Raw Data

Survey Questions				
Move Summer League Start Date	Majors	AAA	AA	Total
Yes - Make the Change	20	21	20	61
No - keep it the way it is	12	12	13	37
Which Team Shirt would you prefer?	Majors	AAA	AA	Total
Cotton that we used to use	9	5	14	28
Micro Poly moisture wicking currently used	25	29	19	73
Which team Hat would you prefer?	Majors	AAA	AA	Total
Mesh Top	6	3	8	17
Current Hat (one Color)	5	6	8	19
Two color hat, brim different color	8	14	6	28
Do not Care	15	11	11	37
Starting ball count	Majors	AAA	AA	Total
Start with 0 and 0 count	3	24	11	38
Start with 1 and 1 with one foul to waste	31	10	21	62
Would you play in a Wood Bat Fall League?	Majors	AAA	AA	Total
Wood bats and Clincher Softballs	14	3	6	23
Composite bats and hard softballs	13	25	18	56
Not planning to play Fall Ball	6	6	9	21
Would you like to receive PSS communications via text to smart phones?	Majors	AAA	AA	Total
Yes - (Text Rates may apply)	6	4	4	14
No - (email is good enough)	21	21	22	64
Both - (I want both text and email)	6	9	7	22

R	esponse	Sent	Rate
Majors	34	63	53.97%
AAA	34	81	41.98%
AA	32	70	45.71%
Total	100	214	46 73%



What one change would you make to improve Prescott Senior Softball? Majors

None

Draft pitchers in seperate draft. So every team has pitchers. Could lead to losing players.

Teams sked for DH shud have first base dugout to avoid direct contact with summer heat/sun for 3 hours. all teams should play the same # of games for the regular season ,maybe we should leave a couple of days for makeup games before the playoffs begin

Most players cut the umpires slack and show respect however, a few bad apples can spoil it. Our umpires are volunteers, teammates, friends. Let's continue to show the utmost respect to these guys that willingly volunteer. Start earlier. Like 7am.

All a sprinkling of water on the fields do is keep the dust down for a bit, a regular watering of the infields, similar to the grass softens the dirt and makes for consistent bounces. The infield condition is more of a peril to the players than the core of a softball.

The fields need better maintance from the city.

Better ball

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None

Smooth out bass lines in between games to avoid bad hops in the infield

Do away with the giving up a runs when you have a subs. Stupid rule!

Combine a and I league.

Combine Major and AAA players for draft and draft 50% for each division with Majors filling teams first.

Create a rule of disciplinary actions that punish troublemakers who disrupt the game. Hire some independent umpires(non players).

Use 2 fields when possible to avoid playing late (11am) games

Change league names to AAA, AA, A. Current names are ridiculous and still confusing.

age must be 50 or over

Need to remove the AUTOCRATIC leadership from the Majors! The players are never asked what they want. Someone is making all the decisions without getting input from the players. No playoffs last year, whose idea was that? We never done that before - no playoffs! Blast comes out and says we are rained out, except for the Majors. We show up and then told, we are rained out. Does someone think the Majors are special and can play on rain soaked fields? The other 2 divisions make up games, but no, some bone head person tells us there will be pickup games. The Majors are out of sync with the rest of the league. The managers could easy poll their teams on what they would like to do. Make the Majors more democratic versus autocratic. Thanks for the survey! It seems someone cares about what the ordinary rank and file player thinks.

Go from 3 divisions to 2 divisions. More teams in a 2 division format, this would you a greater variety of teams and people to play against, eliminating some of the issues that arise when you play the same people all the time Continue being responsive to ideas and processes that may best improve PSS.

find more players to increase number of teams

Reduce from three divisions to two

I am really not sure.

Communication about rules

AAA

let each league chose what type of softball to use

None

Be consistent on the draws...i.e. you need 4 players and 5 have signed up, draw the 4 players that will play, not draw one who loses.

I would like too see decisions made by a group of 3 instead of one person making the decision in each league. Also play a game of 16" softball with wooden bats.

Those individuals that umpire and/or prepare the fields should have reduced annual fees.

None

add base umpire. Plate only umpires seldom move to get in better position--too old or lazy.

Combine Majors and AAA

Get rid of the rover position

Would like to play in tournaments on the weekends.

More games with two umpires Early start like 8:00 AM after May 15 th A umpire training class before the summer league

Each year the fields should be rotated among the three leagues. For example it's unfair that the AAA League is always stuck with playing on field 4 (which is a baseball layout, doesn't have a fence for weeks at a time, etc, etc). go back to 60 or 65 feet between bases

Re. the hats, how about buying them with a black sweatband. White ones can't be cleaned.

Runner rule

Have all volunteer umpires take a rules clinic

Cheerleaders and Pom Pom girls would be nice.

Play seven innings.

Change pitching arch limits to unlimited.

Quicker on-off the field between innings. Too much time is wasted now, preventing a game going the full 7 innings. require that a team fields more than 5 players to avoid a forfeit

persons of authority be at the field in case immediate decisions need to be made--- such as cancellation due to weather.

go back to the ball we used three or four seasons past. (The harder ball). I think we can see the crappier ball does not prevent sports injuries.

AA

Somehow add players for more teams in all divisions. Less prejudice against weaker players. Play some night games.

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When rules are changed, send an email out to the players.

Start 1 and 1 balls and strikes after 5th inning if nessesary

Change the draft in at least AAA. The pitcher and ss were identified as the most important position on the team and the best pitcher, the best ss and first round pick all went to the same team. Guess what they are winning almost all of their games. Selection order should be based on level of play of manager, i.e strongest manger selects last not just luck of the draw.

