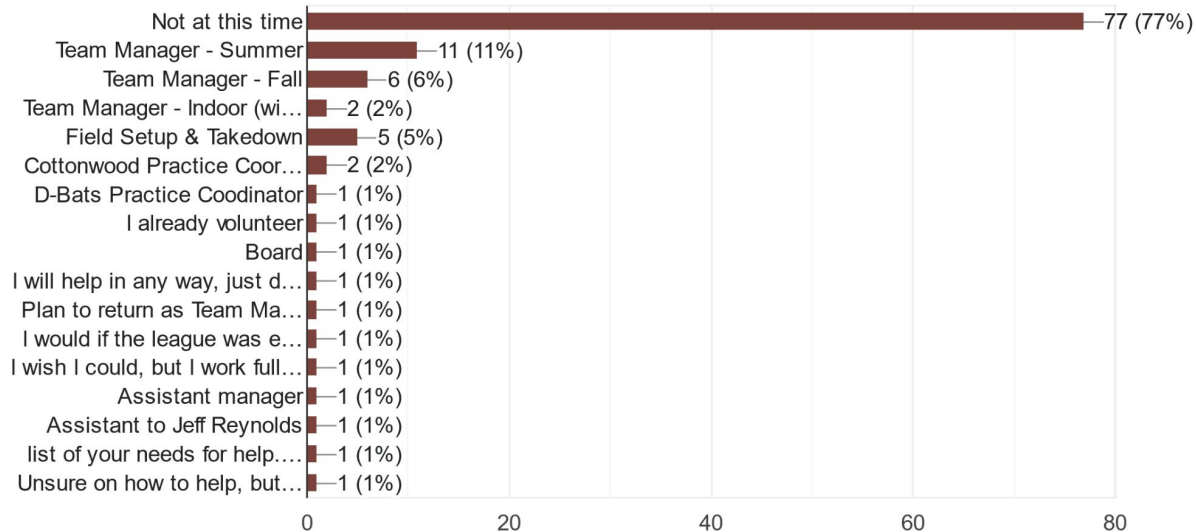


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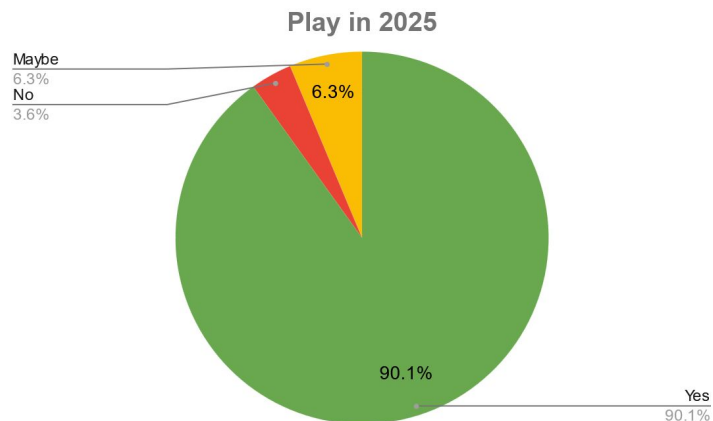


Are you interested in volunteering to help PPRSSA? If yes to any, please make sure you provide an email address in last question. (check all that apply)

100 responses



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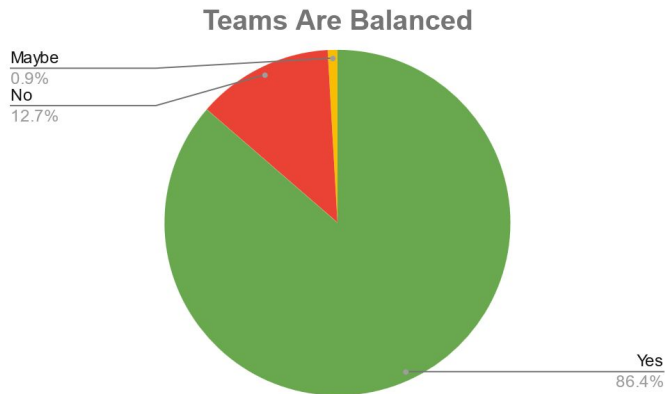


