

## San Clemente Girls Softball 2012 Spring Registration FAQ's

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Q. What Age Division should my daughter play in?**

**A. Age Divisions:**

Division	Birthday From	Birthday To
6 and Under (T-Ball)	01/01/2005	12/31/2007
8 and Under	01/01/2003	12/31/2004
10 and Under	01/01/2001	12/31/2002
12 and Under	01/01/1999	12/31/2000
14 and Under	01/01/1997	12/31/1998

**Q. Can a player play outside their assigned Age Division?**

A. Registered players will be placed in the assigned Age Division when forming teams. If there is a request to play outside their assigned Age Division, "up" or "down", please indicate it in the "Comments" section of the Registration. Requests to play outside their Age Division will require prior approval from the Board of Directors (with input from former coaches, and 2012 Division Head Coaches). Players may play "down" or "up" under certain circumstances (i.e. players who have a "late" or "early" birth date, sisters who should play in different age divisions but exhibit the correct skill level for the desired Division, etc. Player safety (the individual player and the players in the Division) will be the main factor when determining if a player can play outside of their assigned Age Division. There are also All Star team eligibility factors to consider when playing outside the designated Age Division.

**Q. How much time will we need to commit to softball?**

A. During the pre-season, teams will practice twice a week. Once games begin, 6U play one game on Saturday with one weekday practice per week. All other divisions (8U – 14U) will typically play one weekday game and one Saturday game. They will also have one weekday practice for a total of 3 days a week. Practices are generally 1½ to 2 hours long, games are 1 ½ hours, with a 1 hour warm up beforehand.

**Q. On what day will my daughter play and/or practice? What time?**

A. The practice day will depend on the coaches' schedule and field availability. If there is a day that is difficult for you, please indicate that in the Comments section of the registration and remind the coach at the team Kick-Off meeting.

Game days will vary by division. Once the league determines the number of teams in each division, we will establish the game day for each division.

Generally, the younger divisions (6U – 10U) will practice and warm-up for games around 4:00pm during the week. The older divisions (12U & 14U) may play and practice at either 5:00pm or 7:00pm during the week depending on field availability.

**Q. How are teams formed?**

A. In the 6U division, the Player Agent will form the teams based on, friends, neighbors and where they go to school. An attempt will be made to balance the teams with girls who have played before and girls who haven't. An attempt will also be made to honor carpool requests in the 6U division only.

In all other divisions, teams will be formed via a draft. Coaches for the 8U-14U divisions will evaluate the players at a Player Evaluation day in January and then players will be drafted to teams. This is done in order to ensure a balance on each team between experienced and inexperienced players. Because of the draft process, we cannot guarantee any carpool, teammate, or coach requests in the 8U-14U divisions.

**Q. Does my daughter need to go to Player Evaluation Day?**

A. Yes, all players in the 8U – 14U Divisions need to be evaluated. Creating equal teams is critical to the Spring Season. If your daughter is not available for Player Evaluation Day, an alternative date will be published. 6U players do not need to be evaluated. Players who requested to play "up" or "down" need to attend their assigned Division Evaluation Day, first. At that time, the Head Coaches will determine if they are eligible to play in a different Division. They will then attend the desired Division Evaluation and, once again, the Division Head Coaches will determine if they are eligible.

**Q. Does my daughter need to stay for the Pitcher Evaluations?**

A. In the 8U division, only “experienced” pitchers need to be evaluated. Experienced is defined as a pitcher who has either pitched during any of the 2011 seasons (Fall, Spring, All Stars) and/or had pitching lessons during or prior to the 2011 season. An “experienced” 8U pitcher who does not get evaluated, will NOT be able to pitch in any games in 2012. “New” 8U pitchers for 2012 are encouraged to attend SCGS pitching clinics and will be allowed to pitch in games during 2012. In the 10U-14U Division, all players who want to pitch in games must be evaluated. Pitchers who do not get evaluated will not be able to pitch in any 2012 league standing or tournament games. It’s critical to the success of the league that quality pitchers are divided equally amongst the Spring teams.

**Q. When do I pay my fees, can I get a refund if we withdraw?**

A. Registration payment is due with player registration online application via Paypal or mailed into the SCGS PO Box. Depending on the reason and timing of the withdrawal, you will be eligible for a full or partial refund. Players who withdraw for any reason before January 4th, 2012 will be eligible for a full refund. After that date, refunds will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. If a player is injured prior to opening day and will be unable to return for the remainder of the season, a full refund will be issued. **No refunds will be issued for any reason after Player Evaluation Day (Jan. 20<sup>st</sup>, 2012).** Since teams are formed via draft, and every attempt is made to balance the talent on teams, players withdrawing after the teams are formed (shortly after skills day) may place their team at a disadvantage. Please consider carefully before deciding to withdraw from the league for any reason other than injury.

**Q. Who do I contact if I have a question or a problem?**

A. Please refer to the Board of Director’s page on the website and find the appropriate person to email.

**Q. Do I need to provide my daughter’s proof of age?**

A. Only NEW players to the SCGS need to mail a copy of their daughter’s birth certificate to the SCGS P.O. Box.

**Q. What are the volunteer positions?**

**VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:**

**Coach/Manager** – Responsible for managing the team. The coach/manager must attend coaches training and safety training as well as Player Evaluation day, draft night and coaches meetings. The coach/manager should be available for the majority of practices and games. A **mandatory ASA training course** may be required in order to participate as a Head Coach. Tentative ASA Training date is in February. All head coaches must be approved by the Board.

**Assistant Coach** – One or two individuals appointed by the coach/manager. The assistant coach manages the team in the head coach’s absence. Attends and assists with Player Evaluation Day and coaches meetings if the coach/manager is not available. The assistant coach should be available for the majority of practices and games. All assistant coaches must be approved by the Board.

**Team Parent** – Handles administrative functions for the coach/manager such as uniform assignment and distribution, volunteer tracking, snack schedules, team communication and parties.

**Field Preparation** – Responsible for prepping the fields prior to all games for which the team is listed as the home team. Instructions will be provided. Several individuals can share this responsibility.

**Scorekeeper** – Keeps the team score book for all games. He/she may be official scorekeeper for tournament games. Training will be provided. Several individuals can share this responsibility.

**League Sponsor** – You or your company can sponsor the league with a donation of \$150 or more.

**Snack Bar** – Responsible for assisting in the snack bar.

**Event Volunteer** – Assist with any one or more of the following; Player Evaluation Day, Kick-Off Breakfast, Fund Raising, coordinate Sponsorships, Tournaments, Spiritwear Sales, Picture Day, Closing Day Ceremonies, etc.