

Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento

2026 Membership Renewal Letter

Dear Golden Seniors Softball Club Member,

The 2025 softball season has ended and now is the time to think about the 2026 season as it will be here before you know it. Attached is the Application for the 2026 season. Look it over closely as it includes some changes. League Fees for all Leagues remain unchanged but the minimum age for men in League 8 has been raised to 73 for the 2026 season.

The membership renewal process will be much the same as last year. The Board has confirmed the Club Dues will remain at \$25 for 2026 for all Members, including non-playing Members. The Club Dues are an annual fee regardless of how many years you play in. Life Members will continue to have their Club Dues waived. Non-Playing Life Members are still requested to return a completed application to confirm all contact information and to allow you to continue to receive communications from the Club.

The leagues fees for each League will be as shown on the application. The difference in League Fees is based upon the cost to the Club in making those Leagues available. League 8 pays less because they do not have scorekeepers and League 3 and 4 pay more due to the Complex charging us for the lights. All playing members will pay the listed fee for each league played regardless of how many leagues you participate in.

All Club Members must include their Club Dues and all League Fees, including any outstanding balance, with the application. If the application, including all due and fees are received by December 31, 2025 you will be guaranteed a place in the draft for each League selected. Applications and fees received after that date will be added to draft lists in the order in which all documents and fees are received provided there is room in the draft. After the desired number of players have been placed in the draft for each league the remaining applications will be placed on a waitlist in the chronological order received. If submitting the total amount of dues, along with the application creates a financial hardship contact the Player Agent to make financial arrangements. In the past some Club Members have been able to pay in installments and occasionally a scholarship has been awarded to a player. All Dues and Fees must be paid, or a payment plan arranged, before you are eligible to be added to a League Draft or to play in any League.

If you decide to play in an additional league after you have submitted your application just notify the Player Agent in writing, such as an email, and pay the fees due. If the Leagues have started playing contact the Player Agent to determine the prorated dues for the games remaining to be played.

Refunds have created some confusion in the past. The Board has simplified the process to avoid any confusion. *All requests for refunds must be submitted by May 15, 2026 or four weeks after the Member begins to play, whichever is later.* Requests for refunds must be in writing and submitted to the Player Agent. If qualified the Player Agent will transmit the request to the Treasurer to issue a check. Club Dues are not refundable.

Please forward your application and all Dues and Fees to the Player Agent as soon as possible. Dues and Fees can be paid by check, PayPal or Venmo. League draft lists will be formed just prior to the draft. The address of the Player Agent is on page 2 of the application. Please complete the Volunteer Information form. It will be separated from the application upon receipt and will be forwarded to the appropriate individuals to assist in managing the Club. We would appreciate you giving serious consideration to volunteering to step up, particularly as a Team Manager or League Commissioner. League Commissioners will generally serve as members of the Rules Committee. Should you have any questions you may email, text or call me, in that order of preference, using the contact information below.

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2026 Player Agent

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There are some special conditions that we ask you to consider when completing your application.

There were an excess number of players in League 6 last year. That led to having seven teams but we only have fields available for three games so one team had to have a bye each week. They got to play less softball than players in the other leagues. We are hoping that some of them will chose to move to the over 70 League 7 on Mondays or to League 2 on Tuesdays if not already playing there.

League 7 Rules were revised last year to be the same as the Rules for Leagues 2, 3, 4 and 6. The intent was to make moving to League 7 more attractive for some of the older players in Leagues 2 and 6. This change in Rules eliminated the Runner From Home and the more liberal substitution of Courtesy Runners that are still available in Leagues 1 and 8. We are hoping that players with limitations on their running abilities will be encouraged to move to Leagues 1 and/or 8 to make room for more competitive players that may be moving to League 7 from Leagues 2 and 6.

Several years ago we established League 8 as a place for 75 and older players to feel more comfortable competing into their later years. Last year we were faced with a group of very senior players, upper 80's and early 90's, choosing to retire coincident with the retirement of the grand old man, Norm Blackwell, Sr. In anticipation of that loss of senior players we lowered the minimum age for men in League 8 to from 75 to 72. The minimum age for women remained at 60. That adjustment was effective and we were able to have 4 teams of 12 players each in L8. We would like to have up to 15 players per team to allow for injuries and other absences so there is still room to add players. It was our intention for the age reduction to be temporary to resolve the retirement crisis we experienced last year. This year we are adjusting the minimum age for men to 73 in L8 and anticipate a similar adjustment each of the next two years until we are able to return to a minimum age of 75. We are increasing it one year each year so that we do not age out anyone that is already playing in L8.

We hope everyone potentially impacted will consider the issues discussed above and act accordingly when completing their application. We are working hard to try to make playing with GSSCS the best experience you can have in playing senior softball. Thank you for your consideration.