- No, If a 40+ league got off the ground, Yes.
- Maybe, Not sure yet, I was a very poor player this year
- Maybe, Possibly, depends on factors
- Maybe, Having shoulder surgery in January



- I wasn't aware the league gave out rewards.
- Were there ones for the Fall league?
- No, Fast food gift cards
- No, Gift Cards
- No, I will never wear either and will probably give them away. Either save the money or maybe buy Chick fil A for everyone that night?
- Yes, Hats are better than shirts
- Yes, Nice but not necessary
- Yes, I am cool with it. Maybe also personal items for others, like gift certificate to movies or something
- Yes, Always curious if there are better rewards. Shirts are probably best,
- Yes, Shirts are nice. Hats looked nice, but materials were scratchy & uncomfortable

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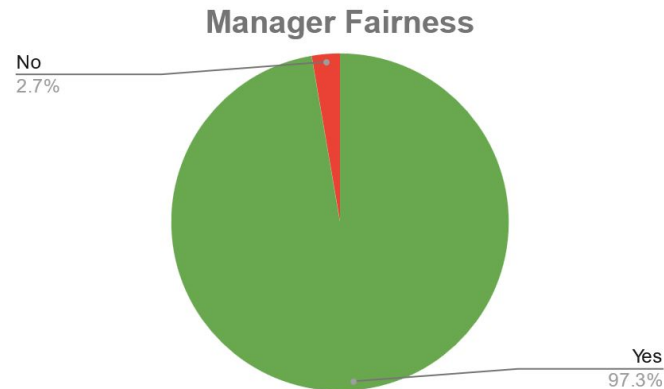


- Yes, For the most part but there were a couple of misses where maybe some managers did not know the players very well.
  - Yes, In most cases YES, but a bad draft can hurt a team from the start.
  - Yes, As competitive as it needs to be. Some coaches have a better knowledge of league players actual talent levels. This is a fun league and allows us to get defensive reps and swings in as practice.
  - Yes, Mostly
  - Yes, Sometimes too competitive it's just a game guys
  - Yes, when teams stay intact. My 50+ summer team had too many injuries and no-shows, and fell apart.
- Yes, For the most part, in the summer yes but the Fall - no
  - Yes, but every team needs to play one or two girls. One of the teams, I can't remember who, always seemed to have all guys playing.
  - Yes, For the most part, one of our better players was absent for almost half of the summer season without the manager knowing. That hurt our team
  - No, Some teams seem stacked
  - No, Not the league's fault, but too many players do not show up for games. They don't inform the league that they have too many other commitments.
  - No, Our team struggled.
  - Maybe - at times yes while others, No.

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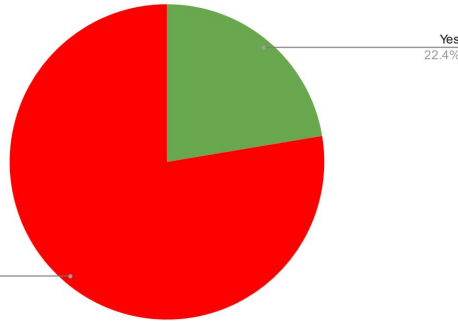
- Yes, The cheapest game around
- Yes, Prices went up. Guess that is based on the economy and the behind the scenes expenses which go up every year.



