



Frequently Asked Questions

Does my daughter need to be an All-Star to play Eagles Select?

No! The Eagles Select program is about development, first and foremost. If your daughter enjoys the game of softball, would like the opportunity to learn and play beyond the experience in Rec, the Eagles Select program offers that opportunity. If you are unsure of where your daughter fits, they should plan to evaluate and see where they fit within their age group.

How much does it cost?

The program fee is all inclusive for your daughter's softball experience. Costs are being finalized for the 2021-2022 season, but will range from \$1200-\$1500 depending the age group and team. Upon acceptance of an offer to an Eagles Select team, a deposit of \$400 will be due. Payment plans will be available for all players and families. Costs might be reduced if the program can acquire sponsors or hold fundraising activities.

What is the time commitment?

The practices start in the mid-August and the season will run potentially through mid-July. The overall intensity will vary by age group, but the general outline is similar for each age group. Fall, Winter and Spring will consist of practices, typically one 2-hour practice per week, along with optional weekly batting, pitching and catching practice. Fall, Spring and Summer games will be either Sunday doubleheaders or tournaments. During Spring, your daughter will also participate in the ZLL Rec program to fulfill the Little League requirement for participation in the LLI tournament (10U and 12U only).

My daughter wants to play other sports or participate in other activities, will this be a problem?

Not at all! We encourage multi-sport athletes and involvement diverse activities! We want well-rounded young ladies in our program and community. While the schedule may look intimidating, the extra development opportunities and facility access are available for your daughter to take advantage of as you see fit throughout the year. The team practices and games are the priority over the optional activities.

How does my daughter participate in the ZLL Spring Rec program?

It depends on the age group of your daughter. 8U players will participate similarly to how they have in the past. 10U and 12U players will form the new Majors division, which will be divided into Majors 10 and Majors 12. The 10U Select teams will be divided into two teams and they will play a weeknight doubleheader each week and the same for the 12U Select teams. This will fulfill the Little League requirement to participate in the LLI tournament.

What are the benefits of the program outside of development?

The main focus of the Eagles Select program is on the softball development of your daughters. However, the program is also about the personal development of each player involved. Sportsmanship, teamwork, character development and helping your daughter be best version of themselves. The social aspect for all members of the family is important as well.

What age group will my daughter play?

Age groups are determined every two years, from 8U to 14U. Their age group is determined by the age they will be competing in the upcoming spring Little League rec season. The Age Determination Date for a Little League Softball player is the actual age of a child as of January 1 of the current year. For example, if your daughter was born in 2011, then on 1/1/2020, she will be league age 9 for the 2022 Little League season and will compete in the 10U age division.

- 14U: 2007 & 2008 birth years
- 12U: 2009 & 2010 birth years
- 10U: 2011 & 2012 birth years
- 8U: 2013, 2014 & 2015 birth years

How many teams are there at each age group?

The number of teams will be determined by the number of players who try out. Ideally, we have one team at 8U, two at 10U, two at 12U and one at 14U.

How are the players divided at each age level when there are multiple teams?

At the 10U and 12U levels, where we potentially have two teams. At the 10U and 12U level, the teams will be divided by skill with Green and Silver teams to align when the increased competitive nature in preparation for All Star seasons and our older age groups.

How are coaches selected? What type of coach development is offered?

Coaches are selected based on their demeanor, attitude, and positive influence on the girls during past coaching experiences. Softball knowledge and experience coaching is an important aspect as well, but not the most important. We understand that develop good players, this starts from the top. Therefore, we provide coaching support, resources and training throughout the year to make sure that our coaches are developing, as well as the girls.

What if the Silver team schedule fits our family better, can we request to be on that team?

If your daughter evaluates and has earned a Green team offer, but the Silver team schedule fits your families schedule better, you can certainly request to play on the Silver team.

What happens if they don't make a team?

We would like to provide an atmosphere for all girls, who desire to play, to continue to play softball! However, we also don't want to overburden teams so that opportunities and experiences for all girls become limited. Therefore, we try to cap teams at 12 players. If your daughter is not selected, we encourage them to continue to take advantage of ZLL's Fall and Spring softball seasons as the best way to improve is by playing more! Additionally, we plan to start offering more developmental clinics as part of our rec program to afford all players the opportunity to grow their softball skills.

How will we access the new indoor facility?

Each family in the program will have key card that will gain them access to the facility. Scheduling time will be done on-line, but the access can be gained without the coach.