



## DYSA Fall Season

### Description

The Fall/Winter season offers players the opportunity to play softball on a year round basis and to further work on skill development. The Fall/Winter season is much smaller than Spring season, often with only one team per age group (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U), and is typically more competitive than the recreational Spring season.

Fall/Winter season teams play games against other NORCAL teams in the greater Sacramento region. The season consists of an opening seeding tournament, a regular season, and an end-of-season "Down & Dirty" tournament. The regular season consists of double-header games with other teams in the Sacramento regions, meaning games are played in towns around Sacramento, with some games hosted in Davis. Games are played at approximately 1pm & 3pm on either Saturday or Sunday.

### When

The Fall/Winter season begins with an opening seeding tournament on Labor Day Weekend. Regular season play starts in the second week of September and continues through November. The season ends with a closing "Down & Dirty" tournament in November.

### Where

The opening seeding tournament is typically held at Mills Jr. High in Rancho Cordova. Regular season games are held within the greater Sacramento region. The end-of-season "Down & Dirty" tournament is typically held at the Sacramento Softball Complex. Teams practice on Field A, Field B, or Slide Hill Park.

### Coaches

Coaches are volunteers that have been trained in positive instruction, fundamental skills education, and self-esteem building. Fall/Winter coaches must have coached in the previous DYSA Spring season. Every coach is insured by DYSA and background checks are required for any adult interacting with the players.

### Players

Players wishing to participate in the Fall/Winter season must have played in the previous DYSA Spring season. The age that determines what division your daughter participates in is the age that she was as of December 31 of the previous year. Typically, players "play up" to the age division they will be participating in during the next, upcoming Spring season.

### Playing Time

Every player will be scheduled to play a minimum of 12 consecutive outs in each game according to the NORCAL requirement that 12 players play 12 consecutive outs in every game. DYSA extends this rule to every player on the team in the event that the team consists of more than 12 players. Note: due to game time constraints and run rule limits, substitutes may not actually get to play 12 consecutive outs in a game.

In addition, all players will be scheduled to play at least one inning of infield during the opening tournament and during the regular season double header games. Given that this is still part of our recreational program, coaches are encouraged to play all players in both the infield and outfield, however equitable playing time at various positions does not typically occur. Each player will have the opportunity to continue their development at different positions, however, each player's primary position will be determined by the coaches as that position which best suits the player and the team. Typically, only experienced pitchers from spring pitch in games at this level, though pitchers that practice and prove their ability, will be given opportunities.

During the end-of-season "Down & Dirty" tournament the above policies are waived as coaches are encouraged to play their strongest lineups for the entire game. **Note:** Every player in attendance will still be scheduled to play 12 consecutive outs in each game during the "Down & Dirty" tournament.

### Cost

Registration for the Fall/Winter season typically starts in May and is open until July 20th. The registration fee is \$125.00. Every attempt will be made to place all interested players onto a team, however in the event that there are not enough girls to field a team, or enough spaces available and another team cannot be formed, DYSA will refund all monies paid.