- Yes, Overall YES, some players can only be a catcher which limit playing time.
- Yes, I'm the manager, so yes
- Yes, I hope I did. I tried to.
- Yes, Dave Highland was Excellent

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Change Pitching Guidelines

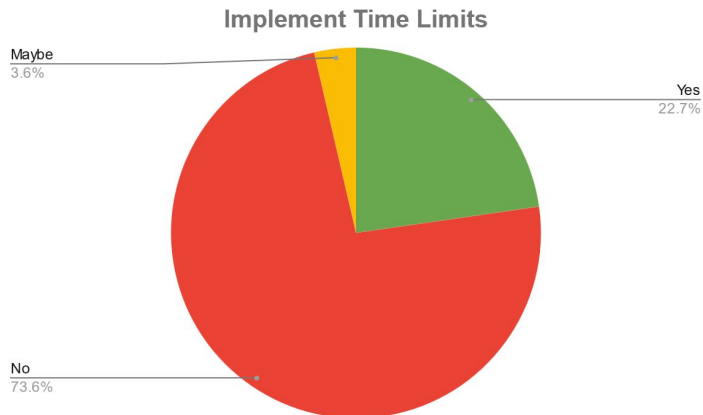


- No, Not at all. If it ain't broke no need to fix it.
- No, but Make base coaches aware that they can call illegal pitches
- No, There needs to be more than the Catcher responsible for determining if pitch is >12feet.
- No, I think it's tough for the inexperience catchers to call illegal pitches. Not sure what a good fix is though.
- Yes, High/flat pitches are almost never called.
- Yes, It took me a little to get used to the pitches as the ones that hit the very front of the plate are balls in the other league I play in. I would recommend the board be shortened by about 4 inches and the front part of the plate be a ball.
- Yes, Maybe better guidelines for what constitutes an illegal high pitch.
- Yes, low fast pitch should be eliminated
- Yes, Relax pitch height regulations, most people don't know what a high pitch is, and either call it high when it isn't or don't call it high when it is, and it becomes just another source for arguing. Let some of the borderline high pitches go.

- Yes, I think the net should be moved closer to the pitcher to eliminate fast pitches
- Yes, I dislike it when a pitcher avoids a good batter by not trying to give the batter anything decent to hit or intentionally walks the the good batter
- Yes, I would endorse rules that reduce walks. Maybe 4 balls and 2 strikes?
- Yes, More focus on illegal pitches
- Yes, unless we make the screen 7 ft which would cut down on the fast low pitch.
- Yes, Great question. Some people were saying pitching was too high or going around the screen was an issue. Wish every team had at least 2 pitchers per team
- Yes, The pitching screen should be moved 15 feet in front of the pitching rubber.
- Yes, ball hits the ground before it hits the board should not be a strike!!
- Yes, The rules for calling a high pitch need to be discussed and who makes the call for a high pitch.
- Yes, It seems wrong that a strike can be called for a ball that doesn't actually enter the strike zone or doesn't even go past the batter.
- Yes, I think there needs to be some clarification on what constitutes an illegal (high) pitch and who can call a pitch as illegal. Also, I think we should ban intentional walks during open innings.
- Yes, A way to better regulate illegal fast or extremely high pitches
- All mats need to be wood so outfielders can hear the audible sound



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- Maybe, No for the 60s and 70+ leagues. Maybe in the 50+
- Maybe, some nights went late, but at the same time, I hate for a game to end early, so I'm 50/50
- Maybe, Uncertain maybe longer but we just need teams to adhere to less wasted time between games.
- No, This may be the only night and time for someone to play. Limiting it to go back to life which the softball is an escape for seems silly
- Not for 60s or 70s
- No, The team leads managed this well from my perspective
- No, 1.75 hours. I would disagree with there being less than that
- Yes, I think if we had time limits there would be less wasted time on the field. We could still get seven innings in
- Yes, 2 game a day for people over 60 can get a bit long.
- Yes, Please! Some of us have work the next morning
- Yes, shorten the games to 6 innings.

