

Tasmanian Softball Council Inc.

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Softball Tasmania



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022 - 2023

Whoop Whoop after a couple of seasons of Covid interruptions we all seem to now be living with this and getting on with our lives and softball. Only a couple of outbreaks but nothing big which is very pleasing. Well done to all Associations for still keeping a vigilant watch on hygiene and members who show any signs of having Covid symptoms. While it will never vanish it certainly has settled considerably

Softball Tasmania welcomed back the Burnie Softball Association as an affiliated Associations. It is great to see you back with us and ST look forward to many more season. It was unfortunate that Ulverstone were unable to have a roster this season but even without regular games Ulverstone were able to field teams in the championships during the year and winning championships too.

Softball Tasmania and Associations played and completed all the Championships and a big Thank You to Launceston and Hobart for hosting their allocated championship and to the Associations for supporting the events and entering teams to compete. This season Softball Tasmania combined the Open Men and Women to see if this might improve the experience for players and spectators. To say it was a huge success would be an understatement as everyone we have spoken to and received feedback from have all indicated that this is the way to go. While there were some challenges with players who were coaching and umpiring everyone seemed to manage okay and slept very well on the Sunday night. This combination will be looked at for the next seasons Championships and any ideas members or Association have please send them to Softball Tasmania so they might be discussed at our meetings

Our thanks also go to those who umpired during all the Championships as without those members taking on the roles there would certainly not be any games. All Associations were well represented and games were played with great enthusiasm and true sportsmanship. Congratulations to all those who won Grand Finals and MVP awards. Also, Congratulations to the winners of the Wayne Westlake Awards. This is a very prestigious award to win and has the names of some exceptional softball players engraved on the trophy.

Our membership numbers have been steady this season (see numbers at the end of this report). Softball Australia have now completed the move with their registration to RevSport and while we are now coming into our 3 season everyone seems to be handling the registrations well. We have also been able to have entries to championships and affiliation fees paid on line and this has been so much easier for Associations. It also means players and officials names can be check to make sure they are registered. So much better

My thanks to Brenda Hanlon and Belinda McFerran for all their work on RevSport registrations and sorting out payment options etc. thanks to Belinda for assisting Burnie with the setup of their data base and fee options. A big job and countless hours have gone in to get everything set up and the annual roll overs should now be a breeze lol.

If anyone is having any difficulties, please see either Brenda or Belinda for assistance

We again appreciate all the assistance we receive from Active Tasmania (formally Community Sport & Recreation Tasmania). They are always there if we need any help, answer our queries, and point us in the right direction so thanks to everyone who has assisted. We were successful in our application for funding and a big thank you to Ev for all the work involved with getting this completed. Not an easy job.

Softball Tasmania has been working on a Strategic Plan which we have submit to Active Tasmania for feedback and will be presented to the Board at our meeting following the AGM. Thank you to all the Board for your input into the new Strat Plan, it was a big day working through the action items and sorting them out There are several action items which require Association to be actively doing and ticking off the plan so **PLEASE** Association look over this plan and note what you can achieve and assist Softball Tasmania with. This is your plan too and your help and input will be needed to make sure we complete the tasks recognised and it is extremely important for Associations to start ticking off the action items relevant to their Clubs and Association. It is important that every Association start to go through the plan and start working the areas that are applicable to them and then inform ST when something has been completed. It would be great to see this as an Agenda item on all Association agendas as a gentle reminder for action.

Over the last few weeks as part of their portfolio, Board members Michelle Lewis and Tiina Shaw have been working on changes and tidying up the Championship guidelines and rules. After presenting to the Board who also suggested some changes this has now gone out to Association. Thank you to Michelle and Tiina great job.

A big Thank You to my Board who are all volunteers and have all worked tirelessly during the year.

While we started the season with an equal diversity of members, we did lose Daniel who found that his work commitments made it difficult for him to continue. Thank you for your time and input and we wish you well

ST aims to replace Daniel at the AGM but we obviously welcome any new members who would like to be part of the Board.

I don't think many of our members realise how much time goes into attending to softball matters for the state. While there has not been many Softball Australia F2F meetings apart from the AGM in October, there are always emails to attend to, teams' meetings to part of, SLG meeting to participate in and countless other matters pertaining to softball. It is a team effort by everyone and should be appreciated and recognised by the Tasmanian members


Softball Tasmania will continue to work with Softball Australia for the best interest of softball in this state and the sports future. We are working with Softball Australia in an endeavour to find a part-time or full-time person to assist Ev with the Development of Softball in Tasmania. Ev continues to travel to many areas of the state and surrounding islands promoting the sport as well as working with Sporting Schools and someone to help take on some of the load would be great. If anyone knows of someone within the state who would be able to assist, please speak to one of the Board.

Again, the most important thanks go to the Softball Tasmanian Board members who have all worked tirelessly over the season and supported each other and Softball in Tasmania.

Softball Tasmania is very receptive of any new ideas that any member would like to put forward or raise with the Board and welcome them to come to a Board meeting with their proposal and how they think the idea would work. We can all then work together for the benefit of our great sport

As we head into the 2023/2024 Softball season, Softball Tasmania wishes all our Associations and their members a safe and successful season.

As the economic climate impacts on our sport and other areas it is more important now than ever to be able to provide somewhere that our members can come and play a competitive game, enjoy spending time with their mates and relax in an environment that they feel safe in with no everyday pressures put on them apart from enjoying themselves. This is our responsibility to help our members take away the worries of the week and have a good time.



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2022-23 REGISTRATION NUMBERS

ASSOC	SUB-JUN	JUNIOR	SENIOR	OFFICIALS	PART TIME 2 month*	SUB TTL	P/T 4 GAMES	FILL IN 1 WEEK	TOTAL
BSA	3	14	41	4	0	62	7	0	69
NTSA	46	25	76	15	0	162	4	2	168
STSA	44	12	63	16	26	161	6	0	167
USA	4	0	23	6		33	4	1	38
TOTAL	97	51	203	41	26	418	21	3	442

ASSOC	ST CHAMP	LTN MASTERS	SOCIAL 7s	Holiday Prog	TOTAL
BSA	2		0	0	2
NTSA	1	81	0	0	82
STSA	5		19	10	34
USA	27		0	0	27
TOTAL	35	81	19	10	145

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS ON DATABASE
71
250
201
65
587