

# 45<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY



## WELCOME DELEGATES



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## Summer Council Meeting 2026



# WELCOME DELEGATES

Please Sign-In (One per team)  
ONE Representative per team

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# Roll Call



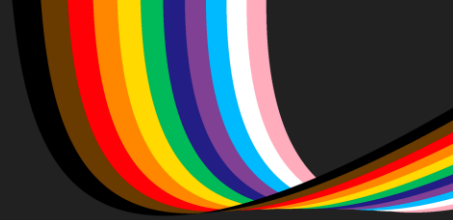
# Commissioner's Welcome

# Hotlanta Softball League Statements



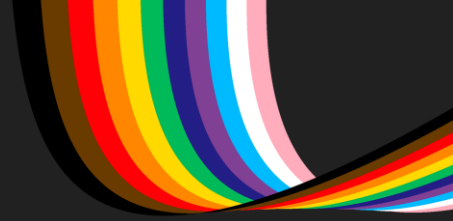
# Commitment to Inclusion & Land Acknowledgement

# Commitment to Inclusion



- Now more than ever, Hotlanta Softball League reaffirms our commitment to the mission and core values that led those first coaches and players to form our league in 1981.
- We reaffirm our dedication to provide a safe and inclusive environment to every member of HSL – and especially those who’ve known what it feels like to be a part of a community that has experienced prejudice, intolerance, and hate firsthand.
- We stand together against every form of racism, bigotry, and misogyny.
- We stand up for kindness, fairness, and the dignity of every human being.
- We are determined to make sure every person on every team in every division feels not only welcome in this league but part of a chosen family.
- Now more than ever, we want you to know that in this league, you are valued. Your voice matters. Your story matters. YOU matter.

# Land Acknowledgement

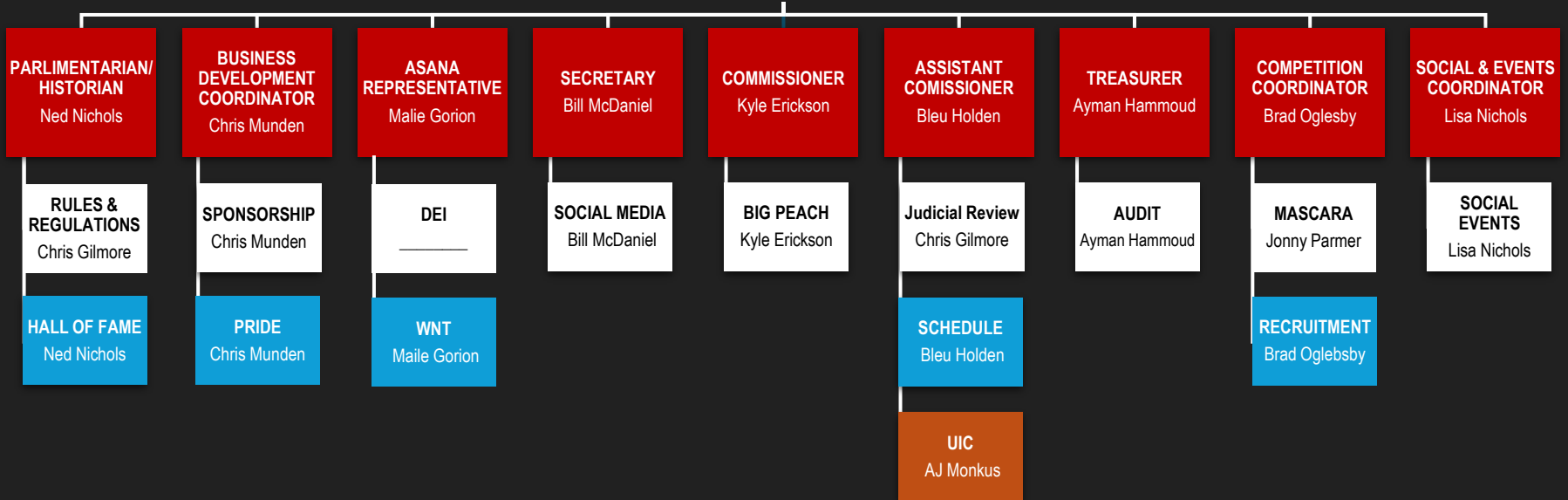


- Hotlanta Softball League (HSL) respectfully acknowledges that Southside Park of the City of Atlanta and Johnson Park of Rockdale County are located on the ancestral homelands of the Muscogee (Creek) people.
- We recognize the sustained oppression, land dispossession, and involuntary removals of the Muscogee and Cherokee peoples from Georgia and the Southeast.
- We commit to building a softball league that is inclusive of this history and our Indigenous communities.

# Executive Board



# Hotlanta Softball League



- Executive Board
- Appointed Committee Chair
- Appointed Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- Appointed Staff



# Business Development Coordinator

Chris Munden

# Introduction of Charity Partner



**IRIS**  
TRANSITIONAL LIVING



## **IRIS Recovery**

Ira Douglas - Co Founder & CFO

### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to provide safe, structured, and supportive housing for people with substance use disorder who are actively working to achieve and maintain continuous sobriety.

## LGBTQIA+ Policy

Inclusivity is a core value woven into every aspect of IRIS Recovery's mission and daily operations. Owned and operated by gay men, IRIS maintains an LGBTQ-affirming housing environment supported by a comprehensive non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Staff are trained in cultural competency and inclusive practices, ensuring residents feel seen, supported, and safe throughout their recovery journey. Through active partnerships with LGBTQ-supportive organizations, community engagement, and participation in Pride events, IRIS demonstrates an ongoing commitment to uplifting the LGBTQIA community and creating a recovery space where everyone belongs.



# Thank You!



# Assistant Commissioner

Bleu Holden

# Introduction of Umpire in Charge



AJ Monkus

# Commissioner

Report



COMMISSIONER

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Kyle Erickson

# State of the League

- Recap of 2025
- HSL Division Winners
- Commissioner's Cup Winners
- iPride GSWS & ASANA Series Representation
- Partnerships
- Charity

