

SL 2012: Everything You Should Know about Spring League

Tentative Game Schedule (subject to change)

Tues. April 17 (1 game)
Tues. April 24 (1 game)
Fri. April 27 (1 game)
Tues. May 1 (2 games)
Tues. May 8 (2 games)
Fri. May 11 (2 games)
Fields closed from May 14-27
Tues. May 29 (2 games)
Tues. June 5 (2 games)
Fri. June 8 (2 games)
Tues. June 12 (2 games)
Sat. June 16 – **Tournament**

Many of you said that you prefer not to play two days a week, and we empathize. We approached Portland Parks and Rec about the issue, and unfortunately, we are simply unable to make alternate field arrangements with PPR during the Delta Park closure weeks.

Registration

Women

A minimum of 7 and a maximum of 8 women per team, up to 16 teams.

Registration

Women registering within the Early Bird registration (March 5-7) window will receive a \$10 discount on the cost of registration. If space allows, women will be allowed to register until all teams are full. Women registering late (after March 21) will be assessed a \$10 late fee.

Women's Waitlist

In the event more women register than roster space allows, women will be accepted to the league on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional women will be placed on a Waitlist in the order in which registrations were received. Women will be invited to register in numerical order as spaces become available. **Waitlisted women will have 48 hours from the time they are contacted to accept/pay**, otherwise the spot will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

Waitlisted women who are not invited to Register in the first 2 weeks of Spring League 2012 will be guaranteed a spot in SL 2013 if they choose to use it. Women invited to Register during the first two weeks of league play in 2012 will forfeit their Waitlist status for 2013. Women who fill open spots after the first two weeks of play will maintain their Waitlist status and be guaranteed a spot in 2013 if desired.

Men

A maximum of 10 men per team, up to 16 teams. The number of teams will be determined by the number of female registrants.

Preregistration, March 7-14

Men will indicate their interest in SL 2012 by preregistering during the indicated window. There are typically more men who preregister than

spots available in the league. Preregistered men will be entered into a lottery to determine who will be invited to Register for SL. Following preregistration, automatic confirmation emails will be generated. **Please contact us if you do not receive an email confirming your preregistration.**

Lottery

20-30 male spots are reserved for pre-selected captains (see Formation of Teams section) and volunteers who have recently made substantial contributions to PUFF. These volunteers include League Coordinators (current and 1 year after end of service), Tournament Directors, Board Members, Winner of Shirt Design Contest, SL Cone volunteer and the winner of Volunteer Night raffle Prize. Additionally, spots will be reserved for men waitlisted the previous year (see Waitlist Section below for additional details).

After guaranteed spots have been filled, the remaining Preregistered males will be randomly assigned lottery numbers by a spreadsheet program. Preregistrants up to #160 will be invited to Register and Pay for SL 2012. **Men must register and pay by March 21, 2011** or their spot will be forfeited to the next person on the waitlist.

Please ensure that your email spam/junkmail filter is set to allow receipt of emails from registration@scorereport.net, springleague@portlandultimate.org, and medubois@uwalumni.com to ensure that you receive all registration-related notifications.

Men's Waitlist

Men's Waitlist Numbers will be maintained from the Lottery. Men will be invited to register in numerical order as spaces become available.

Waitlisted men will have 48 hours from the time they are contacted to accept/pay, otherwise the spot will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

Waitlisted men who are not invited to Register in the first 2 weeks of Spring League 2012 will be guaranteed a spot in SL 2013 if they choose to use it. Men invited to Register during the first two weeks of league play in 2012 will forfeit their Waitlist status for 2013. Men who fill open spots after the first two weeks of play will maintain their Waitlist status and be guaranteed a spot in 2013 if desired.

Attendance

New last year! Spring League is the most popular PUFF league, with a long waitlist for men every year and trending toward a waitlist for women. SL spots should be available to players who are most committed to playing. As such, captains will be asked to keep regular attendance. We will be actively working with captains to ensure that attendance is taken uniformly throughout the league. **Players missing more than 50% (5 nights) of league play may not be invited to register in 2013.** Please seriously consider your ability to attend before registering. We understand that unexpected injuries and commitments are sometimes unavoidable (extended changed work schedule, class schedule, etc) and we do not want to punish people for having lives outside of Spring League. However, the SL survey has

consistently reflected players' frustration with persistent no-shows that impact the whole team. Prolonged absences should be communicated to captains and SL coordinators as soon as possible to avoid future ineligibility. Please consider that we aren't interested in micromanaging your Spring League experience. Open lines of communication will clear up most issues without incident. If a player signs up, doesn't communicate with captains and misses 50% or more of the League, he/she may be ineligible to play the following year (2013).

Baggage (i.e., specific requests to play with another player)

Baggage requests will be granted ONLY when both parties are invited to Register (i.e. AFTER the male is invited to Register via the Lottery process). Baggage requests are typically granted to:

Partners with small children who need sideline supervision.

