

St. Anthony Softball FAQ's

Why is the online registration period for only two weeks?

The St. Anthony Softball President will partner with the St. Anthony High School Varsity Coach and staff to evaluate players and form teams. If necessary, tryouts are scheduled on March 3 and 10, 2012 from 2-5pm at the St. Anthony High School gym. Parents and players will be notified of the specific time per age group.

Is the Suburban League Qualifier and State Tournament gate fee included in the registration fee?

The gate fee of \$100 per tournament for the qualifier and state tournament has been added to the registration fee. In lieu of charging a daily gate admission for the qualifier and state tournament, there is a prepaid gate fee of \$100 per tournament. The prepaid gate fee allows admission to all tournament games for all family members and friends. This fee is divided equally among team members.

Why was the gate fee added into the registration fee?

Each coach was responsible for collecting a fee from each individual player. Unfortunately, not all players submitted their fee to the coach. As a result, the gate fee was paid out of the coach's personal account. In order to avoid assuming the gate fee for family members and friends, the gate fee was added as part of the registration fee.

What if my child decides not to play after she registered? Can I still get a refund?

Refunds will not be provided once teams have been selected and uniforms ordered.

Who will be my child's coach?

All coaches are volunteers. Coaches for all age divisions have not been determined at this time. If you are interested in being a head coach or assistant, please note your interest on the registration form.

What is the age requirement for traveling softball?

10 and under as of 12/31/11

12 and under as of 12/31/11

14 and under as of 12/31/11

When does the season start?

League play will begin approximately the first week of May and end mid-June for Slowpitch and League softball. Game days have not been determined at this time. Additional information will be provided to parents after the league meeting.

League play for fastpitch usually begins the first week of May for the 10U & 12U group. League play ends in mid-June. The State Qualifier for 10U & 12U will be in mid-June.

League play usually begins in late May, early June for the 14U group. The State Qualifier for 14U will be around the 2nd week of July. Exact dates will be published in February—after the league meeting.

How often are the games for fastpitch and how far do we travel?

For the 10U group: Double headers are played one night a week against the same team. The 10U home games will be played at Emerald or Wilshire Park.

12U & 14U group: Double headers are played at least twice a week against the same team scheduled for that date. 12U home games will be at Wilshire or Central Park. 14U home games may be Monday-Thursday on field #1 at Central Park.

Tournaments may vary according to team. If your child's team chooses to participate in a weekend tournament, games are usually held on a Friday night and may conclude on Sunday. Depending on the tournament, teams are guaranteed at least 4-5 games.

The State Qualifier and State Tournament are held once the regular season has concluded. The tournament is double elimination. The State Qualifier determines who will advance to the State Tournament. The Qualifier and State Tournaments are included in the registration fee.

The Suburban League sets up the game schedule for the season. The league makes every effort to create divisions based upon a team's geographical location. If for some reason there are not enough teams within our geographical location to create a division within our age group, teams could possibly travel further than anticipated.

What equipment will my child need?

You will be required to supply your own glove, bat, batting helmet and cleats.

What are the fees for the three leagues?

Instructional Softball for grades K-2: \$60.00, Slowpitch for grades 3-4: \$95.00, Fastpitch for grades 5-8: \$160.00

What does the registration fee include? Will I have additional expenses?

The registration fee includes league registration, umpires for home games, uniforms, equipment, registration fee for the State Qualifier and registration fee for one State Tournament, if the team qualifies. Gate fees for the qualifier and state tournament were also included in the registration fee this year.

Additional fees may apply if your child's team decides to participate in various tournaments throughout the season.

How many practices should I expect from my child's coach?

Teams usually have two practices per week prior to the season starting. Once the season starts, practice days and times may vary. Practice will normally last 1.5-2 hours each session.

Will fastpitch be too competitive for my child?

Traveling sports involves more games, practices and a greater commitment from the athlete. This can be the best opportunity for girls who like to play the game, learn new skills and take their game to the next level.

What are my options if my 5th grader would prefer to play slowpitch instead of fastpitch?

Please contact the softball commissioner directly for additional information.

What is the advantage of my 10 year old playing fast pitch?

Due to the opportunities for this age group, there are many 10 year old girls playing fast pitch in the metro community. Our high school varsity coach encourages this age group to start playing the game along with their peers. They will experience the pace of the game, competition and the steady progress at this age group. If they start out behind, many times they stay behind. The unknown is nothing to fear☺

What should I do if I have additional questions or miss the registration deadline?

Please contact the softball commissioner at softball@saboosters.com to inquire if there are openings for a specific grade level.

What should I do if my child has a conflict with a coach?

Please speak directly with your child's coach about your concern. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, please contact the softball commissioner.

Can I register in person, instead of online?

No, starting with the 2010 season, softball registration went online. Registration for fastpitch will be from January 16-February 17, 2012. Registration for Instructional and slowpitch will be from January 16-March 2, 2012.