# DIVISION WINNERS

**WORLD SERIES BOUND!**



ATLANTA, GA  
PEACHES  
C DIVISION



BE SOMEONE  
INTERNATIONAL PRIDE SOFTBALL  
**HOUSTON**  
GSWS 2025

**WORLD SERIES BOUND!**



ADRIAN GARCIA  
COMMISSIONER

ATLANTA, GA  
DADDIES  
LEGENDS C DIVISION



BE SOMEONE  
INTERNATIONAL PRIDE SOFTBALL  
**HOUSTON**  
GSWS 2025

**WORLD SERIES BOUND!**



ATLANTA, GA  
SOUTHERN VORTEX  
E DIVISION



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INTERNATIONAL PRIDE SOFTBALL  
**HOUSTON**  
GSWS 2025

# COMMISSIONER'S CUP WINNERS



1st - Laid Back  
Atlanta



Kyle Erickson

Commissioner



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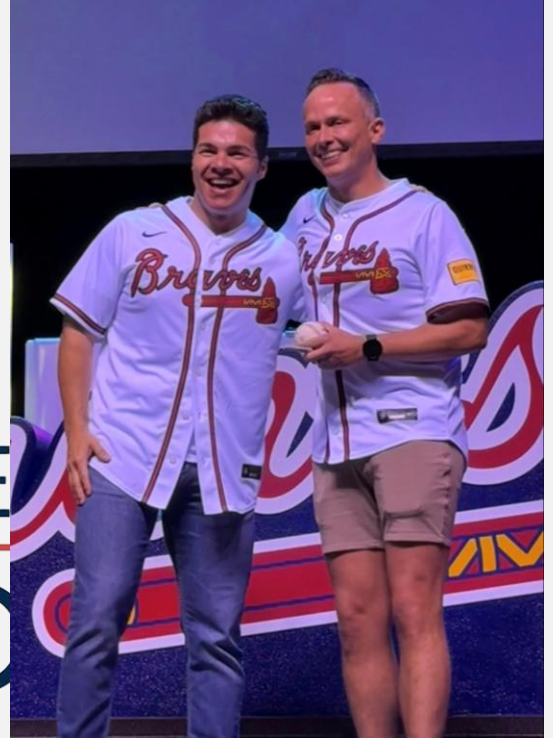
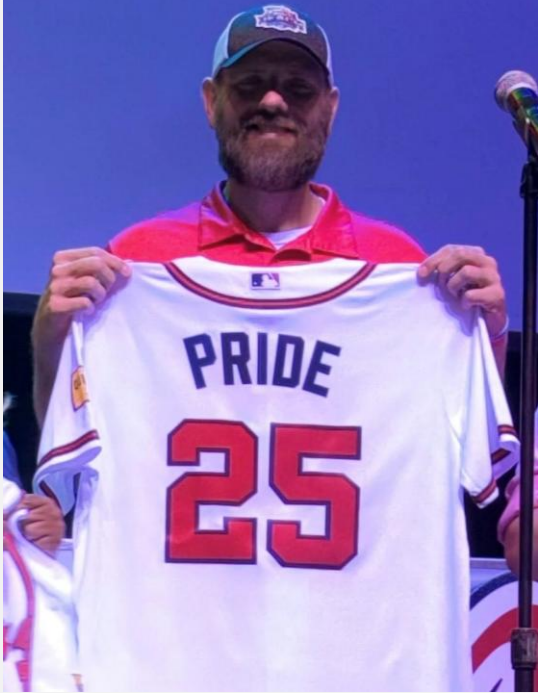
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Kyle Erickson

Commissioner

# DADTNEEDS



# 2025 CHARITY PARTNER



TRANS  PARENT

EMPOWERING OUR CHILDREN TO LIVE AUTHENTICALLY™

# 2026 Elections

Run by Bleu Holden, Assistant Commissioner

- ASANA Representative
- Commissioner
- Parliamentarian
- Secretary

# 2026 Elections

- Nominations open on **Thursday April 2**.
- Nominations close on **Friday April 17** at 11:59 PM ET.
- Candidates accept by **Saturday April 18** at 7:00 PM ET.
- Candidates announced on **Sunday April 19**.
- Elections open on **Saturday, May 2** at 7:00 PM ET.
- Elections close on **Tuesday, May 5** at 7:00 PM ET.
- Results announced on **Tuesday, May 5**.

# Big Peach Softball Tournament

- 2025 – **41 teams** in C-D-E Divisions (68% out-of-town teams)
- 2024 – **62 teams** in C-D-E Divisions (81%)
- 2023 – **74 teams** in A/B-C-D-E Divisions (77%)
- 2022 – **70 teams** in A-B-C-D-E Divisions (84%)
- 2021 – **68 teams** in C-D-E Divisions (84%)
- 2019 – **43 teams** in C-D-E Divisions (70%)
- 2018 – **46 teams** in B-C-D Divisions (70%)
- 2017 – **46 teams** in A-B-C-D Divisions (74%)



# Big Peach Softball Tournament

## 2025

- \$19,475 in team fees (*~\$11,000 less than 2024*)
- \$5,000 in sponsorship
- \$9,655 paid to GTHCC due to attrition
- \$0 in hotel commission
- -\$4,289 in net income
- \$0 payout to volunteers



# Big Peach Softball Tournament

- 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament
- Open C - D - E Divisions (iPride)
- WNT Divisions (ASANA Qualifier)
- GA Tech Hotel & Conference Center
- Southside & Johnson Parks



# Thank You!

# On-Going Business

# Rules & Regulations Committee

Chris Gilmore, Chair

# Approved Changes to the Rules & Regulations

# Section 4: TEAM MEMBERSHIP.

## 4.1.B

- B. Any revisions to the team roster, including payments or player ratings must be submitted to the Assistant Commissioner before noon on the Thursday before the next scheduled game for the revision(s) to take effect. It is the responsibility of the coach or manager to submit appropriate registration forms and/or dues to the HSL Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, or Officer of the Day before that member participates.

# Section 4: TEAM MEMBERSHIP.

## 4.2

4.2 A player may not change teams without being released by their current coach, who then has 48 hours to confirm via any communication. A player may not change teams after the start of the third week of play of the regular season for completion of one third of the original teams' games). To change teams, a player must inform both involved coaches and the Assistant Commissioner in writing of their intent prior to the team change deadline, to be eligible to play on their new team. If the team change is not completed and the roster listing the new player is not submitted by the roster submission deadline, then the player will be ineligible to play that week. A player may plead hardship case to the Executive Council to waive this rule.

# Section 4: TEAM MEMBERSHIP (for 2027).

## 4.4

~~4.3~~ 4.4 No more than 2 players per team can claim HSL as a secondary association).

# Section 6: REGULAR SEASON GUIDELINES

## 6.1.B

B. A player may only play on the on a primary(qualifying) team to which as well as a secondary team if their secondary team is in a highest division.

Example – A player can play in the E Division (primary team) as well as the D divisions(secondary team) since the primary(qualifying) team is the lower division of the 2 teams. they are registered.

# Section 6: REGULAR SEASON GUIDELINES

## 6.4

6.4 Player Inclusion Policy (Previously ADA Runner) – [Please refer to the iPride Manual for the PIP policy.](#)

~~PIP (This rule only pertains to the Open Division)~~

~~A. Coaches/players may apply for the following type of PIP runner listed below. Requests must be submitted to the Assistant Commissioner for approval:~~

- ~~▪ Batter doesn't run; ADA runner is from home plate:~~
- ~~• ADA batter must remain in the batter's box.~~
- ~~• ADA runner is the last recorded out. If no outs have been recorded (1<sup>st</sup> inning for example), ADA runner is the last batter in the lineup. If the last recorded out is on base, then the previous recorded out is the runner with no penalty.~~
- ~~• ADA runner starts parallel to home plate, hand touching the fence/barrier. Runner can not leave until contact is made.~~



# Section 8: LENGTH OF GAME.

## 8.2

8.2 All tie games will continue, using the USA Softball (USA) tie-breaker rule, after the time limit expires or after seven (7) innings have been completed, until a team wins.

