



# Sauk Prairie Girls Summer Softball Registration Information - 2020

Sauk Prairie Summer Softball provides opportunities for girls ages 6-18 to play summer softball. Improving player skills and providing an enjoyable playing experience are the two main goals of the summer softball program. Our offerings include Coach Pitch Softball (ages 6-8), U10 Softball (ages 9-10), U12 Softball (ages 11-12), U14 Softball (ages 13-14) and U16-18 (ages 15-18). The level a player should register for is determined by their age as of January 1st, 2020.

Sauk Prairie Summer Softball has made a commitment for players to play age appropriate (as opposed to grade). There may be situations where a player or players may be asked to "play up" to ensure teams are filled out or because of safety concerns and those will be handled on an individual basis.

**Mark your calendars:** There will be a mandatory evaluation day for players age 9-14 on **Saturday, April 4th**, which will be used to assist in placing players on teams. More detailed information will be available mid to late March.

## **District Facility Updates for 2020:**

As you probably have heard, the school district has put together a facility plan that will go to referendum in April. This plan includes many items including building additions/upgrades, new indoor pool to replace the current one that has reached the end of its useful life and outdoor sport facility changes required to accommodate the expansion of the high school.

As an organization, we are super excited about these facility improvements as our youth will benefit greatly for years to come. With the excitement will also come challenges, as while the facilities are being built some of the fields we routinely use will be unavailable for a season or two. While this will be inconvenient in the short term, the long term value will be immeasurable. However, game schedules may be impacted some due to field space challenges and some games may need to be played on nights other than the regularly scheduled nights or there may be more road games than usual. We realize this is not ideal for planning purposes, but the short term inconvenience will be well worth it when they are playing on the new fields.

Below is what our seasons typically look like, however, is subject to change based on field availability:

**Softball Coach Pitch Ages 6-7-8** This program provides girls with an introduction to softball and introduces basic fundamentals. If a child is age 5, but currently enrolled in Kindergarten they may register for Coach Pitch. Typically games will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (June 9 – July 23) at fields in our community including Merrimac. Practices will begin the week of June 9th and the final games will be July 23rd. Due to field availability issues, it's possible some Coach Pitch games may need to utilize grass space for fields or play on Saturday mornings. **The date for age determination for coach pitch will be January 1<sup>st</sup> – a child must be 6 years old on Jan 1st OR enrolled in Kindergarten in order to play coach pitch this summer. If a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader feels they have the skills to move up to U10 softball they must attend the April 4th evaluation day for consideration. Fees: \$70 affiliate/\$90 non-affiliate**

**U10 Softball Ages 9 and 10** Girls will learn the basics of the game of softball while having the opportunity to play multiple positions and enjoy the playing experience. Girls will play in a recreational league that does require travel to other communities. At this level coaches will pitch to the girls for the first two weeks after which time the girls will begin pitching. Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings and typically start at 6:00 p.m. and will run throughout June/July. Practices will begin in mid to late May.

In past years, inquiries have been made about a competitive level for the U10 age group. Based on evaluations and coaching availability, there may be an option for a competitive level team, though not guaranteed. There would be an additional cost that will be charged after the team is formed. There are not set nights for games with the competitive league. More information will be available after the evaluations are complete. Please make sure to check the competitive option box when registering if you are interested in this opportunity. **Must be age 10 or below on January 1, 2020.**

**Fees: \$75 affiliated/\$95 non-affiliate**

**U12 Softball Ages 11 and 12** At this age level players will have the opportunity to play in competitive or recreational leagues and will be placed based on the results of the evaluation day. There will be travel to other communities with this age group. Games can begin as early as late May and will run until through July and do not have set nights. Practices will begin in May. Games can start anytime from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Must be age 12 or below on January 1, 2020.**

**Fees: \$115 affiliate/\$135 non-affiliate**

**U14 Softball Ages 13 and 14** At this age level players will have the opportunity to play in competitive or recreational leagues and will be placed based on the results of the evaluation day. There will be travel to other communities with this age group. Games can begin as early as late May and will run until late July and do not have set nights. Practices will begin in May. Games can start anytime from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Must be age 14 or below on January 1, 2020.**  
**Fees: \$120 affiliate/\$140 non-affiliate**

**U16 and U18 Senior Softball – Ages 15-18** This age level will allow high school players to continue to build on their spring high school seasons. The team(s) in this age group will play in a competitive league. Competition will be teams from Dane and surrounding counties. Games will begin as early as June 4<sup>th</sup> (depending on school varsity softball schedule) and do not have set nights. Practices may begin after the high school season concludes. Games can start anytime from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Must be age 18 or below on January 1, 2020.** **Fees: \$120 affiliate/\$140 non-affiliate**

**Volunteering:** Each family will be required to volunteer a minimum number of hours for each child in the program (baseball and softball) in the areas of concessions, evaluation day, field clean up day, clinics and tournaments. Required number of hours will be set by May 15th. Sign up will be done on the Sauk Prairie Baseball & Softball web page [www.saukprairiesummerball.com](http://www.saukprairiesummerball.com) under the Dibs tab once times become available. For those families receiving scholarships there will be additional volunteer requirements. In the past, Coach Pitch families weren't included in the required volunteer hours, however this year we will ask for a small level of volunteer commitment from those families. More details to follow in May.

**Volunteer Deposit Requirement:** New this year, every family in the program will need to submit a check in the amount of \$100 which will be held until the end of season. Families that meet their allotted requirement will get their checks back, those that don't will have the check cashed. Other sports in the community have implemented this process and found the compliance with volunteer requirements is improved. Deposit checks will be due on the date of evaluations. Uniforms will not be distributed to any player whose family has not submitted a deposit check, which will result in no games being played by that athlete until the family is in compliance with this requirement. **Coach Pitch families will be excluded from the deposit requirement for 2020.**

**The registration deadline for softball is March 27, 2020.** After this date registrations will only be accepted on a space available basis and will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

Any questions should be directed to Summer Softball Co-Coordinators Kari Larsen and Andrea Wyttenbach Gavol at [saukprairiesoftball@gmail.com](mailto:saukprairiesoftball@gmail.com)