



DOVER GIRL'S SOFTBALL

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SIGN-UPS & TRYOUTS

Sign ups are coming soon. They will be at Memorial Hall in Dover February 19th and 21st from 6pm to 8pm and on Saturday February 23 from 9am till 12 noon. Fees are \$25 per player and will be due when signing up. Don't worry, if you cannot make it those days you can sign up until tryouts by calling 330-343-1513 or 330-343-6011. You can also sign up at the tryouts. If you do not receive a sign-up form or you lose it you can find it on the website: dovergirlssoftball.tripod.com or by calling the above numbers and we will make sure you get one.

Tryouts will be at Dover Middle School at 6pm on the following dates:

April 1st - 14 & under

April 2nd - 12 & under

April 3rd - 10 & under

April 4th and 5th for Coach Pitch

(Coach Pitch girls only need to be there 1 night)

If you cannot make it to the tryouts please tell us at sign up so we can be sure not to miss your child.



New 9-10 year old league

The 9-10 year old league is new and this is where the biggest change is going to be. The reasons for the changes to this league are:

- This keeps us in line with what the ASA Amateur Softball Association recommends.
- We felt the jump from 7-8-9 year old coach pitch to 10-11-12 year old fast pitch was too much. The speed of the game and the age disparity was too much for most girls to keep up. We had some 9 year olds playing against 13 year olds in this league because of the legal age to play.
- We also felt that we were not developing pitchers. With the 9-10 year old league, this will help us to develop a better pitcher and help our girls be more competitive.

Coaches Tip of the Month

This is a great drill for teaching follow-through. Get a couple of old basketballs and take most of the air out of them. Place them on one of those orange cones you see at construction sites. Have the batter take her normal swing and follow-through right through the basketball. **HAVE THEM WEAR HELMETS!!!** Use regular sized bats for this drill.

** MEETINGS **

We have a Girl's Softball meeting on the first **Tuesday of every month** at 7pm in Memorial Hall. The next one will be **March 5th**. This is not only a coaches meeting, it is open to anyone who would like to help. The more the merrier. In February we voted on officers, the traveling teams, and going over some of the committee recommendations. In March, after signups we will be deciding on how to setup the leagues.

We still need your HELP!

As the Dover Girl's Softball league grows we need parents to help. This is not only for coaching, which we always need, but also other things. We need your participation on committees and activities. We need help for sign-up, try-outs, and for events during the season, we may even need coaches this year. So if you're interested come to a meeting.

Open gym

We have an open gym at Dover Ave. Grade school on Wednesday from 7 till 8pm. This is where the girls can get some pre-season practice. We will be doing basic fielding and hitting drills.

Then between 8 and 8:30 we will be going over pitching or catching. Anyone interested in pitching or catching next year is encouraged to come. Coaches will be there to help.

Fundraisers

This year we will be selling t-shirts as a fundraiser. There will be t-shirts, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, and hats. The shirts are red with white lettering trimmed in gray. The prices are marked on the order form and the money should be collected when placing the order. If all orders are received around sign-up time we should be able to hand them out on April 5th, which is the last day of try-outs.

For an extra incentive anyone selling more than 10 items will receive a free t-shirt and for selling more than 20 items get a free hooded sweatshirt.

Traveling Team News

Dover Girls Softball will be putting together a traveling team for the 14 & under and 12 & under age groups. These teams will be having try-outs soon. Anyone who plays in our league is permitted to try-out. The girls who make the traveling team will also play in the league with their regular teams. The traveling teams will play in 4 tournaments, 3 on the road and 1 here in Dover. This will give those girls at least 12 extra games this year.

We feel by doing this it will increase the quality of softball in our league. This will also enable us to keep the girls here in Dover instead of them going elsewhere to play.

Be aware that there may be some additional cost in playing on these teams.