Tie Breaker Runner Rule (USA Softball Section 11, Part A):

A. Starting with the top of the inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed at second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the lead off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner.

# Section 9: PLAYING RULES

## 9.10

9.10 Home Run Rule – Please refer to the iPride Manual for Home Run limits per division.

# Section 11: PLAYER RATINGS

## 11.7

11.7 Individual players will verify their ratings by signing their initial team roster at the beginning of the season. Further, individual players will verify and sign any subsequently submitted rosters on which changes are made to such players rating, including rosters submitted because of changes made during the mid-season review.

# Section 16: HSL CHAMPIONS AND GSWS REPRESENTATIVES.

## 16.4.F

E.F. No Repeat Rule – No team award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place in the B, C, D or E division at the GSWS shall be eligible to complete in the same or lower division at the following two (2) year's HSL seasons.

A group of players and coaches shall be considered a 'team' if more than 3 members from the regular season roster of the GSWS team are on a roster the following two seasons.

# Section 12: JRC MEETING TYPE

## 12.7.B.iii – Player Rating Review Requests

- iii. Player review requests may not be submitted after the 5<sup>th</sup> week of play (or completion of one half of the opposing player's games).

# Proposed Changes to the Constitution

# Article 5: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

## 5.1.A.iii.l – Assistant Commissioner

k.l. Tracking of all teams/players who fall under the No Repeat Rule.

# Article 5: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

## 5.1.B – Elections & Terms of Office

The Executive Council shall decide the time and place for the election of officers. ~~Nominations will open 30 days prior to elections. Any person wanting to run for election must be a current member of HSL in good standing and cannot run for more than one office. All nominations for officers must be submitted in electronic or written format to the HSL Commissioner or the Assistant Commissioner, no later than fifteen (15) days before the election. The EC will choose a deadline for nominations each season. Nominees must accept the nomination for the elected position. A nominee can withdraw up to 7 calendar days before the election day. Nominees must accept the nomination.~~

- Nominations will open 30 days before elections
  - Nominees must be a member of the league and in good standing
- Nominations must be submitted electronically
  - No later than the 14<sup>th</sup> calendar day from the opening of elections by 11:59pm
  - Can not run for more than one position
- A nominee can withdraw up to 7 calendar days before election
  - Nominees must accept the nomination



# Article 7: MEETINGS

## 7.1 – Spring Delegates Meeting

An HSL Spring Delegate Meeting of the Organization shall be held in the spring of each year. Each team must send a delegate to the Spring Delegates meeting. Executive Council members cannot represent their team if they are a coach. The Secretary will notify all perspective members of the date, time, and place of such meeting. The Spring Delegates Meeting will happen at least 2 weeks prior to opening season. At the HSL Spring Delegate Meeting, the HSL constitution and HSL rules and regulations previously approved by the Winter Softball Council will be electronically distributed. No quorum shall be required for any such meeting.

# Article 13: HALL OF FAME

## 13.2 – Membership Eligibility

### 13.2 Membership Eligibility

- A. Any current or former member of ~~the~~ HSL, ~~living or deceased~~ (including players, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, sponsors, and fans), who has been in ~~the~~ HSL ~~or a member of~~ ~~NAGAAA Pride/ASANA~~ for at least ten years is eligible for nomination to the HSL Hall of Fame. ~~Length of membership will be determined by the Hall of Fame Director.~~
- B. Nominees should have made *significant* contributions to the advancement, enhancement or continuation of the HSL.
- C. If a nominee is ~~deceased~~deceased, the 10-year rule can be waived.

# 2026 HSL Proposed Fee Schedule

Ned Nichols, Parliamentarian/Historian

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times

## Rules & Regulations

### Section 3.1 Team Dues

#### Type: Fee

- Open Division \$450
- WNT Division \$300

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times

## Rules & Regulations

### Section 3.2 Player Dues

#### Type: Fee

- \$85 for One Division
- \$110 for Two Divisions

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times

## Rules & Regulations

### Section 3.3 Non-Player Dues

Type: Fee

- \$35

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times

## Rules & Regulations

### Section 3.7 Insufficient Funds

Type: Fine

- \$50

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times Rules & Regulations

## Section 4.1 Team Rosters Due Dates

Type: Date

- First Team Rosters to Assistant Commissioner by Thursday, March 12, 2026.

*If possible, send by Monday, March 9, 2026*

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times

## Rules & Regulations

Section 8.1 Regular Season Game Length

Type: Time

- 55 Minutes

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times

## Rules & Regulations

### Section 10.3 Forfeit

#### Type: Fine

- 48 Hours in Advance \$35/game
- Day-of \$75/game

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times

## Rules & Regulations

### Section 14.3 Protest Fees

#### Type: Fee

- Non-Rating Protest \$50
- Rating Protest \$100 per player  
\$20 per question

# HSL Policy Table – Fees, Fines & Other Times

## Rules & Regulations

### Section 16.5.A Financial Ability

#### Type: Fee

- Teams declaring for the iPride or ASANA Series shall provide a deposit (refundable) to the league by the following dates:
  - \$500, EOD on **Monday, May 4** (iPride)
  - \$350, EOD on **Monday, May 4** (ASANA)



# Thank You!

# Treasurer

Report



**TREASURER**

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Ayman Hammoud

## 2025 VS 2026 BUDGET COMPARISON OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
# of Teams Open	24	23	25
Team Fee Open	450	450	450
# of Players Open	384	392	425
Cost/Player Open	75	75	85
# of Teams WNT	5	5	5
Team Fee WNT	300	300	300
# of Players WNT	80	79	82
Cost/Player (WNT Only)	90	90	90
Cost/Player for playing Both	115	115	115



## 2025–2026 INCOME BUDGET COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

CATEGORY	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	2025 DIFF.	2026 BUDGET
OPEN – Team Fees	10,800.00	10,350.00	(450.00)	11,400.00
OPEN – Player Fees	28,200.00	32,318.33	4,118.33	33,000.00
<b>OPEN – Subtotal</b>	<b>39,000.00</b>	<b>42,668.33</b>	<b>3,668.33</b>	<b>44,400.00</b>
WNT – Team Fees	1,500.00	1,800.00	300.00	1,500.00
WNT – Player Fees	6,900.00	825.00	(6,075.00)	6,900.00
<b>WNT – Subtotal</b>	<b>8,400.00</b>	<b>2,625.00</b>	<b>(5,775.00)</b>	<b>8,400.00</b>
Other Income Total	46,650.00	33,505.08	(13,144.92)	30,,300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>94,050.00</b>	<b>73,432.96</b>	<b>(20,617.04)</b>	<b>95,100.00</b>