20 of 25 people who said YES play in 50+  
2 of 4 people who said MAYBE play in 50+

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Please share any highlights of the league or your favorite part of the league in 2024.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fun with friends</li><li>● The camaraderie with teammates and the opposition during games and afterwards in the parking lot or at lunch.</li><li>● Increased buy-in of veteran players</li><li>● Playing with different players each year, a great way to get to know people. Super value.</li><li>● Players, coaches, league directors, and the view from Sky View park.</li><li>● Like the protections for the players. Pitching shield and extra first base and line at home.</li><li>● Parity among the league teams, except in Fall 60s</li><li>● I like meeting new people and trying to help players improve their game.</li><li>● The people</li><li>● The camaraderie</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● I really enjoyed the camaraderie on my team and getting to know such fun people</li><li>● Getting to know my teammates. Most everyone is pretty friendly.</li><li>● Most everybody is friendly and helpful</li><li>● Great People Make the League Great</li><li>● I really enjoyed playing in the fall league. Great to play with people my own age and I met quite a few people throughout the course of the season.</li><li>● Although it was really rusty, getting back into Softball after an 18 year break was great!</li><li>● This was my first year playing, had a great time, thoroughly enjoyed the league.</li><li>● Great group of guys/gals.</li><li>● Friendships</li><li>● Fun and competitive team</li></ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Rock Mountain Championships in Aurora</li><li>● Had a great time and learned a lot</li><li>● Teams were very balanced</li><li>● Had a great time until injury</li><li>● Good team player distribution fairly assigned</li><li>● Winning one of those leagues</li><li>● Most of the people</li><li>● Tom Breck did a great job.</li><li>● I like the 9:00 am starting time.</li><li>● One of my teams won the end of season tournament.</li><li>● camaraderie with the guys</li><li>● All around great experience, camaraderie among all the members.</li><li>● playing with new players every year, getting to know new players</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Playing among great guys and getting new friends. Laughing together, and having fun with a great bunch of guys.</li><li>● Though I like to win, I like the fact that the leagues are primarily recreational</li><li>● Love the people involved in the league!</li><li>● Fun team! Plus we won the championship. :)</li><li>● Meeting other participants</li><li>● Cottonwood practices are wonderful. Thanks to everyone who make them happen</li><li>● Playing the game.</li><li>● Getting to engage with great people.</li><li>● The people are all great and I look forward to Friday play and Wed Practices. - Thank you to the board for all of the work you do for our league.</li><li>● Great group of people to play with</li></ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Playing Double headers</li><li>● It is a lot of fun and most players are extremely friendly. I have always appreciated the fact that it does not matter a person's skill level - everyone is accepted.</li><li>● Camaraderie is great</li><li>● I always like the reshuffling of teams with the draft. Getting to meet and play with old and new friends.</li><li>● I appreciate the ability to compete with others who are very experienced, and not yet ready to give up on competing and having fun doing it.</li><li>● Player camaraderie and new friends.</li><li>● 70+ Monday mornings at Cottonwood Park</li><li>● It was great to play softball-it was fun, great exercise, and exciting.</li><li>● Good competition, balanced teams, camaraderie throughout the league</li><li>● Great year for softball and very competitive both summer and fall</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● My favorite part of the league are the guys and gals that play in the 70s. I enjoy the friendly atmosphere and occasional trash talk. But overall it's just a wonderful experience and healthy exercise.</li><li>● I always appreciate the energy &amp; effort people put forth. It was fun to watch lesser players make strides &amp; improvements. It is also great to have better players make the effort to help &amp;, more importantly, encourage those who are not as good.</li><li>● Total team effort with great camaraderie and support among my teammates.</li><li>● Good weather, good friends, and winning once in awhile.</li><li>● It's obvious to even the most casual observer that no one is out there that doesn't really want to be there, Putting up with 6 days of pain to play three hours a week is rare dedication. This is my first I've played in 35 years. I'll be back next year, if my body holds together</li></ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fill rosters and get rid of subs. if teams are short players then they play at a disadvantage. 