

Parents,

Welcome to the DYA (Team Name) softball for (Coach Pitch, Minors, Majors, Seniors) grades (1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th - 7th grades, 8th - 12th grades). I am your coach xxx and my Assistant Coach is xxxx. We look forward to a great season. Our goal is to have fun with the girls while they learn the skills and fundamentals of softball. Following is league information that you may find helpful.

Equipment and uniform:

LEAGUE PROVIDES: Visors are provided with league fees. DYA Jerseys can be purchased through DYA (contact the DYA office via email if you want to purchase a set of jerseys).

- Batting helmets - 4 per team
- Game balls
- Practice balls
- Catcher's Gear
- Infielder face mask - 2 per team

ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED OUTSIDE OF DYA: DYA DAY at Dick's Sporting Goods is SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

- Softball pants (color to be determined by Coach) white, black, or gray
- Softball glove
- Socks
- Softball bat (see how to buy a softball bat for more information) - we encourage sharing of bats to those who may not have one
- Tennis shoes or softball cleats (no metal cleats)
- Some girls/parents prefer to have their own batting helmet and infielder face mask which is their discretion

If you choose to buy a bat, attached is a page on suggestions on buying a bat.

Please note; the league requires the girls to wear softball pants so the girls are able to slide. We will provide coupons to Dick's Sporting Goods.

Important Dates:

- Practices start week of April 9
- Game schedules are expected ready by mid-April
- Games will begin about May 6 and go until about July 1
- Tournament will begin about July 5-July 15
- No Games May 27
- No Makeup Games on May 28 and June 3
- Double header day Saturday June 9, 16 or 23

DYA All-Star Teams

The league is in need of an All-Star Commissioner for this year. If we don't get a volunteer, we won't have all-stars this season.

DYA CLINICS AT MANNINO'S -

DYA has significantly reduced rates for the following special DYA clinics at Mannino's on Sawmill:

Melissa Wright-Rodgers and Maggie McMahon-Cremanes will be leading the Pitching Clinics for DYA Rec softball players. Both went on to very successful careers in High School earning All-State honors and College earning All-American honors to mention a few. Both have spent years of working with our very own Ron Marstiller and Les Randolph.

Alyssa Kelley, GLIAC Player of the Year, will be instructing the Hitting. Coach Kelley went on to Coach College ball before landing as the Head SB Coach @ Jerome HS. This camp will be a great opportunity for both beginning and experienced players to learn new skills and work on perfecting their fundamentals and mechanics. Each girl will be able to take the skills learned here to practice, both with their team and at home.

All sessions will be held at Mannino's Grand Slam. Choose your option and times at registration.

Register online at www.grandslaminfo.com or call 614-717-9934

Skill: **Pitching**

Session 1:

Thursdays April 5, 12, 19, 2018

Times: 6pm-7pm or 7pm-8pm

Sundays April 8, 15 and 22, 2018

Times: 4pm - 5pm or 5pm - 6pm

Session 2:

Sundays April 29, May 13, 20, 2018 (skip May 6th)

Times: 4pm - 5pm or 5pm-6pm

Price: \$45 per session (3 weeks)

A maximum of 6 athletes per hour. Please bring a catcher with you for each session (can be a parent or friend).

Skill: **Hitting**

Session 1:

Date: Sundays April 8, 15, and 22, 2018

Time: 4-5pm or 5-6pm

Session 2:

Date: Sundays April 29, May 13, 20, 2018 (skip May 6th)

Time: 4-5pm or 5-6pm

Price: 1 date for \$20; 2 dates \$36; or 3 dates for \$45

*** If your daughter wants to pitch, we highly recommend to sign up for at least a 3 week small group session to learn fundamentals or to refresh their skills if they've pitched in the past.

ASPIRE HIGHER SOFTBALL CLINIC SUNDAY, MAY 6TH FOR GIRLS
IN GRADES 3rd - 8th 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Avery Fields

Aspire Higher Clinics - former college coaches and players teaching the game to future softball stars. Learn the fundamental skills of the game from those who coached and played at the highest level. Parents and coaches are encouraged to participate as well.

- **INSTRUCTION:** Defensive skills - throwing, fielding techniques, footwork, position defensive drills Offensive skills - bunting, base running
- **LOCATION:** Avery Fields 3 and 4, 7501 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017
If rain, it will be held at Grand Slam, 6635 Dublin Center Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017
- **COST:** \$35 for pre-registration prior to May 1st \$40 as a walk up.
- **BRING:** Glove, helmet, and bat, catching gear if you are a catcher.

For questions: Call Karen Linder 330-221-5197 or email at linder@aspirehighersports.com

TO REGISTER go to www.grandslaminfo.com , call Grand Slam at 614-717-9934 or email manninosgrandslamusa@gmail.com or drop of the registration form (found on the DYA Rec Softball website) to Mannino's Grand Slam with payment, Dublin Village Center, 6635 Dublin Center Dr, Dublin, OH 43017

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will let you know as soon as the practice schedule becomes available.

Thank you.

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