CATEGORY	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	2025 DIFF.	2026 BUDGET
Sponsorship	20,000.00	17,242.81	(2,757.19)	17,000.00
Pre-Season Tournament	500.00	250.00	(250.00)	500.00
Grants	250.00	85.84	(164.16)	250.00
Big Peach Proceeds	6,500.00	(4,289.07)**	(10,789.07)	(4,000.00)**
World Series T-shirt revenue	700.00	25.00	(675.00)	550.00
iPride Hotels Income	5,000.00	3,001.09	(1,998.91)	8,000.00
Charity Income	2,000.00	1,925.26	(74.74)	2,000.00
2024 Hotel deposit refund	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Donation from league savings	6,200.00	6,200.00	-	-
Misc Income	500.00	4,064.15	3,564.15	1,000.00
<b>Other Income – Subtotal</b>	<b>46,650.00</b>	<b>33,505.08</b>	<b>(13,144.92)</b>	<b>30,300.00</b>

2025/2026 HSL Budget & Actuals

EXPENSES	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	2025 DIFF.	2026 BUDGET
League Expenses	12,995	11,023	(114)	300
Playing Expenses	39,715	32,023	(7,691)	58,900
Event Expenses	9,050	5,755	(3,294)	15,050
National Expenses	2,995	692	(2,303)	3,250
Winter Meeting	2,840	4,253	1,413	3,300
Summar Meeting	7,585	4,166	(3,419)	7,850
World Series Meeting	19,700	20,481	782	24,775
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>94,414</b>	<b>78,394</b>	<b>(16,020)</b>	<b>125,165</b>



## League Expenses

EXPENSE CATEGORY	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	2025 DIFF.	2026 BUDGET
Ads/Marketing	500	491	(9)	1000
Bank Fee/NSF/Checks	50	-	(50)	100
Copies/Printing	50	-	(50)	100
Board Email	2,600	2,708	108	2,750
Mailbox/Postage	200	188	(12)	200
Zoom	160	160	0	250
Website / New Programs	600	662	62	750
State of GA Corp. Registration	35	35	-	40
Sports Engine	1,550	1,057	(493)	1,700
Insurance	1,200	1,073	(127)	1,200
Tax Software	50	-	100	
HOF & Historian	1,000	895	(105)	1,000
Board Polo	150	84	(66.00)	200
Medical Supplies	100	-	(100.00)	100
JRC Committee	-	-	0.00	250
In Memoriam	500	-	0.00	500
Charity	4,000	3,534	(466)	2,000
Misc. League Expenses	250	136	(114)	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,995</b>	<b>11,023</b>	<b>(1,972)</b>	<b>12,540</b>

Playing Expenses

EXPENSE CATEGORY	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	2025 DIFF.	2026 BUDGET
Fields	7,500	4,500	(3,000)	29,000
Umpires	22,000	18,445	(3,555)	22,500
Field Maintenance	-	-	-	1,000
Balls	1,200	1,848	648	2,000
Lineup Cards	350	-	(350)	350
Score Books	615	614	(1)	1,200
Masks	150	-	(150)	-
Bats	6,200	6,234	34	1,000
Bat Grips	-	62	62	75
Scoreboards	450	-	(450)	450
Pitching Strips	-	-	-	75
Storage	1,000	212	(788)	1,000
Misc – Playing Expenses	250	108	(142)	250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,715</b>	<b>32,023</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>58,900.00</b>

## Budget Detail – Events & National Expenses

Events	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Diff.	2026 Budget
Jersey Party	50	-	(50)	100
Miss HSL	-	-	-	-
Mr HSL	-	-	-	-
New Event	2,000	-	(2,000)	6,000
End of Season Party	1,500	1,541	41	1,600
Trophies	1,500	1,505	5	1,600
Pride	3,000	2,559	(441)	3,250
Recruitment	500	150	(350)	1,500
Misc – Events	500	-	(500)	1,000
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>9,050</b>	<b>5,756</b>	<b>(3,294)</b>	<b>15,050</b>
National Expenses	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Diff.	2026 Budget
IPride Fee	365	362	(3)	450
ASANA Fee	330	330	-	350
USA Membership	1,200	-	(1,200)	1,200
Fines	1,000	-	(1,000)	1,000
Misc – National	100	-	(100)	250
<b>Total National</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>(2,303)</b>	<b>3,250</b>

Winter & Summer Meetings

WINTER MEETINGS	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	2025 DIFF.	2026 BUDGET
iPride Rep 1	850.00	1,036.00	186.00	1,000.00
iPride Per Diem 1	90.00	90.00	-	100.00
iPride Rep 2	850.00	2,025.59	1,175.59	1,000.00
iPride Per Diem 2	90.00	90.00	-	100.00
iPride Rep 1	770.00	921.39	151.39	900.00
iPride Per Diem 1	90.00	90.00	-	100.00
Misc.	100.00	-	(100.00)	100.00
<b>Total Winter</b>	<b>2,840.00</b>	<b>4,252.98</b>	<b>1,412.98</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>

SUMMER MEETINGS	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	2025 DIFF.	2026 BUDGET
iPride, Rep 1	2,420.00	-	(2,420.00)	2,500.00
iPride, Rep 2	2,420.00	-	(2,420.00)	2,500.00
iPride Per Diem 1	180.00	2,366.68	2,186.68	200.00
iPride Per Diem 1	180.00	-	(180.00)	200.00
ASANA, Rep 1	1,475.00	1,619.53	144.53	1,500.00
ASANA, Per Diem 1	180.00	180.00	-	200.00
iPride HOF Dinner	330.00	-	(330.00)	350.00
ASANA HOF Dinner	150.00	-	(150.00)	150.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	-	(250.00)	250.00
<b>Total Summer</b>	<b>7,585.00</b>	<b>4,166.21</b>	<b>(3,418.79)</b>	<b>7,850.00</b>

World Series Expenses

CATEGORY	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	2025 DIFF.	2026 BUDGET
iPride Team Fees	4,000.00	4,800.00	800.00	4,500.00
ASANA Team Fee	1,300.00	1,375.00	75.00	1,375.00
World Series T-shirts	4,500.00	5,806.61	1,306.61	5,000.00
2025 Hotel Deposit	5,000.00	4,000.00	(1,000.00)	8,000.00
2024 Hotel Reimbursements	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	5,000.00
Misc - WS	400.00	-	(400.00)	400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,700.00</b>	<b>20,481.61</b>	<b>781.61</b>	<b>24,275.00</b>



# 2025 HSL Budgets & Actuals

- Overall: Under budget by \$10,696.44
- Income:
  - Budgeted for \$94,050 and actuals were \$79,798
  - Income down due to reduced income from Sponsorship & Big Peach Proccess (GTHCC)
- Expenses:
  - Budgeted for \$94,808 and actuals were \$76,395

# 2025 HSL Budgets & Actuals

- Expenses down mainly due to league and playing expenses less than anticipated
  - League expenses (under budget \$1,972):
    - 2025 HSL Charity check wasn't cashed in 2025
  - Playing expenses (under budget by \$6,619):
    - Fields Actual Cost \$4,500 due to a \$4,000 refund for unused fields
    - Storage Expenses dropped by \$788
  - Other areas of savings:
    - Events under budget (\$2,000)