IF GAMES ARE RUNNING TOO LONG, DECIDE TO PLAY 6 INNINGS AROUND THE TOP OF THE 5TH INNING

Combine AAA and AA

I can't think of anything, but I want to thank the League for past changes: starting at-bats with 1-1 count, penalizing teams with no-show players, using the softer ball again this year resulting in fewer injuries and emphasizing avoiding runner-fielder collisions, especially around second base.

NO black shirts. Light colors only!!!!!!! Umps have gotten much better.

Eliminate the whining, crying, anger, & petty attitudes. Senior softball should be fun and enjoyable. Standarise Leagues, all the same.

make the 5 team league play a double header instead of a bye; it is hardly worth the effort to play 3 games a month!! suppose to be fun---get rid of the trouble makers

Some pitchers are still far too deliberate. When the ball is returned by the catcher the pitcher should have 10 seconds to pitch, not 30 seconds!! I umpired a game last week that lasted 2:09 for 6.5 innings. Painful... No suggestions.... everything seems OK

Outfielders and rovers cannot play on the infield dirt and outfielders must play behind the chalk line for all batters umpire training

Let the Majors pick from all who signed up to play. Then let AAA to pick from the remaining players. Finally those not picked by the Majors or AAA should be placed in the AA. If a player wants to play where he/she does not belong, refund his fee.

Let people know early, in advance for any cancellations due to weather etc. Many come from far away to play and it is an inconvenience if they need to turn around and go home.

none

Better advertising to let people know that we exist. I constantly hear from people when I say I play Senior Softball, "Where, when and what is that??"

none

Come down harder on foul language directed at others.

What would you recommend to improve our fields? Majors

Repair batters box on major field

More water on infields

Fields were fine until recent tournament was played in the rain. Now they need a lot of work in the OF.

walking down to the game today I was appalled at the condition of the fields, they are in the absolute worst condition I've ever seen in the 12 years I've played on them. Allowing tournaments to play on unplayable fields and do damage needs to be addressed. Bring in a grounds keeper to get them back in shape

Water infield more often and, we should get water misters in the dugouts.

Outfield gets pretty soggy.

Look into again repairing the batter boxes permanently. Its been tried successfully elsewhere, but for some reason failed when our Parks and Rec tried it here.

City cooperation.

None

None

Nothing

Fields are always ready to play.

See number 4

Nothing. We are at the mercy of the City.

None

Draw safety box (no go) for pitchers.

Drag them in between games.

fix the batters box. cut the grass, get the infield lip to grass level

Keep grass cut shorter and improve the transition are between the infield and outfield grass to prevent tripping on the lip or bad hops

Push city to improve footing in batter's boxes, those ditches we hit from are ridiculous. Any way to smooth infields between games?

no sand fill in the infield

A home plate mat

Cooler dugouts, time for more red dirt mixed in, removed lip from the infield to the outfield.

Continue seeking cooperation with City Parks Leadership and Personnel seeking consistent decisions that improve field conditions & safety for all the customers.

nothing

Fill holes in field with clay, not sand

Better maintainence by the City, especially when tournaments are on going.

Watering infields between games

AAA

rotation of fields each year between the leagues

Nine

Many thanks to the PSS players who come out early and prep the fields!!! Get Parks Dept. to put in a 50' rubber. We have 3 different positions for the bags, why can't we have 3 pitching rubbers as well?

The home team for the early game show up and do their field with the assistance of the ground crew.

See above

None

better fencing. Current is better than before, but field No. 4 is all temporary fence.

Nothing

nothing

Fields are great!

Keep up grading field equipment and add a drink dispenser of some typ to get a cold drink during summer play Infield's are too hard. Each year the infield's should be plowed up, to a depth of 10 inches, then smoothed out. It would make for a much safer and playable environment.

remove the ridge between infield and outfield

Nothing

Other than occasional wet spots, the fields are okay.

Fields are fine the way they are.

Not sure how, but if there is a way to make the infields less hard, it would be desirable -- the fields get very hard now. don't mow the lawns when the outfield is soggy wet. All the ruts we now see are the result of mowing the lawns right after a monsoon rainfall

I am sure this is the cities' responsibility, but re-sodding or synthetic outfield may be the answer. Also, the sprinkling of the fields needs improvement--- too many puddles and soft spots make for an injury.

A better parks and rec.?

AA

Improve batter's box - firm up dirt. Cooler/warmer dugouts (seasonal).

A home run fence that is reachable with the reduced flight balls.

softer infield

use a cut out mat at home plate so the fixed plate is visible

Nothing

Fields are good

Fields are in very good shape. kudos to the grounds people.

NONE

Fields are ok

Softer dirt in the infield. Not for sliding into bases but to enable a slide to field a ground ball.

fields are sometimes over watered by city!!!

Better infield dirt.

ok

pitching mound and home plate on field 1 I awful; come up with a solution that will keep home plate solid and the same at the pitchers mound

they are great now

Nothing... Norm and crew do an amazing job.

City should keep the outfield grass mowed more frequently.

nothing i can think of

fields are fine with me

The fields are OK for our level of play.

Patch the grassy area that floods. Infield needs improved dirt, too many small pebbles.

Place something under the batter's box - right hand batter at least - to provide a solid surface instead of the loose dirt and hole batter must stand in.

Misters for the dugouts during the summer months. I think overall the fields are in good playing condition until you add extra dirt for tournaments.

Place matting 2-3 inches below the batter boxes. this would help alleviate the uneven batting footing.

A little water.