



GREENWAVE YOUTH SOFTBALL CLUB

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MATT CAUDILL, COMMISSIONER



Softball Parents,

Following is important information relating to this summer's recreational softball program, so please read carefully.

Our Catholic community youth softball club (formerly known as "Newark Catholic Community Club Softball" and now known as "GreenWave Youth Softball Club") is about to kick off its season with Evaluation Day on Saturday, February 16, 2019. The GYSC consists of 8-and-under, 10-and-under, 12-and-under and 14-and-under girls. **A girl's level is based on her age as of January 1, 2019.**

Evaluation Day will take place at Newark Catholic High School in the **auxiliary** gymnasium. Please Note: we are using the auxiliary gym that day because it is likely there will be a high school girls basketball game in the main gym. Therefore, please avoid entering through the lobby by the parking lot and enter the aux gym around the back of the school by the track; there will be directional signs that day. Because we are using the auxiliary gym, there will not be enough room for parents to watch evaluations. If there is no basketball game that day, we will move back to the main gym and parents are welcome to stay.

- Girls who will be playing 8U should arrive at 2:30pm; they will be evaluated between 3:00-4:30pm.
- Girls who will be playing 10U should arrive at 4:00pm; they will be evaluated between 4:30-6:00pm.
- Girls who will be playing 12U should arrive at 5:30pm; they will be evaluated between 6:00-7:30pm.
- Girls who will be playing 14U **will not** be evaluated on this day; however, we would like them to come in sometime between 3:00-6:00pm to turn in their registration form and fee (if not already) and be fitted/confirm sizes for their jerseys.

Upon arrival, all girls will be asked to try on jerseys for sizing purposes. Be sure the appropriate size is then marked on your registration form. **Please note: this year we will not be providing pants or socks. We've received feedback that not all girls used/liked the draw string pants or the socks provided in years past. Girls can wear any solid black softball pants and socks they would like. These items can be found at local sports equipment stores or online fairly inexpensively.**

The girls will be evaluated for hitting, throwing, fielding and running (and pitching or catching, if applicable). This way, should it be necessary to add a new team and/or re-draft at a level, all girls will have had an opportunity to show off their softball skills. Girls should bring their bat, glove and helmet and should be appropriately dressed (i.e., shorts or sweats, a t-shirt or sweatshirt, and tennis shoes) for the evaluation process.

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Accompanying this letter is the registration form for this year's summer program. The registration form should be completed in its entirety prior to turning it in on Evaluation Day. Please leave all areas marked "**GYSC Use Only**" blank as those areas will be completed upon submission of the form. You may submit the form in one of the following manners: (1) mailing it to the address at the top of the form prior to, or (2) bringing it to the Evaluation Day on 2/16/19.

Registration forms will only be accepted with accompanying registration fees.

The registration fees per household are as follows (children must be related and live in the same household to receive a discounted rate):

- 1 girl = \$70.00
- 2 girls = \$125.00
- 3 or more girls = \$150.00

All checks should be made payable to "GreenWave Youth Softball Club" or "GYSC". Cash will also be accepted in person on Evaluation Day, but please do not send cash by mail.

Coaches of all teams – with the exception of the 14U team, as most of those girls will still be playing spring/Junior High softball – are asked to begin practicing no later than April 1, 2019, weather and facilities permitting.

Please remember, this is a recreational, community-based program intended to give our parochial school girls the opportunity to learn the game of softball while getting to play together throughout the summer. While we want to be competitive in our league, we also want this to be a FUN sporting activity that will grow skills and prepare the girls for the next level of play.

Please e-mail or call (contact information below) with any questions you may have. We look forward to another exciting summer of softball in 2019!

Go Green!

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NOTE: Girls **will not** be permitted to play at a level other than their age level without approval from the Board. It will be rare for us to permit a girl to "move up" to an older level, as there are age levels for a reason. Being a younger girl at an age level allows for learning of any new rules and improvement of skills. Being an older girl at an age level allows for continued learning and improvement, as well as leadership development. Girls' overall maturity, strength, skills and abilities cover a wide range – there is a large difference in a 10-year-old playing with a young 13-year-old at a 12-and-under level. In the event that a girl is permitted to play at an older age level, we will have made that decision with careful thought and consideration, and ask that all coaches, parents and players be as thoughtful and considerate in these cases.