# 2025 HSL Budgets & Actuals

- What's the same:
  - Budgeting for 25 Open teams and 5 WNT teams
  - Umpire fees increased by 10%
  - National Expenses and Winter Meetings budget increased by 10%

2024/2025 Big Peach & Actuals

	2024	2025		2026 Budget
# Teams	60	42		50
Cost/Team	\$475.00	\$475.00		\$475.00

Income	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Diff.	2026 Budget
Balance Forward	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Sponsorship	7,500	5,000	(2,500)	5,000
Entry Fees	28,500	19,475	(9,025)	26,125
Merch Sales	10,000	7,337	(2,663)	8,000
Other Income		(9,655)	(9,655)	(8,000)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>24,157</b>	<b>(23,843)</b>	<b>33,125</b>

Expenses	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Diff.	2026 Budget
Advertising	500	163	(337)	400
Balls	1,000	528	(472)	1,200
Software/Website	200	-	(200)	200
Umpires	12,000	8,723	(3,277)	10,000
Umpire Per Diem	1,800	1,690	110	1,800
Lineup Cards	300	259	(41)	350
Fields	3,000	4,869	1,869	4,500
Maintenance	500	350	(150)	500
Security	-	-	-	250
Trophies	3,000	2,136	(864)	3,000
Tourney Machine	450	246	(204)	450
Merch	10,000	6,362	(3,638)	8,000
Medical/First Aid	250	-	(250)	250
Volunteer T-shirt	900	755	(145)	900
Wristbands	250	246	(4)	275
Entertainment	1,600	2,000	400	1,700
Golf Cart	300	-	(300)	300
Printing	50	-	(50)	50
Misc. Expense	300	119	(181)	350

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>36,400</b>	<b>28,447</b>	<b>(7,953)</b>	<b>34,475</b>
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<b>Net Income</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>(4,289)</b>	<b>(15,889)</b>	<b>(1,350)</b>
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# 2025 December 31<sup>st</sup> Balances

- HSL Savings Account: \$95,022.07
- PB Account: \$5,365.45
- HSL Operating Account: \$58,600.14

# Thank You!



# Assistant Commissioner

Bleu Holden



**ASSISTANT  
COMMISSIONER**

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**Bleu Holden**

# iPride Ratings & JRC

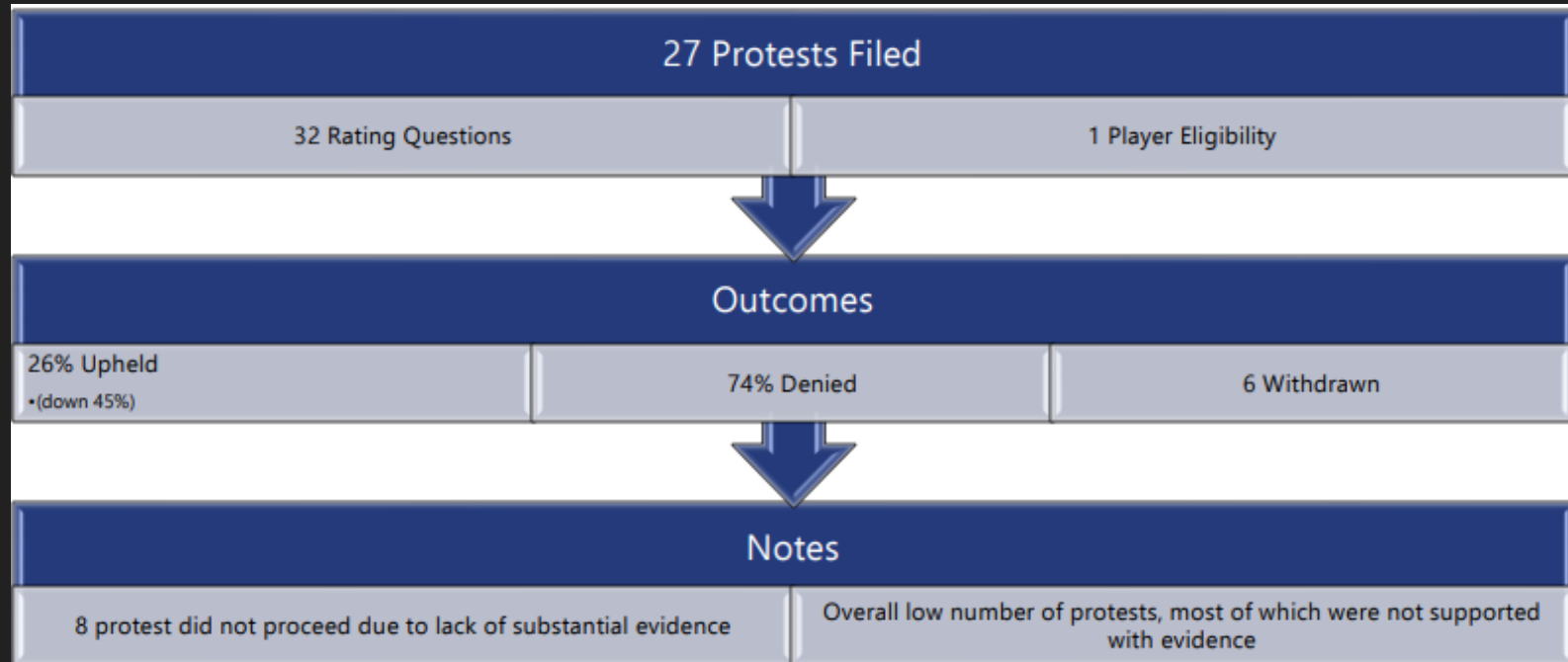
- Threshold for throwing rating questions reduced to 40%
- Timely submission for reductions
- Get ratings right
- Keep a book and stats
- GSWS 2026 fields



# 2025 GSWS Protests

Question	# of Protests	Upheld %
2	2	50%
3	4	75%
4	2	0%
5	1	0%
7	1	100%
10	1	100%
11	10	0%
12	9	11%
15	1	0%
24	1	0%

# 2025 GSWS Protests



# Rosters

- Due by noon on Thursday each week
- No new players can be added after 50% of games played
- Limited to 20 players
- iPride tournaments requiring portal profile



# PIP Accommodations

portal.ipridesoftball.org

- Log into iPride portal, select Resources from main menu

## PIP Physician Form

Request accommodations to ensure equitable access and participation. This can be done by completing PIP Request Form, completing the Physician Form, and emailing the Physician Form to [pip@ipridesoftball.org](mailto:pip@ipridesoftball.org).

