

## 10U, 12U, 14U Youth Softball 2019

### Participant Reference Guide

- **Description:** This Youth Softball League continues to build on the fundamentals of the sport while increasing the competition level. Participants will continue to practice the basics of hitting, fielding, and pitching, as well as learn advanced skills and team concepts.
- **Season Dates:** April 27<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Gender:** Girls
- **Divisions:**
  - 10U (Ages 8-10)
  - 12U (Ages 10-12)
  - 14U (Ages 12-14)
- **Age Determination Date:** December 31st (actual age of the player on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of this year)
- **Cost:** \$60.00
- **Registration Opens:** January 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Registration Closes:** April 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Coaches Meeting:** April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Astoria Recreation Center (1555 W Marine Dr., Astoria, 97103)
- **Practice Schedule:** Weekday evenings, twice a week until games start, once a week after games start; based on coaches availability and discretion
- **Player Evaluation/Clinic:** April 27<sup>th</sup>, 12pm
- **Parent Meeting:** April 27<sup>th</sup>, 12pm
- **Practices Begin:** May 6<sup>th</sup>
- **Game Schedule:** Two games per week, held on weekday evenings
- **Game Schedule Posted:** May 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Games Begin:** May 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Picture Day:** June 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Location:**
  - **Practice Possibilities:** Niemi Field, Columbia Field, Astoria Middle School
  - **Game Possibilities:** Astoria, Knappa, Warrenton, Seaside, Naselle, or Long Beach Fields
- **Uniform:** Performance jersey and hat provided (first game); softball pants and socks should be worn in addition to athletic shoes, spikes/cleats are optional
- **Equipment:** Please bring your own glove; bringing your own bat is recommended, but optional
- **Coach Contact:** Provided once the season begins
- **Staff Contact:** LeRoy Woodrich, Recreation Coordinator
  - Phone: 503-325-7275
  - Email: [lwoodrich@astoria.or.us](mailto:lwoodrich@astoria.or.us)
- **Communication Expectations:** Participants will be contacted via email, by LeRoy Woodrich, Recreation Coordinator, with team and coach information prior to the start of the session. Please ensure your contact information is up to date. Participants will also be emailed the game schedules, once released, and will be emailed subsequent changes to the game schedule, as needed. Coaches are responsible for contacting their players regarding practice schedules and practice schedule changes.
- **Drop Off and Pick Up Policy:** Please check in with your participant's coach when dropping off or picking up. Parents and guardians of children ages 11 and younger should remain with their participant during

practices and games. It is the parent and guardian's responsibility to ensure children are picked up by the appropriate party – please let your coach know of any pick-up changes.

- **Inclement Weather Policy:** The Astoria School District can close schools and fields as necessary in the case of severe weather. Please check the Astoria Parks website ([www.astoriaparks.com](http://www.astoriaparks.com)), as notifications regarding schedule changes will be posted on the website by 3pm the day-of, and appear on the homepage and the main-page for the affected sports. Games not cancelled by 3pm are determined playable or not by the officials and head coaches, thus last-minute cancellations may still occur.
  - **Rain Outs:** “Rain outs” will typically be determined at the field by the coaches, and may occur if the field is too wet to play on.
  - **Lightning Policy:** Officials and coaches make decisions based on recommendations from the National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL) using the flash-to-bang method. If a thunder clap is heard within 30 seconds of the lightning flash, then all games and practices are suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes. If a suspension occurs due to lightning, individuals should leave the site and seek refuge in a safe location.
- **Survey:** At the end of the season, participants will receive a short survey via email. As we are continually striving to increase the quality of our programs and improve customer service, we truly value your feedback. Please let us know how we did!