



Department of Parks & Recreation – Recreation Division
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Girls Softball Spring 2020 Ages 9 – 14



ACTIVITY NUMBER: 10501

DESCRIPTION: The emphasis of Babe Ruth Softball is on education, skill development, participation for players at all levels of athletic ability, and to ensure the participants have FUN. The Greenwich Girls Softball League is organized according to 1) Age: 9 & 10 years (**10U**), 11 & 12 years (**12U**), 13 & 14 years (**14U**) and 2) Ability: Intermediate Division, Senior Division, and Travel Division. Most players will participate on a house team (recreational/modified rules) and be placed in either the Intermediate or Senior Division. Those that are ages 12-14 with more experience may select to participate on the travel/official rules team.

The Intermediate softball division is designed for girls in the 10U age group and some in the 12U. Among teammates of the same experience level, players continue building and refining their fundamental skills while they begin to understand game strategy. The game is played on a 60-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 35 feet. This is a **combined player-coach pitch league**.

The Senior division is for girls with prior experience playing softball at a more refined level. The game is played on a 60-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 40 feet. This is a **player-pitch only** division and a twelve-inch ball is used. Players in this division continue building and refining their fundamental skills, defining set positions, and applying game strategies.

***New** – the travel division is for girls ages 12-14 with previous experience participating on an “official rules” tournament team or currently participating on the Firebirds Town travel team. They will be entered into the CT State tournament and will have a larger commitment to travel during the spring season with other more competitive fast-pitch softball teams. (Check the box on page 2 if you’re interested in participating on the travel team).

REGISTRATION DATES:

- Online: Monday, January 27 - online registration is only available to Greenwich residents. To register online go to www.greenwichct.gov/webrac and select “Activity Registration.”
- Mail-in: Monday, February 10 - application should not be postmarked earlier than February 10.
- In-person: Monday, February 24 at the Parks and Recreation Office. Non-residents may sign-up starting Monday, February 24. Registration closes Friday, March 13 or when the program has filled; space is limited.

Greenwich residents are required to provide proof of residency once per calendar year for all Parks and Recreation programs.

The primary family member is required to provide two current proofs of Greenwich residency. Family members participating in this program who are over 25 years of age require one current proof of Greenwich residency. Acceptable proof documents with resident name, date and Greenwich address are as follows: Residential Lease; Utility bill (Gas, Electric, Water, Oil); Cable, Telephone, or Internet bill (not cell phone); Credit Card or Bank Statement (No Mortgage Statement); Driver’s License or DMV CT State ID. Family members participating in this program who are under 25 years of age, require a copy of their birth certificate, passport, or guardianship on file.

For non-residents, the primary family member as well as all participating family members who are over 25 years of age must provide identification and proof of address. Non-resident participants under 25 years of age, require a copy of birth certificate, passport or guardianship.

DATES: Spring softball starts April 4 (depending on field conditions) with practices. Games begin the end of April/early May and are mainly played on the weekends with occasional weeknights. The house league/spring season ends June 13. Players participating on a travel team will continue play after June 13 and through the week of July 4.



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AGES: 9 – 14: League age is determined by how old the player was on **December 31, 2019**. Must provide birth Certificate or passport if not previously submitted for past program(s).

SECTION	AGES
A2	9 & 10
A3	11 & 12
A4	13 & 14

LOCATION: Various Greenwich Town softball fields: coaches will notify players of times and locations of practices. Game schedules will be provided. Those on a house team (intermediate or senior divisions) may also get some inter-league games with other Town recreation programs. In these cases, some local travel is necessary.

FEES: \$174.00 payable to: “Town of Greenwich”

We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards at the Town Hall Parks and Recreation Office & for online registration. **There are no refunds and we do not pro-rate fees. Requests for credit will only be considered if received in writing prior to the start of the program. There is a \$15.00 administrative fee for credits and a \$25.00 fee for any returned checks.**

TEAMS: Players will be assigned to a team based on age and evaluation. Final teams will be determined after the evaluations. Our aim is to balance teams while also providing a fun experience for players.

Please check the box if you'd like to be considered for a travel team. Selection for travel teams will depend on experience, level of ability/evaluation, number of participants (Maximum of 15 on travel roster), availability to commit to more traveling as well as commit to play in the state tournament the week of July 4th.