200ft line only for women. rover, if we have one in 50s, can play anywhere at any time. - <u>50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• 1) Attain 20 coaches now 2) Ask players if they'd like to sponsor the league.... not to junk-it-up, but to provide a fund for greater good. Helping someone in need, equipment for Parks and Rec., etc. - <u>50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• Having the outfielders play behind the 200 ft for both 60 and 70 divisions. - <u>60S, 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• With double headers, shorten games to 6 inning. - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• Not at this time. First year playing - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 60F</u></li> <li>• Have coaches do a line up with positions every game. I never knew where I was going to play. - <u>Anonymous - 50S</u></li> <li>• 200 foot line for all outfielders but Rover applicable to all players for 60s and 70s leagues - <u>60S, 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• Not sure at this point. Most of my suggestions were not adopted last season. - <u>50S</u></li> <li>• keep playing at cottonwood. - <u>Anonymous - 70S</u></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try to do more to ascertain player commitment to show up; unless injured. - <u>Anonymous - 50F</u></li> <li>• 60s: keep 4 OFers behind 200 ft line for all players - <u>60S, 60F</u></li> <li>• Make is an automatic walk if the pitcher walks a male player to get to a female batter, like in coed. - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• I think we should remind people that this is a coed recreational league. A lot of pressure to perform and people getting upset about not performing. I think if we would relax, we would actually play better. It's always a balance. Also, if there would be any way to have night practices, it would be great for those of us who work. Even once a week. - <u>Anonymous - 50F</u></li> <li>• I wish the winter indoor league was earlier in the day so I could join. the 2:30-3:30 game time is not doable for me - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• If you have enough sign up per team then bring back the rover. 200' for women and anywhere for men - <u>50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• Keep the 200 ft line for 60 and 70's - <u>60S, 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• Time limit on first game / 5 inning second game it over on time. - <u>50S, 50F</u></li> </ul> |
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- Having everyone play at the same time creates two significant issues. There is nobody available to ump the games. I saw a lot of missed calls which mostly favored the team that was up to bat. I almost never saw anyone call pitches that were too high/flat. The other issue is that you don't have enough people to be subs when other teams are short. When a player is loaned out to the other team, it's almost always the worst person on the team which doesn't really send a good message to that person. if you could stagger the start times, that would solve both issues. - Anonymous - 60S, 60F
- Split the summer league and eliminate the fall league. - 50S, 60S
- Great Already - 50S, 50F, 60S, 60F
- Create a 40+ Men's League to align with other softball sanctions. - 40YO Player
- I think the games were ran smoothly and efficiently. The only thing I personally would change is the front part of the plate should be a ball, because it is tough to hit a very low pitch and also be ready to hit the high ones which hit the back of the board, - 60F
- 50+ league evenings at cottonwood fields . Skyview is a pain in the butt to navigate with all the construction cones / road closures , etc - 50S
- Fall league a draft needs to occur. Some imbalances were seen with the assigned members - Anonymous - 50S, 50F
- Although I understand that each person has paid and deserves equal playing time, but perhaps the teams were too big. There were times, especially in the Fall season, that I did not go because it wasn't worth sitting out half a game. - 50S
- Comp division - 50S
- Game times or innings played need to be shortened. There should be an "A" and "B" level leagues depending on skill, if not someone will get hurt. - Anonymous - 50S
- The fall rule of outfielder players staying behind the white line until contact is made with the ball... GOOD RULE ! Implement for summer league as well. ONE EXCEPTION: With runner on third, being the winning run, outfielder players should be allowed to come in , crossing the white line, enabling defensive players to either catch the fly ball OR make a throw to home plate. - 60S, 60F, 70S

