

WELCOME TO HENDERSON GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

“THE POSITIVE APPROACH”

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What is HGSA?

HGSA is a non-profit, private organization developed to provide a fun and positive environment for girls in our community. Our goal is to teach the girls the fundamentals of softball along with teamwork and sportsmanship.

What is the league's governing body?

We are under USA Softball. USA Softball (formerly ASA) has been in existence for over 60 years. It was the primary force in establishing softball as an Olympic sport and is used in higher level softball.

What does my registration fee cover?

It covers the cost of USA Softball registration and insurance, field fees, uniforms, and umpires.

What uniform is provided?

HGSA provides a sleeveless jersey and softball pants. Teams/players must order or buy their own socks. All teams are required to wear league issued uniform.

What are the league costs each season?

There are so many costs that go into running a league, but a general breakdown per season is:
Field fees for games and practices ~ \$15,000 , Uniforms ~ \$12,000 , Website Fees ~ \$2,000 , USA Registration and Insurance ~ \$6,000 , League Liability Insurance - \$1,200 , Umpire Fees ~ \$15,000 , Trophies ~ \$4,000 , Equipment/ Game Balls ~ \$4,000 , Storage Unit - \$1,980 , Misc. Office Supplies, Copies, Etc. ~ \$3,000

Where do we get the rest of the money needed?

The registration fee only covers a portion of the cost of running a league. In order to help this cost, every team must have a \$400 sponsor. Each player is also required to participate in league fundraisers, which also benefits the team as a portion goes back to them to use.

What do sponsors receive for their donation?

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit so any donation is a tax write-off. For a team sponsorship, you will receive a plaque with your team's picture and listed on our website as a sponsor if you email us your logo.

Do you have payment plans?

HGSA requires payments when registering. A payment plan is available of ½ the cost at the time of signing up with the balance due before receiving your uniform. Please contact us if you need help with payment plans or for individual sponsorships available.

When will the coach be contacting me?

Coaches or managers will be contacting players the week after try-outs after their division has drafts and teams are decided.

What days will my daughter be practicing and playing games?

Practices days are determined by each individual coach and can be any weekday and one on Saturday. Some teams also elect to do an additional batting practice during the week. Once games start, teams are given one weekday practice and will generally play one Saturday game and one weekday game. 6u and 8u play Mondays, 10u play Tuesdays, 14u play Wednesdays, and 12u play Thursdays. This is subject to change based on the need for double headers, as well as playoff games being possibly any day of the week.

How can I help?

In order to head coach, you must first assist a coach in the league for a minimum of one season. All coaches and staff members must be approved by the league and go through ACE certification and background check. Every team is required to have a team manager responsible for taking care of the team's fundraising, any team orders, handing out papers, contacting parents, snack/drink schedule, and working with the head coach to help in any way needed. Please indicate on the registration form or tell the head coach if you are interested in helping in any way!

What if I have more questions?

Please first call your head coach or manager with any questions, then your division director. A list of division directors and board members can be found on our website, www.hgsa-nv.com. The website has lots of information that might help answer your questions as well. As a last resort, call league president Debi Szymanski at 702-736-9398 or email hendersongirlssoftball@gmail.com