PLAYER EVALUTIONS: Eastern Greenwich Civic Center gymnasium.

- 9 – 11 years old: Monday, March 23 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Arrive by 4:15)
- 12 – 14 years old: Friday, March 27 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Arrive by 4:15)

*EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND. Please bring a glove, bat, and wear sneakers.



COACHES: Volunteer coaches are ESSENTIAL to this program. Acceptance of ALL applicants and number of teams depends on the number of volunteer coaches. The Town of Greenwich is a member organization of the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) and provides training to all volunteers at www.NAYS.org. Coaches will also be subject to a background check. Coaches of official rules teams are required to take the Babe Ruth Introductory Certification.



COACHES MEETING:

Anyone interested in coaching must attend the following coaches' meeting on **Thursday, April 2** in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall:

- **Intermediate** Softball (Ages 9-11): **5:00 p.m.**
- **Senior** Softball (Ages 12 – 14): **6:00 p.m.**

VOLUNTEER COACHES

I am interested in **Head Coaching** **Assistant Coaching**

I am not interested in head/assisting coaching, but would like to help my child's team a **manager**

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Babe Ruth certification course available at: <https://www.baberuthcoaching.org/coaches/> (For official rules teams)



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COMMENTS:

- Players must bring their own glove, bat, and water bottle (Team helmets provided, but may bring own – helmets must have protected face cage). Team catcher's gear is provided. **No metal cleats or jewelry.**
- Team shirts and socks will be provided. Pants, shorts, and/or sliders must be purchased separately.
- **Team pictures** will be taken on **Saturday, April 25** at the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center.
- Game schedules and weather updates will be available on our Recreation Sports web site at www.teamsideline.com/greenwichct. You can sign up for automated e-mail and/or text alerts from this website. In addition, you can call the weather hotline number at 203-861-6100.
- If mailing, send completed application, full payment, and proofs (if needed) to:

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Consent for Treatment Form

(To be given to emergency personnel if necessary)

As parent (or legal guardian) of _____, I hereby give my consent for any emergency medical treatment as approved by his/her coach or other adult escort, in case of illness or injury while playing or in related activities. I understand that this is to prevent undue delay and to assure prompt treatment.

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Relationship to participant

Home phone

Work phone

Cell phone

Physician Name

Physician Phone

Dentist Name

Dentist Phone

Any allergies or medical/physical conditions the coaches should be aware of? YES NO
If yes, please explain:

Parents will be notified in case of serious illness or injury as quickly as they can be reached, but this information will make immediate treatment possible.

Has your child previously played organized softball/baseball? Yes _____ No _____



Program Registration (please print)

Program Name Girls Softball Activity # 10501 Section(s) # _____

Participant's Name _____ Gender (M/F) _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip Code _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian _____ e-mail _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____

In case of emergency notify the following:

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship: _____

List Physical Restriction(s): _____

INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT. DO NOT SIGN IT UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE CONTENTS HEREOF AND UNDERSTAND THE SAME. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT, CONSULT AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.

The Undersigned (hereinafter referring to myself, my minor children or charges, my heirs and assigns) hereby agree(s) to assume all risk and bear all responsibility and to indemnify and hold the TOWN OF GREENWICH, its agents, representatives, servants, officers, and employees, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, proceedings, liabilities, judgments, awards, losses, damages arising out of injuries to any persons or property, including any and all costs and expenses incurred in the defense of such claims, demands, suits and proceedings including court costs and attorneys' fees resulting from, arising out of, or in any way related to or connected with my/our participation in the _____ program sponsored by the Town of Greenwich/use of Town of Greenwich property/facilities/apparatus or equipment thereof.

The Undersigned, does forever discharge the Town of Greenwich, its agents, representatives, servants, officers and employees from any and all claims including claims of negligence or carelessness, alleging damages and any and all causes of action which the Undersigned may have or may hereafter have, arising out of, related to, or in any manner connected with injuries or damages the Undersigned may sustain by reason of my participation in the above-described program or use of the Town of Greenwich property, facilities, apparatus or equipment.

