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## Blythewood Softball and Dentsville Softball Announces Merger

*Combining territories to creating a single program – Sandhills Softball League.*

**Northeast Columbia, Feb 5, 2019:** After much communication and collaboration, the two youth programs reached a decision to re-write league boundaries creating a single, larger territory. Both Leagues are confident this is the best, long-term approach for continued growth and sustained success of softball in our communities. With this expanded territory, it creates an opportunity for a brand-new league with more softball playing opportunities, dedicated facilities, higher competition, wider community involvement and expanded player pools.

Please join us in welcoming the Sandhills Softball League (SSL) to the Northeast Columbia area.

Sandhills Softball League will combine the previous Dixie Youth softball territories of Blythewood (BYBSL) & Dentsville (DYBSL) softball Leagues. Both leagues are committed and proud to support this new endeavor providing enhanced opportunities for all of the Sandhills Softball Girls. Both BYBSL and DYBSL are intently focused on achieving the league's mission to help provide a cohesive league focused on the development and advancement of girls' softball.

The larger territory allows SSL to capitalize on the newly combined talents and skills of the girls, as well as the coaches and dedicated volunteers throughout the entire NE Columbia area. This league will immediately heighten the competition, better prepare your daughters for advancement on and off the field, and substantially impact the potential of further Dixie tournament success at all age levels. Our new league now has the space and resources needed to host local tournaments along with Dixie Youth tournaments, such as Districts. Sandhills Softball League's will have their very own park by playing its inaugural season at Kelly Mill Sports Complex on Bombing Range Rd. This is a state-of-the-art facility and one of the newest parks within RCRC.

Both BYBSL and DYBSL Boards are committed to providing all SSL a strong foundation and build a league that will set a precedent for future leagues. A league focused on softball will give Sandhills Softball Girls the undivided attention they need from their own board members, sponsors, vendors and local area high schools. This focus also allows us to work directly with all local schools trying to increase the opportunity for our girls to earn a spot on their high school teams. We are excited about these new relationships to keep softball opportunities expanding for NE Columbia.

SSL understands, as with any new endeavor, you will have some questions that may not yet have answers but be assured, every decision SSL will make has one primary question at the heart as our guiding principle... "What is best for the girls." SSL is committed to providing the high standards you expect and are excited to build a new legacy in our community for Sandhills Softball Girls.

Sandhills Softball League has many volunteer opportunities available for family members looking to be an integral part of our new league. Please reach out to [sandhills.softball@gmail.com](mailto:sandhills.softball@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering.

More correspondence will be coming very soon.

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