



DYSA Spring Season

- Description** The Spring season is a recreational season for players of all skill levels seeking a fun and friendly softball environment with an emphasis on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Depending on the number of players who register, DYSA provides up to six different age divisions: 6U (Tee Ball), 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and 16U.
- When** Opening day is March 25th/26th and the season continues through June. Teams typically start practicing in March and usually practice twice per week, until games commence. The season consists of two games per week and an end-of-season tournament, except for 6U, which only plays weekly games on Saturday mornings.
- Where** The 6U age division plays exclusively at Slide Hill Park each Saturday morning. Practices are typically held at various parks around town.
- The 8U and 10U age division practices and games are held at one of our DYSA fields (Field A or B at Community Park or Slide Hill).
- The 12U, 14U, and 16U age division practices and games are held at one of our DYSA fields (Field A or B at Community Park or Slide Hill) as well as some out of town games with other recreational teams from surrounding cities within the greater Sacramento Region.
- Coaches** Coaches are volunteers that have been trained in positive instruction, fundamental skills education, and self-esteem building. Every coach is insured by DYSA and background checks are required for any adult interacting with the players.
- Players** The Spring season is open to any girl who lives in Davis and is between the ages of 4 1/2 and 16 years old. Determination of the proper age division for a player is based on the player's age on December 31st of the previous calendar year. Special consideration to play either down into a younger age group or up into an older age division may be granted on an individual basis. If you would like to have your child considered for an age-group variance, please contact Megan Hupe at 559-269-4284.
- Playing Time** Coaches are encouraged to give all players equitable playing time and the opportunity to play all positions, with special consideration for safety issues. Players bat in a continuous line-up throughout the regular season and will bat even if they are sitting out an inning in the field. Players will be encouraged and given opportunities to try different positions in both infield and outfield, however players will not be placed in positions where game delay or safety is a major concern.
- The one exception to this policy is in the position of pitcher, as this position requires a lot of individual instruction and outside practice. Coaches are volunteers that are trained in the basic mechanics of pitching, but most pitching practice occurs before or after practice and at home with parents, siblings, etc. While DYSA encourages the development of pitchers, typically there are only 2-3 players who pitch consistently in games for each team (especially at 10U & above). If your child is interested in pitching, and is practicing at home, coaches will give them opportunities to pitch at practice. Once a player can demonstrate the ability to throw 4-6 strikes out of 10 pitches, coaches are encouraged to give them an opportunity to pitch in a game. Many pitchers take pitching lessons from personal pitching coaches or from softball schools around Sacramento; if interested in a referral, please ask your coach or contact one of the DYSA Board members for options.
- Cost** **Early** Registration for Spring occurs from October – December and the cost for the season is \$125.00, with financial assistance and/or scholarships available by request. **Late** Registration occurs from January 1st – March, though placement on a team is not guaranteed after January 20th. Players registered after January 20th will be placed on a team if there are spots available.