

The Spirit Of The League Award

This is the new and improved Sportsmanship Award that has been given out in years past. We renamed it to better define what we play for and why we play the game of softball. These are clearly spelled out on page 1 of our league constitution:

1. To promote the spiritual growth of all participants by exposing them to teammates and opposing players who demonstrate, through their words and actions, their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their desire to serve Him.
2. To exemplify through gentlemanly conduct and good sportsmanship the fact the softball can be played to the glory of God.
3. To provide a wholesome means of releasing energy and developing physical stamina.
4. To enable persons to further develop their ability to play softball through practice, managerial instruction, and the observation of skillful players in action.
5. To encourage its participants to attend church regularly and take part in church activities.
6. To foster leadership ability and a strong sense of responsibility in those who serve as managers and especially those who are elected to the Executive Board, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Trustees. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined if one person is willing to accept this responsibility and the Managers Association approves the nomination.
7. To develop a spirit of friendliness and cooperation between the churches represented in the league.
8. To provide entertainment and excitement for spectators.

Nowhere in this statement does it say win or lose and it does not once mention a record or championship. Those items are all bonuses and just a common result of playing a game for the glory of God and the **true** Spirit of the League.

With this name change comes some different ways of choosing the winner of this award. In the past the award was always chosen by the umpires association and that aspect of the award will not change. They will still get equal say into which team should get this honor. Along with that we are asking each coach to choose a team, and not their own, in their division. They will give this name to the President towards the end of the season to be counted. The names from the coaches and umpires will add up to decide on the team most worthy of this award.

Please watch the opposing team as much as you would the score as you play. Be a light more than a conqueror and represent the league well. Have a desire to earn this award and have a great season.