



THE CHRISTIAN CENTER
2019 Baseball/Softball Program Kick-off
Saturday, January 26
from 10:00am - Noon @ The Christian Center

No phone registrations will be accepted.

All forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. *(Player does not have to be present)*

BOYS ELIGIBILITY

Little Sluggers:	Boys age 5 before June 1 and who will not attain age 7 before June 1
Rookie:	Boys age 7 before June 1 and who will not attain age 9 before June 1
Minor League:	Boys age 9 before June 1 and who will not attain 11 before June 1
Major League:	Boys age 11 before June 1 and who will not attain age 13 before June 1
Pony League:	Boys who are age 13 before June 1 and who will not attain age 16 before June 1
Colt League:	Boys who are age 16 before June 1 and who will not attain age 19 before June 1

GIRLS ELIGIBILITY

Little Sluggers:	Girls age 5 before June 1 and who will not attain age 7 before June 1
All Star:	Girls age 7 before June 1 and who will not attain age 10 before June 1
MVP:	Girls age 10 before June 1 and who will not attain age 13 before June 1
Hall of Fame:	Girls age 13 before June 1 and who will not attain age 18 before January 1, 2019

All 13 year-old softball players will be evaluated to determine which league will be the best fit.

****** A player can be placed in a more advanced league based upon an evaluation. ******

****** Please call the Christian Center for details at 685-4218 ex. 104. ******

FRIEND REQUESTS

- A parent may request **1 friend** to play on their son or daughter's team. That friend must request your child on their registration form. Friend requests are not guaranteed.
- Any effort to place **several friends** on a team will **not be honored** and may lead to **none** of the friends being on the same team.
- If your child remains in the same league, he/she is **not guaranteed** to be on the same team as they were last season.
- If you need to have your child on a team with a friend for transportation needs, make sure to write down that friend as your **1 allowed request**.
- Brothers and sisters in the same league will be placed on the same team. Make sure to write on the top of the registration form that brothers/sisters are in the same league.

REGISTRATION PRIORITY

1. Registration will be on a "first come-first served basis" starting on the kick-off date.
2. **Any registrations mailed in early will be recorded as received on January 26 @ 12:01 pm.**
3. Acceptance is determined by space and time of registration.

COACHING APPLICATION

An application is enclosed for prospective coaches. If you are interested, please complete the form and leave it at The Center on registration day. **Coaches are needed!!!**

Registration kicks off on January 26... you can register anytime after this date.

Register early to secure a spot in the league.

- **Please note the registration fee increases on February 26 by \$10.00.**

PRACTICE AND GAME SCHEDULES

Practice will begin in mid-late April. Each team will be scheduled to practice 2 times at The Center. Coaches can have other practices if they can locate diamonds to practice on away from The Center. The practice schedules for the season are dictated by the coaches. Little Sluggers will not have practices outside of their scheduled meetings.

Little Sluggers will start May 9 and will meet twice weekly for approximately 13 sessions with the last session to end in late June / early July. Games for all leagues ages 7-12 will begin May 11 and end around mid-July. Each team will play approximately 14 games with a tournament scheduled *tentatively* from July 13-16 for the Boys Minor and Boys Major Leagues.

(If there are makeup games due to rainouts during the season, the tournament may be canceled)

• Awards Day & Carnival will be Saturday, July 20.

DAYS/TIMES OF GAMES

If registration numbers are comparable with last year's (approximately 625 participants), we will **try** to follow the game schedule and age breakdown as follows:

• Co-ed Little Sluggers (5 -6 yrs old) - Monday & Thursday evenings practices/games for one hour at approximately 5:00 - 6:00, 6:00 - 7:00, or 7:00 - 8:00 (2 times per week). In an effort to give the kids more diamond-time, games and practices will be held at First Federated Church located at the corner of War Memorial and Sheridan, as well as the Washington Gifted and Christian Center diamonds. The league is very instructional in nature. Games will be played, but the score will not be kept.

• Girls All Star (7 - 9 yrs old) - Thursday evenings at 5 - 6 p.m. & Saturday mornings between 10:45 - 11:45 am (Game times will vary / 2 games per week). The coach pitches to the players; very instructional in nature.

• Girls MVP (10 - 13 yrs old) - Tuesday evenings from 5 - 8 p.m. & Saturdays between 10:45 am - 2:00pm (game times will vary / 2 games per week). The girls pitch to each other.

• Girls Hall of Fame (13 - 18 yrs old) - Each team will play approximately 2 games per week. Last year the teams played approximately 16 games against teams from cities around the area. Good competition. Games will be held at Peoria Park District fields and other locations around the Peoria area.

• Boys Rookie (7 - 8 yrs old) - Monday evenings at 5 - 6 p.m., and/or Friday evenings at 5 - 6 p.m., and/or Saturday morning at 8:15 or 9:30 am for 1 hour. The boys average 2 games per week. The coach pitches to the players; instructional in nature.

• Boys Minor (9 - 10 yrs old) - Monday evenings at 6:15 - dark, and/or Thursday evenings at 6:15 - dark, and/or Saturday afternoons/evenings. The boys average 2 games per week. The players pitch to each other.

• Boys Major (11 - 12 yrs old) - Tuesday evenings at 6:15 - dark, and/or Friday evenings at 6:15 - dark, and/or Saturday afternoons/evenings. The boys average 2 games per week.

• Boys Pony (13 - 15 yrs old) - Each team will play once during the week either Tuesday or Thursday and once on Saturday as a general rule. Games will start at 6 p.m. during the week and 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

• Boys Colt (16 - 18 yrs old) - Each team will play approximately 2 games per week. Last year the teams played approximately 16 games against teams from cities around the area. Good competition. Games will be held at Peoria Park District fields and other locations around the Peoria area.