

Overview of *The Grand* Softball Club for New Members

The Grand (Sun City Grand) Softball club has been in existence for over 20 years and consists of over 500 members. Games are played at The Field of Dreams (15180 W. Mountain View Blvd, Surprise AZ) located on the East side of *The Grand* on Mountain View Blvd. between Sunrise and Goldwater Ridge.

Annual dues cover a full year (1 May to 30 April) and entitle members to participate in weekday and Saturday league play over 10 months every year. The dues provide for hats, team jerseys, softballs, field maintenance, computer operations and a subsidy for some social events. The 'seasons' are broken down into Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer with approximate dates of:

- **Fall**---Early November to late January
- **Winter**---Early February to Mid April
- **Spring**---Early May to late June
- **Summer**---Mid July to late September

The field is closed in October for reseeding.

New Players are rated when joining the club. This rating steers players to specific leagues and also serves as a method of assigning substitute players when needed. Prior to the beginning of each season, a player 'draft' is held as volunteer managers choose their teams. The club board of directors along with league commissioners determine the number of teams and the number of players per team. Players registering late in a sign-up period may have to start on the respective sub list but will be given priority in playing as a permanent substitute if the need arises. Responsibilities after being chosen for a team include helping with the scoreboard or umpiring games.

Leagues are divided into weekday and Saturday. During the fall and winter seasons, the weekday includes Red, White and Blue Leagues plus the Saturday Leagues.

During the spring and summers seasons, players from all levels participate. The Saturday league is also a 'mixed' league consisting of players from all levels. Over the past few years this has been the league daily schedule:

- Red - Plays on Tuesday and Thursday-mid and upper-level skill players
- White - Plays on Tuesday and Thursday-mid level skill players
- Blue - Plays on Monday and Wednesdays and some Fridays-mid and lower-level skill players
- Saturday - Fall, Winter; Spring and Summer Saturday play depends on the number of players and teams.
- Spring Weekday - Plays on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This can change depending on the number of players and teams.

- Summer Weekday - Plays on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This can change depending on the number of players and teams.

Club Web Site:

Our website is open to the public, but with limited access. Members have unlimited access to the club website:

www.scgsoftball.org

User ids and passwords are required to access member directory information and to retrieve specific team roster, assignment, and schedule information.

Membership applications (only needed for new members) can be downloaded from the web site or picked up at the softball field. Members may update their personal information via the profile option on the web site. Dues are payable once per year in April and cover unlimited league play during that time.

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