March 2, 2018

Dear LCIRSA Members,

Our Recreational Sports and Wellness staff at Southeastern Louisiana University is excited to host the Spring 2018 state tournament! A tentative agenda has been sent along with the email,

**Hotels**

Attached at the end of this document is the hotel list. It is **very important** to reserve your rooms as soon as possible. There are two baseball/softball tournaments in the Hammond/Ponchatoula area the same weekend, so hotel rooms will fill up quickly as we approach the tournament. You must state that you’re with LCIRSA to secure the listed hotel rates.

**Thursday**

We will kick off this tournament on Thursday, April 26 with the Kent Adams Golf Tournament at Oak Knoll Country Club. Further information on tee times will follow in the coming weeks. Our university has a special relationship with Gnarly Barley Brewing, a local brewery owned by Southeastern alumni. **So, at 2pm on Thursday, there will be an optional brewery tour!** Please let me know ahead of time if you’ll be attending. Thursday’s activities will conclude with the Director’s dinner and networking opportunity held at Brady’s in downtown Hammond.

**Friday**

Friday’s business meetings will be held in the Victory Lounge in Strawberry Stadium. Parking is available in the parking garage adjacent to the stadium, and you will enter into the Victory Lounge via the elevator in the parking garage.

**Open Invite to Your Fitness Professionals**

Southeastern would like to extend an invitation to all of your fitness professionals or graduate students to attend the business meeting on Friday and the fitness roundtable immediately following the business meeting. Our association has previously discussed trying to incorporate professionals outside of intramurals, and Southeastern would like to host this roundtable session for anyone interested in networking with other fitness professionals in our association, as well as to provide an opportunity for the fitness professionals to discuss how they can best integrate into the association.

**Soccer Tournament**

In previous business meetings, the association has discussed incorporating soccer into the state tournament, and Southeastern would like to host this trial run! For this first attempt at soccer, we are opening up an 8v8 Co-Rec soccer tournament, but limiting entry to 6 teams due to limitations in field space. Teams will play

 2 pool games on Saturday, and with all 6 teams advancing to the single-elimination playoff bracket will be held on Sunday, so participating teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 games. **If your school is interested in bringing a Co-Rec soccer team, please contact me directly.**

**Basketball and Softball**

As usual, you may enter a maximum of six (6) teams per sport with no more than two (2) teams per division. Softball will include Co-Rec, Men’s, and Women’s divisions, and all games will be played at North Oak Park. Basketball will include Men’s, and Women’s, and 6ft and under divisions, and all games will be played at the Pennington Student Activity Center.

If you are able to ahead of time, please add your teams into IMLeagues before the tournament.

Please make checks payable to: LCIRSA State Tournament

You can mail them to: Recreational Sports and Wellness

 c/o Jean Bernard

 SLU 10481

 Hammond, LA 70402

Entry deadline for teams is Friday, April 26, 2018 at Noon. No entries will be taken after this time.

**Tournament Committees**

As usual, this tournament runs by a joint effort from all of us! If you would like to volunteer to help with a specific sport, please contact me directly. Volunteers will be asked to assist with one or more of the following: official’s training, official’s scheduling, captain’s meetings, and field/court supervision. We will be giving out “Top Officials” and “Sportsmanship” awards for basketball and softball, so sport committee members will determine these recipients.

As of today, we’re 8 weeks out! If you have any questions leading up to the tournament, please do not hesitate to contact me. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in the April!

Sincerely,

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**HOTEL RATES – HAMMOND, LA + SURROUNDING AREAS**

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| **Hotel/Motel** | **2-Doubles** | **1-King** | **Other** | **Rooms available** | **Distance to SLU** | **Phone** | **Address** |
| America's Best Value | call for rates | call for rates |  | misc | 2.6 miles | 985-542-9425 | 2010 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| Best Inn & Suites | $89.99 | $84.99 | $94.99 - Double suite | 15 doubles, 15 kings, 10 suites | 2.6 miles | 985-419-2001 | 107 Duo Dr. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| Comfort Inn -- Hammond | nearly full/call for rates | nearly full/call for rates |  | a few kings | 2.6 miles | 985-429-0120 | 110 Westin Oaks Dr. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| Courtyard by Marriott | $127.00 - $137.00 | $129.00 - $119.00 | rates valid thru 4/12/18 | 10 double, 5 king | 1.9 miles | 985-956-7730 | 1605 S. Magnolia St. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| Days Inn | call for rates | call for rates |  | misc | 2.7 miles | 985-419-1000 | 2150 SW Railroad Ave. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| Friendly Inn | call for rates | call for rates |  | misc | 5.4 miles | 985-542-9939 | 43076 S. Airport Rd. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| Hampton Inn | $99.00 | $99.00 |  | 7 doubles, 15 kings | 2.8 miles | 985-419-2188 | 401 Westin Oaks Dr. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| Holiday Inn | $109.00 | $109.00 |  | misc | 2.7 miles | 985-662-3877 | 1819 SW Railraod Ave. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| LaQuinta Inns and Suites | $99.00 | $94.99 | $104.99 - King suite | 12 doubles, 20 kings, 10 suites | 3.1 miles | 985-345-4742 | 42126 Veterans Ave. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| Lexington Inn | $84.99 | $79.99 |  | 23 doubles, 15 kings | 1.5 miles | 985-345-0003 | 46053 N. Puma Dr. Hammond, LA 70401 |
| Microtel Inn  | $70.00 | $60.00 | $80.00 - Suites | 15 doubles, 15 kings, 5 suites | 5.6 miles | 985-386-8866 | 727 W. Pine St. Ponchatoula, LA 70454 |
| Quality Inn | $77.95 | $72.95 |  | 20 doubles, 15 kings | 2.6 miles | 985-345-1900 | 2001 SW Railroad Ave. Hammond, LA 70403 |
| **Overflow/Amite hotels** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comfort Inn -- Amite | call for rates | call for rates |  |  | 17.4 miles | 985-748-5550 | 1117 W Oak St. Amite, LA 70422 |
| Holiday Inn Express - Amite | call for rates | call for rates |  |  | 17.4 miles | 985-747-0400 | 60043 West Way Dr. Amite, LA 70422 |