



Alpharetta Youth Softball Association

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North Park
13450 Cogburn Road
Alpharetta, Georgia 30004

AYSA Families,

We apologize as we were unable to open registration this weekend due to a small issue with the City that we had to manage through.

Registration is now open for the Minors Recreational softball. Please go to our website www.alpharettasoftball.com for the registration link and additional information relative to the new league structure of the Minors and Majors. We do ask that you register early in order to give us the best opportunity to manage the registration process and league (please help us help you).

Please note that as part of the restructuring, we are changing the uniforms to a T shirt style uniform shirt (like we had in the past). No other uniform components will be supplied as part of the fee structure. We will have an on-line shop available later this week where we will offer other uniform components, equipment and spirit wear such that you can manage the costs of the pieces you need for your player. We listened to the feedback surveys where it was indicated that after several seasons, most of the players had a drawer full of uniforms that would not be worn anyplace else. This gives you the flexibility to only purchase the components that you need. We have used the uniform savings to offset the cost increases incurred in other areas of the program's expenses (umpires, equipment, etc) while maintaining our basic cost/value.

Please also note that for the players ages 9 and above (with the exception of the 13-18 slow pitch groups) all helmets will need a facemask.

Program Specific information:

MINORS – the Minors program is our traditional in park recreational league. Nothing has changed for the 6U, and 7/8 age groups. The 9/10 and 11/12 age groups will begin the transition to fast pitch. The older players 13+ will have choices as to what they want to register for.

MAJORS-

Teams

- 9/10 (10U) team
 - Coaches: Steve Laboda (thecapstonegrp@aol.com) and Craig Martin.
 - Tryouts:
 - Please contact Steve at the email above or 678-878-9107 for an appointment time during the tryouts below.
 - Thursday, 11/19, Field 6 @ 6pm
 - Sunday, 11/22, Field 6 @ 1pm
 - TBD
- 11/12 (12U) team
 - Coaches: Alan Clock (alanlock@bellsouth.net) and David Jurzack.
 - Tryouts:
 - Sunday, 11/22, Field 6 @ 3pm
 - TBD

Majors Description:

- This will be a departure from the inter-park program in that there will, initially, be only one team from each age group playing outside of the park. Teams representing each age group will be formed through a tryout process.
- The goal for these teams is to offer players a team/opportunity in which they can improve their skills in a more competitive environment than a pure recreational league without jumping to a full travel softball experience (this is a recreational team with components of beginning travel). This will include more practice time (team and private lessons), an NGFA schedule (10 games in the spring, and an end of season tournament), participating in Rec-C or low B tournaments, and possibly participating in a select league playing mainly on Sundays. The full schedule will be determined by the Coaches.
- A secondary goal for these teams is to offer an experience to players who are potentially interested in playing travel ball in the future. One might consider this team to be “travel light” or a developmental situation to be travel ready. A typical travel team (“B” or “A” level) will play 50+ games per season with the goal of qualifying for a National tournament.

Commitment:

- Players interested in playing in the Majors will be expected to make the commitment to all team practices, private lessons, games and tournaments.

Outline of Season:

- Tryouts for 9/10, 11/12 age groups will be conducted within the next two weeks (see above)
- Winter Practice: At least one 2 hour practice per week with occasional cage/classroom instructional times
- Preseason and Regular Season: up to three 2 hour practices per week, 2 during the week and 1 on Sat.
- End of Season Tournament.
- 3-5 tournaments after the conclusion of end of regular season tournament.
- Season Length: November through early to mid July.

To be considered for these teams, it will be mandatory to attend the tryouts. The teams will be chosen by the respective age group coaches with guidance from the AYSA Board. Considerations for selection will include, but not be limited to: skill level, readiness, attitude and commitment. Should a player not make the team, they will need to register for the Minors group through our normal registration process.