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liked the idea of Hats that those received for Championship win. - <u>Anonymous - 60S, 60F</u></li> <li>• Do away with "Coed rules " and exceptions - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F, 60S, 60F</u></li> <li>• An Atec Fly Ball Machine - <u>70S</u></li> <li>• There were at times many teams short handed and no subs available. Maybe more weeks off for those teams with tournament players. - <u>Anonymous - 60S, 70S</u></li> <li>• Better balance - seems that a team -- any team-- sometimes comes up with the biggest hitters. - <u>Anonymous - 70S</u></li> <li>• This was year one for me. I need more seasoning to make an informed choice. - <u>60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• This year was frustrating as we were borrowing players from other teams quite a bit due to players being gone for tournaments and a few injuries. We could never get any consistency going. For me, this year was the worst its been. - <u>Anonymous - 60S</u></li> <li>• One player's action needs to be addresses - I think everyone knows who - <u>Anonymous - 60S, 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• A little less arguing on play calls - <u>60</u></li> <li>• Move 60s to Wednesday - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 60S</u></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rover position during fall league when teams are short handed - <u>60S, 60F</u></li> <li>• I think you are all doing a great job, as the League gets better every year. One thing would be more notice before canceling games for weather. - <u>50S, 60S</u></li> <li>• I still think the games are too long. Maybe play the same amount of innings without the open inning. - <u>50S</u></li> <li>• Better lights at the field would be beneficial. - <u>50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• Play all 60+ and 70+ games at Cottonwood or split between Cottonwood and Memorial Park or maybe all at Memorial even. Monument to Skyview traffic during rush hour in the morning and after 2 games later in the morning on Fridays really sucks and I think I'm no longer interested in doing it. Just saying! Maybe others feel the same. - <u>60S, 60F, 70S,</u></li> <li>• I appreciate the work that the board does - <u>Anonymous - 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• Men get walked prior to ladies, women gets option to walk as well - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F, 60S, 60F</u></li> <li>• I think you should not be able to walk a guy to get to a girl if you walk a guy and a girl next she should walk also just saying - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F, 60S, 60F</u></li> </ul> |
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- I don't like how teams get assigned waiting list players. It needs to make more sense. It's too arbitrary and League board members/directors bring too much personal bias to the decisions made. - Anonymous - 60F
- If a player for instance on their pre-season form notes that Pitching is there no. 1 choice then a manager should not draft them unless they plan to have them pitch. I realize every team it seems like has 3 or 4 people who can pitch, but usually only one, maybe two actually do pitch during the season. If someone is a pitcher they would like to get practice in that area during rec league to stay sharp for tournaments, other leagues etc. - 60S
- That when a batted ball is returned to the infield and in the possession of any infielder and said infielder is on the infield surface then no base runners shall advance. If base runners are between bases then ball is still live and runners can be put out, whether advancing or retreating to a base. - 50F, 60S, 60F, 70S
- Change the "walk" rule for homeruns over the limit to a "single" that would allow base runners to advance. All outfield players must be behind the outfield line, including rovers when women are at bat. - 50S
- Cut back to one game a day - Anonymous - 60F
- A practice on weekends if possible. Wednesday midday can be challenging for people who work. Have captains share experience with the games they play and see what can be tweaked mid season when it comes up. - 50S
- Yes, we need to train/prepare/help those who will be making umpire calls. Being a base coach is one thing, yet being an umpire is another. Being both, well... The integrity of the game should be held in highest regard. I suggest we have 2 or 3 people umpire the championship game (unless I'm playing, I'd gladly be one of those umpires). I also suggest a free clinic for all players to train/prepare/help them on how to call a game fairly. I mentioned this to Tim Ryan & would be glad to help facilitate/coordinate this (not going to do this alone). - 50S, 50F
- Stress to coaches to start games on time, definitely consider time limits for Fri mornings. - Anonymous - 50S, 50F, 60F