[PIP Request Form link](#)

[PIP Physician Form download](#)

- Only 3% of GSWS participants had PIP accommodations
- Legends divisions now have unlimited courtesy runners

# Upper Division is Back!

- 2 B teams for 2026 HSL season
- iPride Cup is Memorial Day Weekend in Tampa for Upper Divisions and Legends
  - no longer invitational
- B division scheduling and play dates
- Future of Upper Division



# MIKEN®

Max Load



**iPride**

MODEL: MSA6PRIDEL TWO-PIECE 12.75 INCH BARREL .5 OZ ENDLOAD

SIZES: 34/25, 34/26, 34/27, 34/28 • BARREL: 2 1/4"



**Tentative Ship Date 2/25/2026**

Balanced



**iPride**

MODEL: MSA6PRIDEB TWO-PIECE 13.25 INCH BARREL BALANCED

SIZES: 34/25, 34/26, 34/27 • BARREL: 2 1/4"



**Tentative Ship Date 2/25/2026**



# Upcoming iPride Tournaments

<del>Feb 26-March 1, 2026</del>	<del>iPride Draft – San Diego, CA</del>
May 22-24, 2026	iPride Cup – Tampa, FL
August 29-30, 2026	Summer Meetings – Columbus, OH
August 30-September 5, 2026	49 <sup>th</sup> Gay Softball World Series – Columbus, OH
January 30-31, 2027	Winter Meetings – San Francisco, CA
Q1 2027	iPride Draft – Location TBD
May 14-17, 2027	iPride Cup – Kansas City, MO
September 25-26, 2027	Summer Meetings – San Francisco, CA
September 26-October 2, 2027	50 <sup>th</sup> Gay Softball World Series – San Francisco, CA

# Berliner Sports Park

Berliner Sports Park is the largest ball diamond complex in the U.S. Located just 3 miles from the host hotels and easily accessible.

## Fast Facts:

- 31 Fields with fences & turf infields (15 with lights), 25 meet iPride Requirements
- 18 fields equipped with Live Streaming
- 5 Full-Service Concession hubs
- \$75,000 – All inclusive, roughly 50% discount.
  - Includes fields, parking, athletic complex, radios, golf carts, etc.



# GSWS 2026 Map

1. Berliner Sports Park
2. Columbus Commons / Opening Ceremony
3. Discovery District / Closing Ceremonies Block Party
4. Hilton
5. Sonesta



# GSWS Berth Allotments

ASSOCIATION BERTH ALLOTMENTS							
Team entries may not exceed maximum limits for each division nor the total maximum berths.							
TEAMS IN ASSOCIATION	A DIVISION	B DIVISION	C DIVISION	D DIVISION	E DIVISION	LEGENDS C DIVISION	LEGENDS D DIVISION
1-9 Teams	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	2 teams total distributed any way between C/D/E Division			2	2
10-18 Teams			3 teams total distributed any way between C/D/E with a max of 2 per Division				
19-28 Teams			5 teams total distributed any way between C/D/E with a max of 2 per Division				
29+ Teams			7 teams total distributed any way between C/D/E with a max of 3 per Division				
<p>The GSWS host city may add one (1) additional team in the division of their choice.</p> <p><i>For 2026 and 2027, all associations are allowed one (1) additional team in each of the C, D, E, LC, and LD divisions.</i></p>							

# What Else is Going On?

- Guest passes for GSWS
- Greensboro (Camel City Athletics)
- new iPride Commissioner
- iPride membership dues change, based on league size (\$350 → \$700)



# Thank You!



**BREAK - 15 minutes**



# Secretary

Report



**SECRETARY**

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**Bill McDaniel**

# Social Media Presence

- In 2021, Googling “gay/lesbian softball/Atlanta,” HSL was the 16th item that came up – 6th on former EC, Jen Bell’s, phone.
- Today, that presence has changed dramatically:
  - ✓ Recently asked 10 people to Google it and 9/10 had it on their 1st line!
  - ✓ This isn’t one person’s work – A LOT of people have helped – HUGE *Thank You* to Ron Roberts!!
- We’re on Facebook & Instagram – expanding soon to Tik Tok, Snapchat & other applications.



# Impact of Facebook

In the last 28 days, over 15,000 views – up 38%.

- 2026: over 46,200 views!
- 152,686 views in 2025 - up 196% from 2024 (77,900 views)

How do we keep driving this?

- Most traction between March – July
- Keep it fresh • Keep it up to date • Get more folks involved!

*We can keep this momentum going!*

# Show What You Got!

Team Photos

Game Action

Outings

Tournaments

*...more!*



# Extra Innings Drawing

- Draw one team for each week – including rain makeup dates.
- **Rain or Shine!** If games are cancelled due to inclement weather, the host team is still expected to host their event.
- The Commissioner's Cup weekend will be hosted by the HSL Board with proceeds going to HSL Charity: **IRIS Recovery**.
- Draw four alternates if a team cannot fulfill their obligation.



# Extra Innings Drawing

March 15 - Week 1: *Nasty P-Cocks* (selected by EC)

March 22 - Week 2: \_\_\_\_\_

March 29 - Week 3: \_\_\_\_\_

April 12 - Week 4: \_\_\_\_\_

April 26 - Week 5: \_\_\_\_\_

May 3 - Week 6: \_\_\_\_\_

May 17 - Week 7: \_\_\_\_\_

May 31 - Week 8: \_\_\_\_\_

June 7 - Week 9: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cont'd... Extra Innings

June 14 - Rain Date #1 / Commissioner's Cup – *HSL Board*

June 21 - Rain Date #2 / Commissioner's Cup – \_\_\_\_\_

June 28 - Commissioner's Cup make up – \_\_\_\_\_

4 Alternates Teams:

Alternate #1 – \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate #2 – \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate #3 – \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate #4 – \_\_\_\_\_

# Thank You!



# Business Development

Chris Munden



# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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Chris Munden

# 2026 Confirmed Sponsors



Georgia Tech **Hotel and Conference Center**

Proud Grand Slam Sponsor



**WOOFS ATLANTA**  
SPORTS BAR

Proud Grand Slam Sponsor



**Cleo Meyer**  
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# Pride Committee

Love Pride? 🌈 Love Softball? 🏐

Love Chaos! 🤪 (Organized!)

Have a voice in our softball community. All background and experience welcome!

Your voice matters – Let's build Pride together!

★ Parade Planning Crew





Chris Munden



Business Development Coordinator



Chris Munden

Business Development Coordinator

# Thank You!



# Social & Events Coordinator

Report



**SOCIAL EVENTS  
COORDINATOR**

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Lisa Nichols

# Goals

- Jersey Party →
- Drag Bingo
  - Details TBD
- Field Days
  - Opening Day:  
*Roll out the red carpet & come dressed to impress!*
  - Father's Day:  
*Bring the kids!*
- Closing Party
  - Details TBD



ATLANTA EAGLE

SAT  
MARCH  
7  
4pm-7pm

**THE**  
**JERSEY**  
**PARTY**

**BEER BUST**

**SOFTBALL'S OFFICIAL START TO SPRING SEASON**  
**COME OUT AND MEET THE PLAYERS OF 2026**

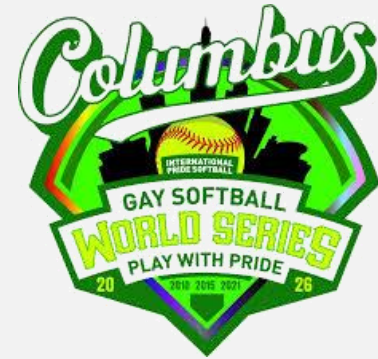
COME HUNGRY - SMALL BITES WITH ENTRY DONATION  
FULL MENU AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**ENTRY DONATION INCLUDES BEER OR SOFT DRINK BUST**



# GSWS & ASANA Series

- World Series T-Shirt Design
  - Input from Members
- iPride Softball/ASANA,
  - World Series Fundraising:
    - Participate in “Drag Karaoke”
    - Join a Committee
    - 50/50 Raffle split with Charity



# Social Events Committee

- Looking for Members to join the committee!
- Help alleviate some of the planning of events
- Help give back to the league
- Great way to share your ideas

Have an Idea?

