

# Softball Programs for Grades 1 & 2

# Spring (Late April - Early June) - AA Softball 1/2

AA Softball is a "coach pitch" non-competitive division (no scores kept) where players continue to learn the fundamentals of the game. More emphasis is placed on developing skills and learning the game. A 10" soft safety softball is used and games are played on a standard softball diamond infield.

**Games and Practices:** Teams have a minimum of one 3 inning (1 hour and 15 minute time limit) game and one 60-90 minute practice each week and these are generally held on one weekday evening and one Saturday morning or early afternoon.

Where: At the Warren Fields

**Equipment Needed:** A glove and a desire to have a LOT of fun! Balls, bats, and helmets will be provided. Many players like to wear cleats and have their own bats and helmets - and that's fine, too.

Registration: Opens in early October for the following spring.

## Summer (Late June - Early August) - Softball Sandlot

Softball Sandlot is a fun, mixed age program meant to provide our younger and more inexperienced players with an opportunity to advance their skills during the summer. There are fun skills-and-drills activities as well as even-strength scrimmages amongst the players.

**Sandlot Sessions:** Two weekday evenings filled with fun softball instruction and pickup games. Mixed ages up to 10 with supervision to ensure that everyone is learning and playing at their level.

Where: At the Warren Fields

**Equipment Needed:** A glove and a desire to have a LOT of fun! Balls, bats, and helmets will be provided. Many players like to have their own bats and helmets - and that's fine, too. **Registration:** Opens in May for each summer.

### \*\*NEW in 2019\*\*

#### Summer (June/July) - Twin Valley League 8U Softball

8U Softball teams play in the Twin Valley Girls Softball League. This is a travel softball division. At the time of writing, the rules for this league are developing. In general, it is expected that coaches will pitch and players will be given a set number of pitches (no balls / strikes called). A ball hit in play will result in the batter reaching first base and any base runners moving up one base. Balls hit past certain distances will result in more bases. Outs will be counted.

**IMPORTANT**: It is important that players who commit to this summer team are available for the bulk of the games and practices. If you know that your daughter will be away for significant time during the season, please discuss with the AYBS Softball VP (<u>softballvp@aybsonline.org</u>) prior to registration.

Games: TBD - likely 1 or two per week for 4 weeks
Practices: One or two weekday evening practices per week. Some optional practices on weekends.
Where: Home games are at the Warren Fields. Away games are in surrounding towns.
Equipment Needed: TBD
Registration: Opens in late April or early May for that summer.
Eligible Birth Dates: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2011