Pairs including an experienced player and a novice player for whom the SL experience will be enhanced by playing with a familiar face.

At the discretion of the SL coordinators in situations in which baggage may improve the SL experience of those involved.

Baggage requests will NOT be granted for the purpose of carpooling, roommates, teammates, etc. All games are held at Delta Park and inter-team carpooling arrangements are easy to coordinate.

Players wishing to apply for baggage consideration should fill in the relevant fields on the Registration materials. Special requests not covered by the automated choices should be emailed to springleague@portlandultimate.org. SL coordinators will notify you of their decision prior to the Draft.

Formation of Teams

Captains

Due to the importance of good captains to the Spring League experience of all players, captains will be identified by application/recruiting process prior to registration and selected by a panel comprised of SL Coordinators and PUFF Board members. Successful applicants will demonstrate a combination of leadership/coaching experience, skill, spirit, and must be able to attend 90% of SL dates AND the SL tournament as well as a Captains Meeting prior to Draft Night.

Registration material

Captains will be provided with all information from the Registration materials in advance of the Draft. Lists will be divided into male and female registrants, and will include all skill, spirit, and availability information from the online Registration.

The Draft

Registration materials will be distributed to captains one week prior to draft.

Teams will be assigned jersey colors randomly.

Draft Order will be assigned in advance, and Draft Order may not be traded.

New in 2012! Captains will be assigned a Draft Round in which it is anticipated they would normally have been drafted. For example, a highly skilled male captain

would be assigned as his team's Round 1 pick, and that team will not receive an additional pick in Round 1.

Draft is an S-format. The team that chooses first in Round 1 chooses last in Round 2. The team that chooses Last in Round 1 of the Men's Draft chooses First in the Women's Draft.

Each team will have 10 men and 7-8 women, as numbers allow. The Men's draft will have approximately 7-8 Rounds. Women's draft will have 6-7 Rounds. Remaining spaces will be assigned by SL coordinators post-draft (allows for Novice baggage to be placed, etc. See below)

Baggage

1. One member of each baggage pair is assigned "Draftable" status, the other "Undraftable". Only the Draftable player may be selected in the draft, the Undraftable will automatically be assigned to their team (see below).
2. Undraftable players are assigned Round numbers based on skill level (i.e. the round in which one could reasonably expect they would have been drafted on their own, based on the best available information), or "novice" status.
3. A team choosing one baggage player must take his or her baggage partner.
 - If the baggage partner has been assigned a Round, that team loses the ability to choose another player of that gender in that Round. Example: Jack and Jane have small children and are granted Baggage status. Jack plays for Rhino. Jane plays for Schwa. Jack is designated "draftable" (because the Male draft is usually first); Jane is designated "undraftable, Rd 1". Team Yellow chooses Jack with the 3rd overall pick in the draft. Team Yellow automatically gets Jane, and will not get a selection in Round 1 of the Female Draft.
 - If the baggage partner has been designated a Novice, the Undraftable partner will be assigned to the selecting team without a Draft Round penalty.
 - Novice players bagging together will be assigned to the same team after the draft if neither is drafted.

SL coordinators will provide finalized rosters to captains, and captains will contact their teams within 24 hours after the Draft.

Schedule

The season schedule will be posted on the PUFF website. Dates are subject to change depending on PPR closures and field conditions. Please assess your ability to commit to the League carefully before Registering. New last year: early season dates will have only one game per night to maximize playing time before dark, transitioning to two games per night as sunset gets later. Note that there will be only one night of league play (Tuesday) during the week of the tournament.

Captain Responsibilities

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High quality captains are vital to Spring League experience of all players.

Spirit of the Game

Captains will practice Spirit of the Game and expect the same of their teams. Captains will work to maintain even playing time among their players, regardless of skill level.

Captains will work with newer players, or partner newer players with other teammates, for mentoring of skills and rules.

Team Communications

Captains will send their teams the link to the game schedule and field map at the beginning of the season

Captains will send weekly emails to their teams with field information and any SL related announcements, as provided by the SL coordinators

Miscellaneous

Captains will keep track of player attendance and document absent players with their scores on a weekly basis.

Captains will collect cones from the fields at the end of play and return them to the cone coordinator.

League Communications

Captains

Captain google-group will be used to communicate schedule information, changes to fields, estimated horn times to captains by the SL coordinators. Captains are responsible for maintaining regular communication with their teams.

All Spring League

SL coordinators will send necessary emails to all SL players.

SL announcements may also be posted through PUFF Facebook page and Twitter account.

Miscellaneous League Spirit

The All Spring League Team! Teams will be asked for nominations during the season. The SL All-Star Team will be the PUFF July Player(s) of the Month, and will participate in the half-time show of the SL Tournament Finals.

Money Drive for Oregon Food Bank

The OFB Drive will be publicized in second half of League, and money collected during the week of the Tournament. A prize cooler will be awarded to a team who has collected the most \$\$.