



Dear League Members,

March 12, 2018

We are approximately 6 weeks away from the draft and 8 weeks from opening day. Which means all those months training during the off season will be put to the test. I want to take this opportunity to update you on a few items as we approach opening day.

At the completion of registration, led by our Registrar Dave Gareau, we introduced 6 new players to the league, Bryan Levine, David Weiss, Jason Stroll, Mark Gross, Guillaume Hamel and Howard Zinman. In addition we have a number of returnees after a one year absence, Pitching sensation, Mitch Carpman, Jack (jacko) Gurevitch, the Muhl, Lorne Wassermuhl, hitting phenom, Mike Kosow, Dino (and sister Dina) Gaspari, The beast from the East, Kirk Poulos, Elliot (EJ) Jagodnik . With the introduction of these players, captains have begun to strategize for the upcoming draft.

With all 14 sets of captain in place, I would like to welcome several new tandems to the fold. We have Earl Levitt and Lorne Rubin, Todd Savage and Bobby Leftakis, Brian Berkovits and Jeff Goodman .

We have undertaken a number of issues raised by the league members in relation to safety and rules. Some of those issues will be addressed and modified by the board itself and others will be explored with the city on March 20, 2018, with the objective of improving safety and providing clarity surrounding some of our rules, without changing the integrity of the game

Our draft is set for **Sunday April 29, 2018 from 6:30pm to whenever we finish**, in the Banquet Hall, located downstairs under the library at the DDO Civic Centre. You are all encouraged to attend and arrive early. There is still some VIP seats available. By the second round, there is only standing room available. This night will highlight the 14 members of your new family for the next 4 months.

Opening day begins May 12 and goes till August 20 when we begin the playoffs with 13 teams aiming to dethrone the current champs of Wolfie and Shapiro. That being said, with 26 games on the schedule and playoffs, hopefully you have been training and stretching, if not, you have 8 weeks to get there. Hope to see you all at the draft on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April and if not, see you on the field.

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