

PELICAN PARK SLOW – PITCH SOFTBALL



2021 LEAGUE INFORMATION

1. What does the registration fee cover?

The fee covers the cost of uniforms (jersey, visor, and socks), secondary medical insurance, umpires, equipment, clinics, and awards. Age groups 7 through 15 years old use one official per game. There are no officials for 5 and 6-year olds.

2. Awards/Trophies?

- The 5/6 yr old players will receive a participation trophy.
- The 7 yr old through 12 yr old players will receive a participation trophy, 1st & 2nd season trophy, and 1st & 2nd tournament trophy. (teams that receive 1st and 2nd season will not receive participation.
- The 13/15 yr old players will receive 1st & 2nd season award t-shirt, and 1st & 2nd tournament award t-shirt.

*** If a league has less than 4 teams they will receive 1st place season and 1st and 2nd place tournament.

3. Softball Affiliation?

Pelican Park softball program is affiliated with PONY.

4. How are the age groups determined?

The PONY league age determination date is age as of December 31, 2020. The softball age groups are 5/6-year olds, 7/8-year olds, 9/10-year olds, 11/12-year old's, and 13/15-year old. There must be enough registrants for each age group in order to have the league minimum of teams.

5. What is the Evaluation?

Players in the 9 yr old and above leagues MUST evaluate at the pitching station in order to pitch in the league. ** The pitching station is mandatory at evaluations. The 9/10, 11/12 & 13/15-year-old players will evaluate at the pitching station using a slow pitch motion.** Only players that are registered can be evaluated. Evaluations are used in the drafting of teams to ensure that equal talent is spread among all teams. The skills evaluated are throwing, fielding, hitting, and pitching (9 yr old and above). The 5/6-year old do not evaluate.

6. When is the Evaluation?

The date, time, and field location for each age group is located below. Registered players only need to attend one evaluation session. Call the Pelican Park Sports Hotline at 626-1444 if there is any question about field conditions. Parents should stay during the evaluation process, as the girls should be finished within 45 minutes. Girls will need to bring their gloves, batting helmet, and bat to evaluations. **Players in the 9 yr old and above leagues MUST evaluate at the pitching station in order to pitch in the league.** The Park will have batting helmets available at evaluations for players to use at the hitting station in the event the player doesn't have her own helmet. Please report at your assigned time to help ensure smooth flow of players through the stations.

PLAYER EVALUATION TIMES AND DATES

7/8-year-old – Location – Red 1, 2, 3

Wednesday, 3/17

Saturday, 3/20

Check in **A-M** from 5:30-5:45pm / Check in **N-Z** from 6:30pm – 6:45pm

Check in **A-M** from 9:00– 9:15am / Check in **N-Z** from 10:00– 10:15am

9/10-year-old– Location – Red 1, 2, 3

Thursday, 3/18
Saturday, 3/20

Check in **A-M** from 5:30-5:45pm / Check in **N-Z** from 6:30pm – 6:45pm
Check in **A-M** from 11:30–11:45am /Check in **N-Z** from 12:30–12:45pm

11/12-year-old – Location – Red 1, 2, 3

Saturday, 3/20
Monday, 3/22

Check in **A-M** from 1:00 – 1:15 pm / Check in **N-Z** from 2:00– 2:15 pm
Check in **A-M** from 5:30-5:45pm / Check in **N-Z** from 6:30– 6:45pm

13/15-year-old – Location – Red 1, 2, 3

Saturday, 3/20
Tuesday, 3/23

Check in **A-M** from 3:30–3:45 pm / Check in **N-Z** from 4:30– 4:45pm
Check in **A-M** from 5:30-5:45pm / Check in **N-Z** from 6:30–6:45pm

7. When and where are practices?

- Practices will begin the week of April 5th for the 7/8 yr old league and above. Prior to regular season games beginning, teams will practice twice a week. Once the season starts, one practice slot a week is assigned to each team for ages 7 and above.
- Practices begin the week of April 5th for the 5/6 yr old league. The regular season practices are optional for the 5/6 yr old league. Games are scheduled 1 ½ hrs apart so that the first 30 minutes is used for practice.

8. When are the games played?

- The games will begin on Saturday, April 26th for ages 7 and above leagues. There are 2 games played a week. One game will be during the week and the other on a weekend day.
- The games will begin Saturday, April 26th for the 5/6 yr old league. The 5/6 year old league will have a game on the weekend until school ends, then players will have a weekday game as well as a weekend game.

9. What are the equipment requirements?

A jersey, visor, and socks are provided. All girls are required to have their own glove and bat. If you are buying her first glove, remember that girls 7 years through 15 years old play with an 11” softball. Plastic cleats or athletic shoes are recommended. Metal cleats are not permitted for any age group. If you purchase a bat, please consult with a coach or knowledgeable person to make sure you select the proper length and weight softball bat. Pelican Park provides an age appropriate equipment bag to each coach that contains 2 team batting helmets with faceguards and catcher equipment for ages 7 and above. An equipment bag is also provided to the 5/6 yr old coaches that contains 2 batting helmets with faceguards. **All batting helmets must have faceguards.**

10. Pitching Rules?

Leagues for ages 6 – 8 are coach pitch and the leagues for ages 9 and above are player pitch.

11. What is Parent/Player Orientation?

This is a formal gathering of all the players and parents in an age group with teams announced and players called up and introduced. This will give the parents and players the opportunity to hear all the new exciting things happening in the Softball program in addition to meeting their coaches. Please see the schedule below for your assigned time slot.

Wednesday, March 31st in the Castine Center @ 6:00 pm

- 5, & 6-year-old Baseball age group
- 5/6-year-old Softball age group

Wednesday, March 31st in the Castine Center @ 7:30 pm

- 7, 8, & 9-year-old Baseball age group
- 7/8-year-old Softball age group

Thursday, March 31st in the Castine Center @ 6:00 pm

- 10, 11/12 & 13/15-year-old Baseball age group

Thursday, March 31st in the Castine Center @ 7:30pm

- 9/10, 11/12 & 13/15-year-old Softball age group

12. When will the season end?

Leagues for ages 7-15 will play 12 regular season games, followed by a single elimination tournament. Depending on the number of teams and rainouts, the tournament games should end by mid June. Game schedules will be posted on the Pelican Park web site at www.pelicanpark.com as well as areas throughout the park. The 5/6-year olds will play 8 games with no tournament.