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## Any additional feedback you would like to share?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure managers are aware of rules. some managers either didn't know or chose to ignore rules and then complained when other teams tried to enforce the rules. - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• Great Web site. - <u>60S, 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• Just a huge Thanks, to you and Tracy. Really appreciate the work you do, Joe. Along with Gary, Tom, and all the others who help out. - <u>50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• Survey works great! Hats and shirts design this year seemed to be especially well received based upon several players' feedback. - <u>60S, 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• I think that you guys do a great job getting players to fill the rosters on a weekly basis. I know this isn't easy and it's greatly appreciated. - <u>50S</u></li> <li>• My preference would be to have it as a men only league, but am flexible to work with it since I'm on other men's leagues. -<u>50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• I would like for the female outfield rule to go back to the way it was in the summer. Please. - <u>60S, 60F</u></li> <li>• I'm frustrated with the field position I get placed on When you are asked which position you prefer I always get stuck playing catcher - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F</u></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our team seemed to be last leaving the field a majority of times, 9:15-9:30 and beyond....I'm in favor of a time limit - once reached, the game is over. - <u>50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• Overall, I am quite happy playing in this league, the way it is run and the people who are in it (damn near all of them). Thanks to Joe and everyone who volunteers time to make it happen. - <u>60S, 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• Thanks again for creating and maintaining this league!! - <u>50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• Great league. Hopefully there can be alternative/ additional days for weekday evenings. Maybe even add Saturday league that blends in opposite of the scrap iron traveling league, if possible. - <u>50S</u></li> <li>• Thank you to all leadership and coaches - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• League shirts should be available to those individuals who join later in the season. - <u>Anonymous - 50S</u></li> </ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I am willing to help promote a 40+ league, even if it's a 5-5-5 team format (5 men per team, 2 teams in field, one at bat). - <u>40YO Player</u></li><li>• I really enjoyed it. - <u>60F</u></li><li>• Great job by the board. - A special thank you to Rich who is always kind, inclusive and encouraging to everyone. - <u>Anonymous - 60S, 60F</u></li><li>• Leagues were organized and run very well this season. KUDOS to our board members and our team managers !! WELL DONE. - <u>60S, 60F, 70S</u></li><li>• Thanks for having an age bracket and cost value softball league! - <u>Anonymous - 50S</u></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage coaches to poll their team in advance to make sure the roster is good each week - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 60S</u></li><li>• Possibly consider a term-limit for board members? Maybe consider a player hold-over system or assigning the first 2-3 players to a team with the remaining slots drafted? - <u>Anonymous - 60F</u></li><li>• I enjoyed the parking lot picnic that we had in 2023 - <u>Anonymous - 60S, 60F</u></li><li>• If you are coaching a team, make sure that they know the rules, or any changes to rules. Don't argue if you don't know. - <u>50S, 50F</u></li></ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand the need for volunteers as I have volunteered in many positions in the past. However, I would like to see newer players take a turn and let me be lazy as every new year I think it will be my last year playing ball. Which I find it to be a terrible but inevitable thought - <u>Anonymous - 60F, 70S.</u></li> <li>• Great league, one of my favorite activities! - <u>50S</u></li> <li>• I think the season ran smoothly with good leadership and communication! - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F, 60F</u></li> <li>• Curious as to feedback on playing the 200 ft line for all players in fall league. - <u>Anonymous - 70S</u></li> <li>• My sincere thanks to Joe Ribeiro, the board (in particular Gary Cunninghame for his web &amp; paper {scheduling, standings, etc...} work), the league coordinators (in particular Tom Breck), the team managers, &amp; everyone who makes PPRSSA successful. I so appreciate you. It is important for us to continue to make every effort to reach out to new &amp; previous players (&amp; not just the good ones) to grow the league. Again, THANK YOU!!! - <u>50S, 50F.</u></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No warm ups after the first inning in order to speed up play unless there is a pitching change - <u>60S, 60F</u></li> <li>• Keep up the great job. Your efforts are truly appreciated. - <u>50S, 60S</u></li> <li>• Tom Breck is an awesome manager! -<u>50S</u></li> <li>• Love this community! - <u>Anonymous - 50S, 50F</u></li> <li>• I live in Pueblo West, and would love to participate in the 70+ league, however it's much too far for me to drive to get to the north end of Colorado Springs, if it's at all possible, can I continue to play on the 60+ team at Skyview after turning 70? - <u>60S, 60F</u></li> <li>• I want to thank the commissioners and everyone involved in the success of our senior softball program. This is a superb organization with a bunch of quality members... great job...!! - <u>50F, 60S, 60F, 70S</u></li> <li>• How does one better their skills to be invite to travel teams - <u>50S</u></li> </ul> |
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