



RECREATION DISTRICT #1 PELICAN PARK

PELICAN PARK SPRING GIRLS SOFTBALL 2024 INFORMATION SHEET

1. What are the registration fees?

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>District Fee</u>	<u>Non-District Fee</u>
Ages 5 & 6	\$56.00	\$106.00
Ages 7 & 8	\$109.00	\$159.00
Ages 9 & 10	\$109.00	\$159.00
Ages 11 & 12	\$109.00	\$159.00
Ages 13 – 15	\$106.00	\$156.00

2. What does the registration fee cover?

The fee covers the cost of uniforms (jersey, visor, and socks), secondary medical insurance, awards, and officials (ages 5 & 6 do not have officials / ages 7 and up have 1 official). Players must provide their own bats, gloves, helmets, and shoes. **Metal cleats are NOT permitted for any age group.**

3. Awards / Trophies?

- **Ages 5 – 12:** Participation awards for all players
- **Ages 7 – 15:** 1st & 2nd place season and tournament awards

4. Softball Affiliation?

The Pelican Park softball program is not affiliated with PONY but reference PONY Softball rules.

5. How are the age groups determined?

The PONY league age determination date is December 31st, 2023. The softball program will consist of the following age groups: 5 & 6 year-olds, 7 & 8 year-olds, 9 & 10 year-olds, 11 & 12 year-olds, and 13 – 15 year-olds. There must be enough registrants for each age group in order to have the league minimum of teams.

6. What types of softballs are used?

- **Ages 5 & 6:** 11" Dixie 5 safety softball
- **Ages 7 - 10:** 11" .47 core softball
- **Ages 11 – 15:** 12" .47 core softball

7. What types of bats are used?

- **Ages 5 & 6:** Must use a Tee Ball bat
- **Ages 7 – 15:** Bat barrel diameter may not exceed 2 1/4 inches. Bats may not exceed 34 inches in length and may not exceed 38 ounces in weight.

8. What types of batting helmets are used?

Batting helmets with full facemasks are required for all players. Each player must have her own batting helmet with a full facemask. Type, color or style do not matter, as long as the helmet has sufficient padding and fits properly.

- **Age 5 – 15:** Helmets with full facemask **ARE REQUIRED**

9. What is the evaluation?

Evaluations will consist of multiple softball skills including batting, fielding, and pitching (ages 9 & up). Each skill will be evaluated by coaches and the player will be given a score on that particular skill. Evaluation scores will be the basis of determining which team a player will be assigned to during team formation for the regular season. It is extremely important to have your child evaluate on one of the two days offered. Only registered players will be allowed to evaluate. **Players who are not evaluated will be placed on a team but will not be able to pitch (ages 9 & up) or be on the pool player list in any age group. The evaluation scores are used to create balanced teams.**

10. When are the evaluations?

The dates, times, and field locations for each age group are 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. Players must bring their gloves, helmets, and bats to evaluations. Please call the Pelican Park Sports Hotline @ 626-1444 if there any questions about field conditions.

All players need to be evaluated. **If your child wants to be eligible to pitch, she must do the following:**

- **Must attend one of the two evaluations offered**
- **Must attend all stations at the evaluations**

If your child is not evaluated, she will not be eligible to pitch or be a pool player. If your child does not attend all stations at the evaluation, she will not be eligible to pitch. Players need to bring a glove, helmet, and a bat to evaluations. Evaluations estimated times should be an hour and a half.

PLAYER EVALUATION TIMES AND DATES

7/8-year-old – Location – RED COMPLEX

Thursday, March. 7th Check in 5:30 - 5:45 PM / Start 5:45 PM
Saturday, March. 9th Check in 8:45 - 9:00 AM / Start 9:00 AM

9/10-year-old – Location – RED COMPLEX

Saturday, March. 9th Check in 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM / Start 10:00 AM
Monday, March. 11th Check in 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM / Start 5:45 PM

11/12-year-old – Location – RED COMPLEX

Saturday, March. 9th Check in 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM / Start 11:00 AM
Monday, March. 11th Check in 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM / Start 6:45 PM

13/15-year-old – Location – RED COMPLEX

Thursday, March. 7th Check in 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM / Start 6:45 PM
Saturday, March. 9th Check in 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM / Start 12:00 PM

11. When and where are practices?

- Practices can be held on any day of the week. Practice times can be 5:30, 5:45, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, or 7:30 for all age groups
- **Ages 5 & 6: Preseason** practices will start the week of March 25th. Each team will be allowed 2 preseason practices this week. All practices are held at Pelican Park.
- **Ages 7 & up: Preseason** practices will start the week of March 25th. There will be 2 practices per week during preseason and one practice per week during the regular season. All practices are held at Pelican Park.

12. When are games played?

- **Ages 5 & 6:** Games will begin on Saturday, April 13th. Games are played on Saturdays only. There will be no scores kept in this age group. Games are scheduled every 1 ½ hrs. The first 30 minutes is used for practices, followed by a one-hour game. The season will consist of 8 games with no end of season tournament.
- **Ages 7 & up:** Games will begin the week of April 13th. Games are played on weeknights and weekends (Saturday or Friday). Game days for an age group are not determined until after registration ends. All games will be played at Pelican Park. The season will consist of 12 games followed by a single elimination tournament. ***Every attempt will be made to make up rained out games, but it is not guaranteed.***

13. What are the pitching rules?

- **Age 5 & 6:** Players will hit off a tee for the first half of the season.
A coach of the batting team will pitch the ball to the players for the second half of the season.
- **Ages 7 & 8:** A coach of the batting team will pitch the ball to the players.
- **Ages 9 – 15:** Fast Pitch Softball.
(In the 9 & 10 age group, walks will not be allowed for the first half of the season)

14. When and what is team formation?

- The softball team formation is when the coaches for age groups 7 and above come together to place all the players onto teams. This will be done the week of March 18th. Evaluation scores are used to rank players, and every effort is made to ensure teams are formed fairly and evenly. Special requests for specific teams cannot be honored for ages 7 and up.
- For ages 5 and 6, Pelican Park will place players on teams. This will be done the week of March 18th. Special requests are accepted for ages 5 and 6 only. Every attempt to honor these requests will be made, but there are no guarantees.
- No changes can be made after the teams have been formed.

15. When will the softball season end?

- **Ages 5 & 6:** Teams will play an 8-game season with no tournament. Depending on the number of teams and number of rainouts, the season will end in mid June.
- **Ages 7 – 15:** Teams will play a 12-game season followed by a single elimination tournament. Depending on the number of teams and number of rainouts, the tournament games will end the beginning of June.

16. Where can I find the game schedules?

Game schedules will be posted on the Pelican Park web site at www.pelicanpark.com as well as on bulletin boards throughout the park. These will be completed no later than one week before games start.

****All Pelican Park Sports Information and Rules are subject to change.****