

Description of the ELL Softball Program - 2020

Softball is offered for boys and girls 6 to 16 years old. **League age requirements are determined by Little League International. Please refer to the provided age chart to find your child's league age.** Within the softball program are teams in the following divisions: AA, AAA, Majors and Seniors. Below are descriptions and information about each division.

AA

The AA Division is designed for players 6 through 9 years old. Most players will be 7 or 8 years old, with inexperienced 9 year olds also being eligible. In this division a combination of coach and player pitching is used from a 35' distance. Teams from surrounding towns will be involved in league play.

Uniforms: Players will be provided a uniform top, visor, gray softball pants and socks.

Spring Training: Will be used to determine the player's readiness for this division - players MUST attend

Equipment Needed:

Helmets – We recommend that parents purchase helmets for their player due to health & sanitation purposes - teams will have two shared helmets per team.

Bats - League will supply two team bats per team, parent are welcome to purchase bats for their player

NOTE: DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT IS EVALUATION BASED - ELL makes all divisional placement decisions

AAA

The AAA division is designed for players 8 through 10 years old. This is a player pitch league in which scores and standings are kept and includes the opportunity to compete against teams from surrounding towns in District Two. Emphasis is based on applying the fundamentals learned at the lower levels and continuing to learn game strategy, while learning the skills specific to each position. Teams will typically play 2 games a week.

Uniforms: Players will be provided a uniform top, visor, softball pants and socks.

Spring Training: Will be used to determine the player's readiness for this division - players MUST attend

Equipment Needed:

Helmets – We recommend that parents purchase helmets for their player due to health & sanitation purposes - teams will have two shared helmets per team

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Majors

Majors is a competitive division designed for 10 to 12-year-olds in which scores and standings are kept. Teams will compete with other towns in District Two. While the competitive feel increases at this level, coaches continue to focus on refining and improving skills, team building and teaching the game. Playing time may not necessarily be equal among players at the Majors level.

Uniforms: Players will be provided a uniform top, hat and socks. Softball pants are also available, but we have found that most players at this level choose to provide their own pants. For this reason we ask parents to purchase a pair of softball pants.

Spring Training: Will be used to determine the player's readiness for this division - players MUST attend

Equipment Needed:

Helmets – We recommend that parents purchase helmets for their player due to health & sanitation purposes - teams will have two shared helmets per team

Bats - League will supply two team bats per team, parent are welcome to purchase bats for their player

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Seniors

The Intermediate division is a competitive division open to 13 through 16 year olds. Teams will compete with other towns in District Two. Coaches will continue to focus on refining and improving skills, team building and teaching the game. Playing time may not necessarily be equal among players at the Seniors level. The teams typically play 2 games per week.

Uniforms: Players will be provided a uniform top, hat and socks. Softball pants are also available, but we have found that most players at this level choose to provide their own pants. For this reason we ask parents to purchase a pair of softball pants.

Spring Training: Will be used to determine the player's readiness for this division - players MUST attend

Equipment Needed:

Helmets – We recommend that parents purchase helmets for their player due to health & sanitation purposes - teams will have two shared helmets per team

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