



December 6, 2017

Dear League Members,

It has been several months since we closed down the 2017 season, that culminated in Physio capturing the championship, led by captains Larry Shapiro and Anthony Wolfe. Nikkos gave them a run for their money, led by our rookie coaches Mark Solomon and Glen Rosenberg. Once again congratulations to both teams for providing an exciting end to the 2017 season.

Following the banquet a new board was chosen by our league members. We have begun the process of planning for next year with a dedicated group of guys who continue to demonstrate a passion and commitment to this league with the objective of ensuring the league continues to thrive and is seen as the best adult softball league in the city. Although this board has been tasked with the responsibility of providing and ensuring the leagues functions well, it is the 196 guys that truly define our mission, by ensuring that people have “fun”, enjoy coming to the park to watch a couple of games and/or bringing their kids. This league is so much more than just 26 games and playoffs. This league provides opportunity for kids to watch their fathers play; it allows sons to play with their fathers and brothers to play together. From May – September the park becomes a cornerstone where people just “hang”.

The 11 guys, including myself, will be working diligently to ensure the above objectives are met. Those 11 guys are;

Luigi Verrucci – Spare convenor and Vice President

Jeff Kosow – Past President

Stuart Schwartz – Rules and Regulations

Howard Efros – Treasurer

Danny Azoulay – Secretary and Sponsors

Marc Shade – Equipment

Neil Ram – Umpiring

Luciano Bounamici – Events Coordinator

Todd Halperin – Scheduling and Parks

Brian Berkovits – Stats and Technology

Dave Gareau – Registrar

Registration forms will be sent out in early January with a **firm deadline of February 16, 2018**. As in the past, on the registration form, if you plan to miss a significant amount of time, please indicate this on the application form. This will be shared with the captains at the draft.

In the upcoming months, we will be looking at a number of topics, including player safety; player conduct, revising some of the rules that have been an enigma; the schedule, including reviewing the number of games played etc..

We are also very excited and honoured that Danny Azoulay has chosen DDO executive Softball to host the **Jason Azoulay Memorial Tournament** that will be held in the first week of August.

So as you can see, we have our work cut out for us in the off season. I would like to wish you all a good year. Remember the draft is only 145 days away!!

All the best

Harley Schwartz