- Drop a comment in our suggestion box

Contact info:

[socialeventscoordinator@hotlantasoftball.org](mailto:socialeventscoordinator@hotlantasoftball.org)  
714-717-4662



# Thank You!



# Competition Coordinator

Report



# COMPETITION COORDINATOR

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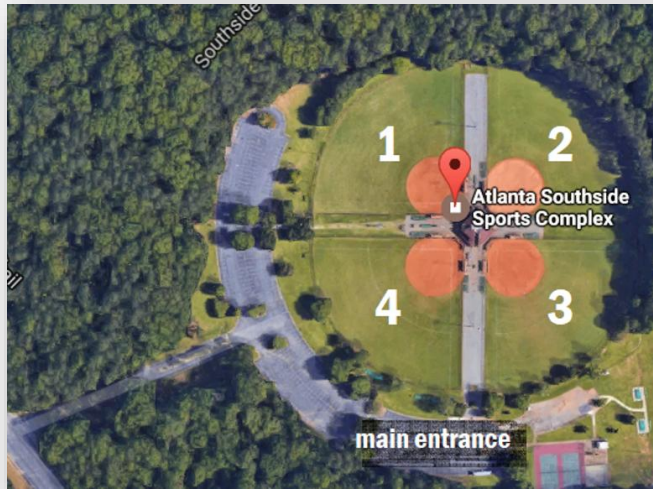
Brad Oglesby

# Priorities

- Recruit new players for the Open & WNT Divisions
- Conduct skills assessments for new players to be assigned a division
- Conduct drafts for new players and free agents
- Help free agents get picked up by a team in their division
- Recruitment Committee

# Fields

## Southside Park



Concessions  
No Alcohol – No Dogs

## Johnson Park



Concessions  
No Alcohol – Dogs Leashed

# Recruitment

- Pride Booth sign-ups
- Recruitment Committee
- Since Brave's Pride Night:
  - 252 People have expressed interest!
- Coaches – *We Need You!*



# Skills Clinics

February 7<sup>th</sup> at D-Bat Buckhead

- 15 attendees for both Open & WNT Divisions
- JRC assessed new players (throwing & batting)
- Wide range of skill
- One (1) coach drafted one (1) player

February 21<sup>st</sup> at Washington Park rained out

# Clinic & Draft

Last clinic planned for *tomorrow* at Washington Park

- We're expecting 20-30 players interested in joining a team
- Come watch and draft to *your* team

Expectation for draft:

- # of players do you need?
- Commit to that number
- Largest need picks first

JOIN US FOR

# SOFTBALL SKILLS ASSESSMENT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**  
**10:30AM - 1:00PM**

**WASHINGTON PARK**  
102 OLLIE ST NW, ATLANTA GA 30314

**DRILLS FOR NEW PLAYERS**  
**FOR THE 2026 SEASON**

**IF INCLEMENT WEATHER, JOIN US AT D-BAT**  
**IN BUCKHEAD FROM 11:00AM - 1:00PM**  
2345 ADAMS DR NW, ATLANTA, GA 30318

# Lineup Cards

- Press hard – we need to be able to read the copies
- Write legibly!
- Follow this player name format:
- Must correspond with registration
- NO nicknames: ~~Hammer~~ or ~~Chipper~~

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_  
 VS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GAME TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE  
 HOME / VISITOR  
 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



NO.	PLAYER	POS
44	1. Henry Aaron	
	SUB	
10	2. Larry Jones Jr.	
	SUB	
	3.	
	SUB	
	4.	
	SUB	
	5.	
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	9.	
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	10.	
	SUB	
	11.	
	SUB	
	12.	
	SUB	

RUNNING SCORE:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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SC. KEEPER: \_\_\_\_\_ UMPIRE: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL SCORE

H	V

COACH INT. \_\_\_\_\_

NO. / SUBS				
NO. / SUBS				

# Lineup Cards

- Eligibility for the Commissioner's Cup & GSWS:
  - Players listed on lineup card AND must be present for at least 50% of regular season games
  - Subs should NOT be listed unless they are present
- If a sub arrives after the start of the game, add them and inform the ump and opposing coach



# MASCARA

- Medical And Safety Committee & Acute Response Awareness
- Plans and executes league strategy for player health and safety
- Ensures medical supplies are on hand at the fields
- MASCARA Committee Chair: *vacant*



# Officer of the Day

- If you have any questions or need any kind of assistance/clarification on game days, find the league officer on duty
- Look for someone in a red polo

# PLAY BALL!

- As we start our 45<sup>th</sup> season, our mission is the same as it was in 1981: *To give LGBTQ+ folks a safe and inclusive environment to play the game we love*
- Treat everyone with respect
- Practice good sportsmanship
- Rate your players fairly & accurately
- Remember that we are family



# Thank You!



# ASANA Representative

Report



**ASANA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

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**Maile Gorion**

# 2026 WNT Division

**W**omen

**N**on-Binary

**T**ransgender

- Excited to have 5 returning teams with an new team this year
- If you have players on your team that want to play, please let me know.
- My email is: [asanarep@hotlantasoftball.org](mailto:asanarep@hotlantasoftball.org)



# HSL DEI & WNT Committees

- DEI - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - Seek to promote the fair treatment and full participation of all people
- Take steps towards greater inclusion by offering sober events and resources
- Looking for members to join the DEI & WNT committees!



