

BOURNE YOUTH GIRLS SOFTBALL

2012 SPRING REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER

On behalf of the Bourne Youth Girls Softball League, we would like to welcome all of our families to the 2012 season. We are proud to announce that girls softball registration for the spring recreational season in Bourne is now open through Saturday March 31st. Take advantage of our Special Early Bird Rate by registering now! Register early and receive a \$10 discount (limit one per family). The Early Bird Registration deadline is February 11, 2012.

After a successful 2011 season the BYGS board has decided that we will be keeping all our teams intact in both our Minor and Major leagues from the previous year. Returning players and all new players will attend an evaluation which allows the coaches to assess the skills of all players. If a player is unable to attend the evaluation then she will be assigned the average of the ratings of other players in the same grade with the same skill level or experience. Coaches will then take turns drafting players. Please let us know on the registration form if your child wishes to **redraft** (play on a different team) by circling Yes or No. Parents will be notified of their children's respective teams by the team's coach within 3 days of the draft. If you have not received a call after three days then please contact the league President. It is not necessary for players in the Instructional league to attend.

Practices will start in April. Before the season begins each team will have one or two practice days per week, weather permitting. Your coach may decide to add another practice. Once games start, each team should have one practice day a week. You should notify your coach if your child will not be attending practice. New this year we are planning on having an Opening Day ceremony for all participants in the BYGS organization. We will have a fun-filled day of Softball, Team Pictures, Hot Dogs, and a fundraiser event. Opening Day for 2012 is scheduled for Saturday April 21, 2012. In case of rain, Opening Day will be Sunday April 22, 2012. Please check with your coach for Opening Day game times, Team photo details, League schedules and more. The season will begin following our Opening Day Festivities and should end around the middle of June. Minor league games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights while the Major league games will be played on Monday and Wednesday nights with games starting around 5:45pm. The Instructional league, as the name indicates, is strictly instructional and will start in May and run for about 6 weeks on Saturdays. A typical Saturday morning program will involve girls being broken into several groups and participating in skill building activities at several stations.

Many parents have inquired as to where the registration fee money goes. Bourne Youth Girls Softball is a Non Profit Organization and does not profit from the registration fees. The registration fee currently charged will cover many of the following expenses: ASA fees, liability insurance, field or facility use, field maintenance, softballs, equipment, umpires, uniforms, general supplies, advertising, and other necessary expenses. Registration is \$45 for the Instructional league and \$75 for the Minor and Major leagues. **There is a \$10 discount for early registrations received no later than Feb. 12th.** There is also a discount for multiple registrations per family. If you have two or more daughters registering, your second registration and each additional registration would be \$35 each. Higher registration cost prevails. Registrations will be considered late if they are received by BYGS after the deadline date as outlined in the Registration Flyer. **Any player registration received after this date will be assessed a \$10 late fee.** Although we will accept late registrations, team placement is always based on space availability. If the Registration fee cannot be paid at the time of the sign up, the parent must either negotiate alternative payment arrangements or request a hardship in writing to the League President or the Treasurer. If it is decided there is a hardship, the fee may be waived or reduced. If it is decided that there is no hardship the fee must be paid before the start of the first regular season game or that player will not be allowed to play until said fee is paid.

Parents that have special requests such as car pool necessities, parental limitations or restrictions need to note the request on the registration form or by writing such requests to the League President prior to the draft. Although the board will take these into consideration, the board cannot guarantee that special requests will be granted. Please keep this in mind when registering.

Team sponsors are needed for the 2012 season. Each team sponsor will have their business name on each jersey, and their business name, phone number, and company logo will appear in our 2012 Program Book and displayed on our website for the entire season. The league will also provide a Thank You Plaque with a team photo at the conclusion of the season.

Want to get involved. BYGS is a volunteer organization, and we welcome quality individuals who are willing to make a contribution of their time to the association. Please consider donating time to the organization by helping with Scorekeeping, Fundraising, Yearbook Committee, Field Maintenance, and Umpiring.

Additionally, we provide yearbook ads that all players are required to sell. Money generated from these activities helps to maintain the fields and purchase new equipment. You may sign up at registration or contact any of your board members for volunteer information.