

Cabot Softball Association, Inc.

Information Sheet

www.cabotsoftball.com

Join a safe and exciting softball league. Your kids will have fun, make new friends and get plenty of exercise. They will learn fundamentals of softball, rules, good sportsmanship, responsibility and teamwork.

Below is general information intended to give participants and parents a rough outline of what to expect during the softball season. If you have questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to contact members of the Cabot Softball Association. The website, www.cabotsoftball.com is updated often with information during the softball season.

1. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- a. All players must provide their own batting helmet. A face guard is required for all players beginning with ages 8u and upward.
- b. All players must provide their own glove
- c. Cleats must be worn for ages 8u and upward and are optional for age 6u.

2. UNIFORMS:

- a. Uniforms are not provided by the Cabot Softball Association. The Association will assist coaches and teams in obtaining sponsors to purchase uniforms for the players. In the event that a sponsor can't be obtained then the Association will provide a basic uniform of shirts and shorts.

3. AGE BREAKDOWN:

6u-----6 years old prior to January 1, 2009
8u-----8 years old prior to January 1, 2009
10u---10 years old prior to January 1, 2009
12u---12 years old prior to January 1, 2009
14u---14 years old prior to January 1, 2009
16u---16 years old prior to January 1, 2009

All players must provide a copy of their birth certificate at time of registration.

4. **6 UNDER COACH PITCH**

For girls age 5, 6 and 7 years old. The coach serves as the pitcher for their team. This provides an opportunity for young girls to learn fundamentals in throwing, fielding and hitting. All of the games will be played in Cabot unless the individual teams wish to play at other area parks.

5. **PITCHING MACHINE (8 UNDER AND 10 UNDER)**

This division is offered to players to get a taste of fast pitch in a recreational setting. This removes the necessity for teams to develop pitchers but still allows the girls to work on defense, base running, bunting and hitting. This is a fast pace game that offers a lot of excitement. If teams are developing pitchers, there are plenty of weekend tournaments that feature live arm opportunities for the 10 under players.

6. **FAST PITCH (12 UNDER AND 14/16 UNDER)**

CSA offers recreation play for 12 under and 14/16 under divisions. Some coaches may choose to participate in weekend tournaments. CSA hosts competitive fast pitch tournaments nearly every weekend of the spring and early summer. CSA also hosts at least two recreational level fast pitch tournaments throughout the season that allow the recreational teams a taste of the tournament atmosphere and to play teams from all parts of the state. Coaches may also opt to play in other tournaments around the state but please keep in mind that the caliber of teams that enter these tournaments can't be controlled by the Cabot Softball Association.

7. **RAIN OUTS**

Please check with your coach after 2:30 p.m. or visit www.cabotsoftball.com after 2:30 p.m. Coaches may contact Scott Steely at (501) 743-9704 or scottsteely@classicnet.net.

Parents, please don't contact the CSA board members for rain out information. With over 300 individual players, board members can't handle the number of phone calls received. We will make every effort to have this information available for the coaches as soon as games are cancelled.

8. **ADMISSION**

Cabot Parks and Recreation (CPR) maintains the gates during all league games and therefore those fees are set by CPR and are currently set at \$1.00 for adults and children over 8 years of age. Admission for weekend tournaments for the Cabot Softball Association are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children over the age of 6. Children under 6 are free. Other tournaments conducted by ASA or individual teams and/or organizations are set by those organizations.

9. **DRAFT/TRYOUTS**

Players not returning to their previous year's team will have to enter the draft. A tryout allows coaches to assess the skills of players. Coaches will then take turns drafting players. If a player is unable to attend the tryout then her name will be placed in a hat and a "blind draw" will be conducted. Your coach should notify you within 3 days of the draft. If you have not received a call after three days then please contact Scott Steely at (501) 743-9704 or scottsteely@classicnet.net. Please bring your glove, batting helmet and bat (optional). Tryouts and Draft will be held at the First Street Sports Complex on the dates and times below. It is not necessary for players in the 6 under league to attend.

6 under hat draw Monday 2-16-2009 at 600pm

8 under draft Monday 2-16-2009 at 630pm

10 under draft Tuesday 2-17-2009 at 630 pm

12 under draft Thursday 2-19-2009 at 600pm

14/16 under draft Thursday 2-19-2009 at 700pm

Make up draft Friday 2-20-2009 at 600pm (See website for details)

10. **PRACTICE**

Practices will start the first week of March (weather permitting). Practices will be held two to three times per week mostly at the Softball Complex on South First Street. Your coach may decide to practice at another location. You should notify your coach if your child will not be attending practice. If your child has missed an excessive number of practices, it is at the coach's discretion as to the amount of playing time your child will receive in games.

11. **THE SEASON**

The season will begin around the middle of April. League schedules will not be available until around the first week of April. The season will end around the middle of June. League games are typically played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, with the first game starting around 6:30 p.m. and the last game around 8:30 p.m. We attempt to schedule the younger age groups in the earlier time slots.

Out of town game times and schedules will be dependant on the park being played in.

Some coaches may choose to take their team to District and/or State Tournaments held in late June and early July.

12. **C.S.A. BOARD**

Our board is made up of volunteers that have pride in Cabot Softball. Some board members are also coaches. We appreciate any comments that will benefit our organization and we are always looking for people interested in helping coach, team parent or a board member. Remember the games are for the children to learn fundamentals of softball and sportsmanship. Let's set an example by giving them praise and encouragement.

13. **VOTING MEMBERS**

Only current Executive Board Members and Members current on Annual Membership Dues will be allowed to vote on any issue before the board. Annual Membership Dues of \$10.00 are due before February 1st, 2009.

14. **What does the registration fee go towards?**

Many parents and coaches have inquired as to where the registration fee money goes. The Cabot Softball Association is a Non Profit Organization and does not profit from the registration fees. The \$65.00 registration fee currently charged will cover many of the following expenses: ASA Team Sanction Fees, Liability Insurance, Utility usage for the park lights, softballs, pitching machine maintenance, umpires, scorekeepers, scheduling, general supplies and advertising.