# Winter Council Meeting

- February 21-22, 2026
- Tucson, AZ



# 2026 ASANA World Series

October 20-24, 2026

Tucson, AZ

## 2026 Costs

- Team Fee - **\$705** (previously \$670)
- Hotel Deposit- **\$350**
- You *do not* get credit for staying outside the block at one of the host hotels or using non-ASANA links to book
- Participant Fee - **\$15** per person on the roster
  - Pay when you complete online registration



# Getting to Tuscon



- In-airport rental car facility (no shuttle needed)
- Easy airport to navigate



# Hotels

## DoubleTree Suites by Hilton

**\$189 / night**

Suites • Free Parking

Close to Fields: Less than 5 miles

Happy Hour Specials



## Embassy Suites Tucson East

**\$199 / night**

Suites • Free Parking

Close to Fields: Less than 5 miles

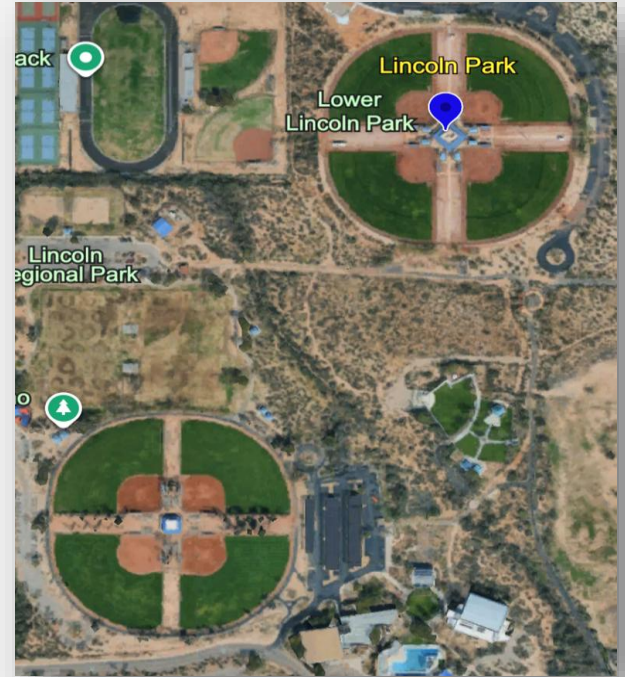
Happy Hour Specials

Breakfast Included



# Fields

- No gate fee
- 8 fields - ½ mile apart - trails in between
- Grass and dirt fields - picnic tables
- Concessions at the main pod
  - Working to get alcohol, and food trucks & concessions at the second pod
- Soccer field reserved in between the pods
- Teams can bring in a single 10'x10' tents
  - Absolutely no staking in the ground
  - Two 10x10 cannot be connected.

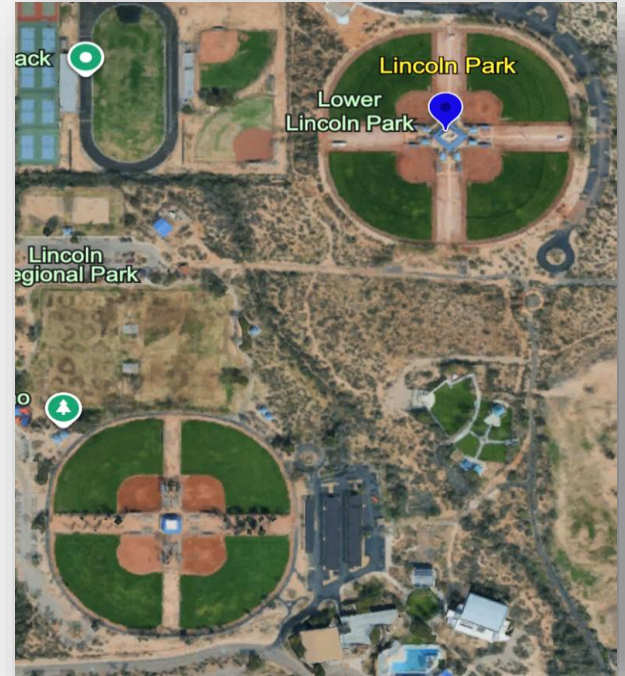


**Lincoln Park**  
8116 E. Escalante Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85730



# Things to Know

- Minimal shade - working on more
- No additional overflow fields will be used
- Bathrooms in both pods
- Gender neutral bathrooms
- Outside food, non-alcoholic beverages, coolers, water, ice are allowed
- Service animals are allowed
- 15 minutes from the main host hotel (Embassy)
- Playground area



**Lincoln Park**  
8116 E. Escalante Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85730

# New City Memberships



Columbus, OH



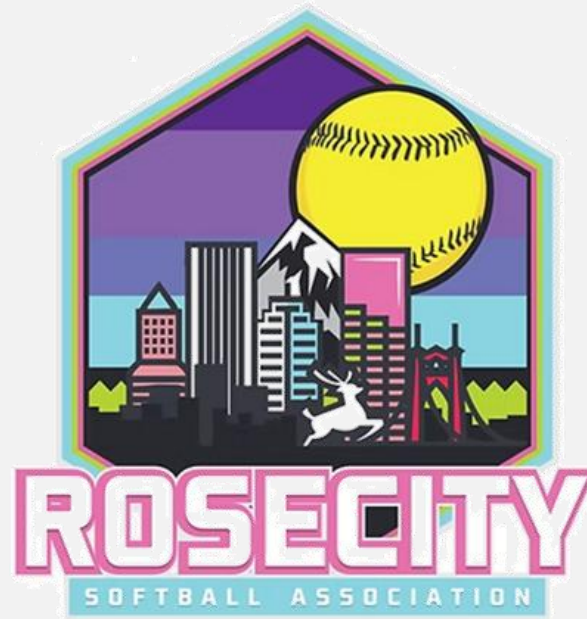
Nashville, TN



# Potential New City



# Potential 2027 ASANA Series



# Thank You!



# Parliamentarian/ Historian

Report



# PARLIAMENTARIAN/ HISTORIAN

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Ned Nichols

# 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and Hall of Fame Dinner

Ned Nichols, Parliamentarian/Historian

# What - When - Where

- We will combine our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet with this year's Hall of Fame induction presentations & dinner
- **Saturday, June 6 at 7:00pm**
- Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center
  - \$50 / ticket
  - RSVP will be posted and sent to all members
  - Herb chicken dinner, non-alcoholic beverages
  - \$9 drink ticket - cash bar
  - DJ - special guests, and entertainment



# HSL Hall of Fame

Ned Nichols, Parliamentarian/Historian

# Hall of Fame Nomination Window

All of the dates for actions related to the nominations, voting, and announcements have been posted on the HSL's website calendar

Here is a summary, along with some information:

- The HOF nominations will be activated today and end on April 14 at 11:59 PM ET.
- Nominations received after at 12:00 AM ET on April 15 will not be accepted.
- Nominations will be posted on HSL's website and sent out via league communication.
- Nominations remain open for 3 years, including current year.



# Hall of Fame Voting

- HOF voting will begin April 16 and end at 11:59 PM ET on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Votes received on or after 12:00 AM ET on May 1 first not be accepted.
- Results verified by Parliamentarian and Commissioner before May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the results will be shared with honorees and then shared with league membership.
- Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> is HSL Hall of Fame Day! HOF members are asked to wear their HOF jerseys.



# HSL Hall of Fame

What you need to know:

- A candidate must be a current or former member who has made substantial contributions to HSL, and who has been a member of HSL for at least 10 years.  
*(Memberships in other leagues do not count.)*
- Further details about the HOF, including the nomination and voting processes, are found in Article 13 of the HSL Constitution.
- Any questions should be sent to [parliamentarian@hotlantasoftball.org](mailto:parliamentarian@hotlantasoftball.org).



# Thank You!



# New Business

Kyle Erickson, Commissioner

**Let's Have a  
Great Season!**

