

# Birmingham Softball



## Girls Fast Pitch

*Welcome to the 2016 girls Fast-Pitch Softball season!*

We are community-based, non-profit organization, and as such, our goal is to promote a fun atmosphere where the girls can learn teamwork and make new friends. As parents, we never know what journey our young children may take as they grow. BGS is here to help them gain new knowledge and experience the game of softball.

We are looking for girls in 1st - 8th grade who would like to play softball. We have three levels of play within our program: **Minors Division**, consisting of players in First through Third grade; **Majors Division**, consisting of players in Fourth and Fifth grades; and **Seniors Division**, consisting of players in Sixth through Eighth grades. Prior experience is not needed. All we require is a positive attitude and willingness to learn. We'll provide the uniform, fields, equipment, training, competitive play, challenge and memories to be cherished in the years to come.

We are proud to announce that our 2016 Season registration will be 100% online at [www.birminghamsoftball.com](http://www.birminghamsoftball.com). If you prefer to pay by check, you will still register online, select pay off-line feature, and follow mailing instructions.

The BGS volunteer coaches look forward to providing another year of instruction on the fundamentals of the game. Our coaches are dedicated to helping our girls develop and improve their skills. This year, coaches will place additional emphasis on hitting, pitching and player rotation. To help prepare our coaches for the new season, we are planning coaching clinics prior to the start of the season.

BGS is fortunate that many of the local businesses assist our league by defraying some of our operating expenses. As the cost of operating the league continues to grow, additional sponsorship opportunities will be offered this year. If your business is interested in sponsoring our program, please contact Jeff Weber.

**Player's Softball Clinic is back March 26<sup>th</sup>, look for emails with further info!**

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to BGS, please contact **Jeff Weber, League President**, [jweb666@me.com](mailto:jweb666@me.com).

**Birmingham Softball, Inc.**

# 2016 Birmingham Softball Application

**I am presently in:**

1st grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
2nd grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
3rd grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
4th grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
5th grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
6th grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
7th grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
8th grade	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please complete:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>MINORS DIVISION</b>	\$125.00
	Grouped by School	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>MAJORS DIVISION</b>	\$150.00
	Draft	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SENIORS DIVISION</b>	\$150.00
	Draft	
	<b>LATE FEE</b> (AFTER 2/29/2016)	\$ 25.00
	<b>Contribution:</b> (tax deductible)	+ \$ _____
	<b>Total:</b>	= \$ _____

**PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>First</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>School You Presently Attend</b>
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**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Street Number and Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
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**\*\*PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list all organized sports or activities you participate in the Spring:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Will softball be your primary sport/activity this Spring?* \_\_\_\_\_

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parents – we need your help!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">We would like your support and involvement, please indicate how you can lend your assistance.</p> <p><b>WOULD LIKE TO COACH/ASSIST A TEAM</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A TEAM</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Player Commitment: I agree to the following conditions as a player in this league:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I will attend all practices and games,</li> <li>2) I will put forth my best effort at all times and</li> <li>3) I will respect all other players, coaches, umpires and fans.</li> </ol> <p><b>Player Signature:</b> _____ / ____ / ____</p>
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**Parent/Guardian Legal and Medical Waiver:** I, the parent/guardian of the applicant, who is a candidate for a position on a Birmingham Softball, Inc. team, hereby give my approval to their participation in any and all Birmingham Girls Softball, activities during the current season. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from such activities. I hereby certify that my child is in good health and has no known medical conditions that would preclude them from participating in a sport. I, the parent/guardian of the applicant named on the reverse side, hereby give permission for my child to receive the necessary emergency medical treatment at the nearest available emergency medical facility in the event that they are injured during their Birmingham Girls Softball. activities and their parents or guardians are not immediately available. I, the parent or guardian, hereby agrees to hold harmless Birmingham Girls Softball, its coaches, directors and players for any liability or injury that may occur while participating in Birmingham Girls Softball activity.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE AS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Signature of Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2016 Birmingham Softball - Refrigerator Dates

(This page contains all the key dates for the 2016 season)

Please note: All Major and Senior players must attend evaluations, even if you played last year!

### **\*\*REGISTER ONLINE\*\***

#### **PAYMENT only BY MAIL:**

Registration for the 2016 Season is online at [www.birminghamsoftball.com](http://www.birminghamsoftball.com). If you choose to pay by check, please submit payment **prior to February 29, 2016**, with a check made payable to **Birmingham Softball, Inc.** (add **\$25 LATE FEE** if application will be received after **Feb 29th**):

**Birmingham Softball, Inc.**  
**3111 Myddleton Dr.**  
**Troy, MI 48084**

### **REMEMBER THESE DATES!**

- Register online and pay by: **Feb 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Player Evaluations: Mar 12<sup>th</sup> & Mar 19<sup>th</sup>**
- Player's Clinic –Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** (\$20 Booster donation to support Seaholm Varsity Girls Softball Team)
- Player Draft/Team Notification: **Mar 22/Mar 23**
- Coaches Clinic – April 11<sup>th</sup>**
- Practices Start **April 12<sup>th</sup>** (Coaches will decide practice dates/times)
- Season Games Played: **Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Year-End Playoffs (All Teams): **June 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**
- Championship Games: **June 11<sup>th</sup>, m/u June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Refunds:** No refunds will be given, except for injury or family move from the area. In case of a financial hardship, please contact the League President.

**Uniforms:** All players will keep the League-provided team and practice jerseys. We recommend girls in the MAJORS and SENIORS Divisions wear black shorts/pants, which can be purchased at the Varsity Shop in Birmingham. We strongly recommend that players wear sliding shorts under their shorts/pants or a sliding pad on their knee to reduce injury. We also encourage the use of fielding masks or mouth guards for the player's own protection.

**MINOR Division Team Selection:** Our Minor Division accommodates girls in 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. We try to the best of our abilities to select teams based on the **school the player attends** as well as specific requests to play with friends.

**Player Evaluations for MAJORS and SENIORS Divisions:** All players are required to attend one of two evaluation sessions (pick the one most convenient for you). Coaches will assess each player's skill level in preparation for the league draft, which attempts to balance the teams with comparable talent; for this reason, **MAJORS** and **SENIORS** Division players **may not** request to play with their friends. Only familial accommodations will be made. All players who register AND attend one of the two evaluation sessions will be drafted.

### **Player Evaluations at West Maple Elementary**

**Major & Senior Divisions**  
**(Grades 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - Majors) / (Grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - Seniors)**  
**Majors please come Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm**  
**Seniors please come Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm**  
(If unable to attend designated day, please come after 2:30pm on alternate Saturday)

*Practices will begin the Week of April 11th / Regular Season Games begin the Week of April 25th  
concluding with Championship Playoffs beginning the week of June 6th*

**Minors Division** - Schedules will be agreed upon by the Coaches / Teams. Games start at 6:00 pm.  
**Majors Division** - Most games played on Mondays, Wednesdays and some Fridays at 6:30 pm.  
**Seniors Division** - Most games played on Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays at 6:30 pm.

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**Parents:** For your information, **Birmingham Girls Softball** carries secondary insurance, which may provide indemnity and medical expense benefits for injuries to a registered participant in **Birmingham Softball, Inc.** activities (including travel to or from a game or practice) beyond your personal coverage. More detailed information is available from the League Treasurer. Written notice of a claim must be given to the insurance company within 20 days from the date of loss. Claims should be made through the League President.