



DCG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT TEAM TRYOUT INFORMATION

Tryout Schedule

Pitchers & Catchers (10U and 12U only) Tuesday, June 25, 2019

8u Tuesday, June 25, 2019

10U Wednesday, June 26, 2019

12U Thursday, June 27, 2019

Rain out date if needed for all divisions that following weekend with time TBD.

Tryout Check In begins at 5:30 pm each evening. The Check In table will be located right next to the concession stand at the North softball complex. Tryouts begin at 6:00 pm and are usually done by 8:30 pm. Girls should be warmed up and ready to go at 6:00 pm. Parents can stay to help warm up their daughter(s) prior to tryouts starting but will then be asked to leave as the tryouts will be closed to any spectators, including parents. There will be an informational parent meeting at 6 pm next to the Check In table to answer questions then parents will be dismissed and asked to return around 8 pm to pick up their daughter(s). Please remain by the Check In table once you return if tryouts are not completed and we will send your daughter(s) out to you.

Tryout Location

Grimes North softball Complex -Softball Fields (Next to Northridge Elementary)

Cost

There is a \$20 tryout fee per girl. Pre-registration is encouraged to be completed online at dallascentergrimessoftball.com. Walk up registration can take place the night of tryouts. Pitchers and catchers must register for both the pitcher/catcher tryout and their age level tryout. The \$20 fee covers both tryouts.

Age Eligibility

Players are eligible to play based on their age on January 1, 2020:

8U Must be 8 or under, 10U Must be 10 or under, 12U Must be 12 or Under

Tryout Format

8U 10U 12U TRYOUTS

Throwing/Catching

- Partners (Girls will play catch with an adult for both short(3) and long(3) distances)
- Short throws: 1st baseline to shy of 2nd for 12U and ½ way for 8 & 10
- Long throws: 1st baseline to deep short to see distance throwing 12U, and 2nd for 8 & 10

Hitting

Bring your own bat if you have one (we will have extras)

- 3 hits off a tee
- 2 bunts – if applicable from pitching machine
- 5 hits swings pitching machine (8U 35 mph, 10U 43 mph, 12U 50 mph)
- 2 other skills – If applicable, we know not everyone, especially younger players may not know bunting or slap hitting, etc. Bunts to different positions count as different bunts.

Fielding

- 3 Infield ground balls –Throw from short to 1st, short to 2nd and short to home
- 3 Fly balls from pop fly machine – throw to 2nd
- 3 Outfield ground balls (2 straight at, 1 to the side) – throw to 2nd and to cutoff on A throw to home (10U &12U)

Base Running

Each girl will go through each once:

- Running through 1st
- 2nd to Home – leading off from second, rounding at 3rd and sliding at home with board member “pitching” (8U has the option to slide but does not have to)

PITCHING & CATCHING TRYOUT

Pitchers -10U will start on Field 2; 12U on field 3

- 10 – Fastballs (12u only last 4 pitches will be thrown to spots, 2 inside and 2 outside)
- If you have additional specialty pitches (change, rise, drop, curve, etc.)
- May be called back for additional pitches
- Handling a bunt with throw to first
- Covering home on past ball
- Fielding a grounder with throw to first

Catchers -12U will start on Field 3; 10U to follow If you have your own equipment, please bring it. We will have limited equipment available.

- 5 regular adult pitching to catchers
- 3 Wild pitches – with throw back to home
- 3 In the dirt – digging the ball
- 2 throws to 2nd
- 2 throws to 3rd or 1st (left handed catchers)
- Handling a bunt with throw to first

Tryout evaluators

Evaluators for the tryouts are from outside of the organization. The board has no say on where the girls fall within the tryout process and teams are only determined based on the evaluators' scores. The evaluators will consist of past and present coaches from other High school/middle school programs and former collegiate softball players and coaches.

Tournament Team selection

Teams will be announced via email and placed on the Dallas Center Grimes Softball Association Website the Monday following tryouts. Team placement will follow the process as it has for the past few years. Based on the results from the evaluations, the top 8 players (including the top 2 pitchers and top catcher for 10u and 12u) will be placed on the 1st team. The coach that is voted on and approved by the board for that team will then select coach picks to fill out the team to get to 11 or 12 players in total. Once the first team is filled, the process continues as described above for each consecutive team (top 8 players and coach picks to get to 11 or 12 players total) until all teams are filled. The coach picks are in place in case a girl is unable to go through tryouts due to illness, injury, or other obligations that conflict with evaluations. Going through the tryout process does not guarantee a spot on a team, but every effort will be made to have every girl who wants to play placed on a team including recruiting other players if needed.

Coach Selection

Applications to coach: Those interested in being a head coach of a tournament team will need to fill out an application and return it to the tournament director at d.j.heaberlin@hotmail.com by no later than 06/14/19. The board members will then go through an interview process the week of 06/16/19 – 06/22/19. Once the entire pool of candidates, including new applicants and current coaches, has been reviewed, the potential head coaches would be asked to attend tryouts to form their own evaluations to determine who they may want as coach picks. **Going through the interview process and attending tryouts does not guarantee a coaching candidate will be selected as a coach.** At the conclusion of each night of tryouts, the board will meet to review the evaluators' placement of the girls and **then will vote on the head coach for that age group.** Once the coach selection has taken place, the head coach will be contacted via phone to inform the board of their coach picks. The head coach will be required to inform the board of their top assistant coach(es) so background checks and board approval will be performed.

Current Coaches: Current head coaches of tournament teams that would like to continue to coach and are in good standing with the board, would need to notify the tournament director of their interest in coaching but do not have to apply or go through the interview process. Once the entire pool of candidates has been reviewed, the coaching candidates would attend the tryouts to form their own evaluations to determine who they may want as coach picks. **A current coach attending tryouts does not guarantee you will be selected as a returning coach.** At the conclusion of each night of tryouts, the board will meet to review the evaluators' placement of the girls and **then will vote on the head coach for that age group.** Once the coach selection has taken place, the head coach will be contacted via phone to inform the board of their two coach picks. The head coach will be required to inform the board of their assistant coach(es) so background checks and board approval can be performed.

Tournament Team Financial Investment

Player fees (\$100) must be paid by 08/31/19, at the start of the fall season. The remaining fee balance (additional \$200) will be due at a date that is TBD but prior to the start of spring ball. Additional fundraising efforts and dates will be needed and information on this will be provided at a later time. All Players must have their own equipment (including catchers) that meets current USSSA standards and rules.

Tournament Team Time Investment

Getting your daughter to practices and games (usually 2 practices a week) in Spring/Fall and potentially organized winter workouts. In order to remain competitive, girls may need to put in extra time outside of organized practices (i.e. pitching lessons, hitting lessons, etc.). We also request that you volunteer time and work tournaments our Association hosts as an organization to keep our costs down.

Other Tournament Team Information

14U Tournament Team -If your daughter is interested in playing 14U

Please respond to d.j.heaberlin@hotmail.com. Coach Schlafke has given the approval for a 14U program in the fall only. This will be supported by the association as our other divisions are in the fall and would only be for girls in the DCG school district or currently coming through our Association. 14U will not be required to go through the tryout process but we would need enough girls to form a team and a qualified coach that requires board approval and a background check. Fees for 14U will be communicated at a later date, but prior to the start of the Fall season.

Results of Tournament Team Participation, Time, and Financial Investments

Our Dallas Center Grimes Girls Softball Association strives to ensure young girls have the opportunity to have fun while learning softball skills and lessons of teamwork that will carry them forward into future involvement with the game of softball and life. Please let us know if you have any questions or contact any of our board members with any concerns.