The Undersigned, the participant or parent/guardian of the above named person, who participates in programs organized by the Town of Greenwich Department of Parks and Recreation, assumes all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activity and transportation to and from the activity. I am aware that participating in any recreational program can be a dangerous activity involving many risks of injury. I further understand there is inherent risk associated with the(se) activity(ies) and authorize emergency medical treatment and transportation in my absence.

Dated at Greenwich, Connecticut, this _____ day of 202 _____

Signature of Participant or Parent or Guardian for participants under 18 years of age:

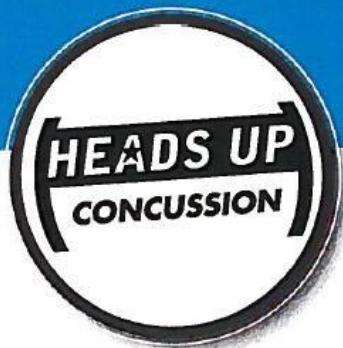
Town of Greenwich Parks and Recreation—Anti-discrimination Policy

It is the Town of Greenwich's policy to provide full, equal and nondiscriminatory access to its park facilities, beaches and recreation areas in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. The Town's park facilities, beaches and recreation areas are open to all Town residents and other members of the general public admitted thereto in accordance with, and subject to, applicable state and federal laws, and ordinances, and regulations promulgated by the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Selectmen. It is the policy of the Town of Greenwich that all Town ordinances, regulations, policies and rules with respect to the Town's park facilities, beaches and recreation areas are applied consistently without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including but not limited to blindness or deafness or any other legally protected classification. The Town complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity, affirmative action, and providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. If you require an accommodation to participate, please contact the Commissioner of Human Services at 203-622-3800 or alan.barry@greenwichct.org as soon as possible in advance of the event.

OFFICE USE ONLY

HH # _____ Check # _____ Receipt # _____ Proof _____ Initials _____

PARENT & ATHLETE CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET



WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. A concussion is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION?

Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury.

If an athlete reports one or more symptoms of concussion after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, s/he should be kept out of play the day of the injury. The athlete should only return to play with permission from a health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussion.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Most concussions occur without loss of consciousness.
- Athletes who have, at any point in their lives, had a concussion have an increased risk for another concussion.
- Young children and teens are more likely to get a concussion and take longer to recover than adults.

SYMPOTMS REPORTED BY ATHLETE:

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Just not "feeling right" or is "feeling down"

SIGNS OBSERVED BY COACHING STAFF:

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall



► **"IT'S BETTER TO MISS ONE GAME THAN THE WHOLE SEASON"**

CONCUSSION DANGER SIGNS

In rare cases, a dangerous blood clot may form on the brain in a person with a concussion and crowd the brain against the skull. An athlete should receive immediate medical attention if after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body s/he exhibits any of the following danger signs:

- One pupil larger than the other
- Is drowsy or cannot be awakened
- A headache that gets worse
- Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Slurred speech
- Convulsions or seizures
- Cannot recognize people or places
- Becomes increasingly confused, restless, or agitated
- Has unusual behavior
- Loses consciousness (even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously)

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR ATHLETE HAS A CONCUSSION?

1. If you suspect that an athlete has a concussion, remove the athlete from play and seek medical attention. Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says s/he is symptom-free and it's OK to return to play.
2. Rest is key to helping an athlete recover from a concussion. Exercising or activities that involve a lot of concentration, such as studying, working on the computer, and playing video games, may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or get worse. After a concussion, returning to sports and school is a gradual process that should be carefully managed and monitored by a health care professional.
3. Remember: Concussions affect people differently. While most athletes with a concussion recover quickly and fully, some will have symptoms that last for days, or even weeks. A more serious concussion can last for months or longer.

WHY SHOULD AN ATHLETE REPORT THEIR SYMPTOMS?

If an athlete has a concussion, his/her brain needs time to heal. While an athlete's brain is still healing, s/he is much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes to recover. In rare cases, repeat concussions in young athletes can result in brain swelling or permanent damage to their brain. They can even be fatal.

STUDENT-ATHLETE NAME PRINTED

STUDENT-ATHLETE NAME SIGNED

DATE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME PRINTED

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DATE

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