



## **JR Riders Softball**

JR Riders Softball offers teams an option for 10U and 12U . League will be in association with the Indian Peaks Girls Softball Association. Open to ages 8 -12, age as of 12/31/2022.

### **10U and 12U Teams:**

Players on the 10U and 12U teams will play between 10-14 games in their league season with a league tournament at the end of the season. League games start in early April and go through the end of June. You can expect anywhere between 30-50 games per year depending on tournament success.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$500 per player for 10U and 12U teams to be paid in full by September 1st. All JR Riders Softball players will register at the time of tryouts. Players will be notified by no later than August 2nd if they made the team or not.

The registration fee includes:

- Uniforms
- Equipment
- Umpires (for league games)
- Insurance
- League Fees
- Field Usage
- Some will be applied towards tournament fees

## **GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS AND PLAYERS CONSIDERING COMPETITIVE SOFTBALL**

### **PLAYERS:**

#### **HIGHER LEVEL OF COMPETITION**

B Level – most of these teams have 6 or 7 great players.

C Level – most of these teams have 2 or 3 good players.

**PLAYING TIME** – Playing time is not guaranteed. Expect that you will have to compete for a position as well as playing time. The "everyone plays" expectations of recreation softball do not necessarily apply for competitive softball. It will depend on the amount of work your child puts into it both at practice and at home.

**League Games** - Your playing time will most likely be determined on your level of dedication and improvement. You will start to develop and play more in a certain "area" of position, as opposed to playing "everywhere".

**Tournament Games** - You "may or may not" get into the game. (It depends on the philosophy of your coach.) A lot of coaches tend to develop the players in league play, but in tournaments the top 9 will get most of the playing time. You could spend a significant amount of time sitting while you are learning.

**PRACTICE TIME** – You need to be prepared for a much greater time commitment. Practices will be two to three times per week, based on your team's needs and the coaches' demands.

**PERSONAL COMMITMENT** – The JR Riders Softball program believes team loyalty is a key ingredient for any team sport. No player participating in the program shall play on another Softball team while they are on a Riders team.

### **PARENTS:**

**TIME COMMITMENT** – League play is from April thru June. Practices could begin in the fall of this year (depending on your coach). Although it is usually a light schedule, you could practice 2 to 3 times per month thru November. Fall games/tournaments could be scheduled at the discretion of the coach. Winter practices are usually once a week in a local gym. Starting in February, prepare to practice 2 to 3 times a week (weather permitting) thru the end of the season during the week and on the weekends. Also, plan on 4-6 tournaments being played from March thru the middle of July. Tournaments are generally held on Saturdays and Sundays. Parents and players should expect around 100 contacts (practices and games) throughout the course of the year. Some tournaments could be played out of state.

You will be expected to attend practices, games, and team functions consistently. Failure to do so will start with extra player conditioning and could result in dismissal from the team. The coach has discretion on what is an excused vs. not an excused absence.

Expect your coach to request that your vacation be either put on hold until after the season is over, or at the least that you commit to the team when you will be gone (in advance) so they can prepare ahead of time.

**FINANCIAL** – Prepare to spend \$750 - \$1000 per family thru the course of the year, depending on how many tournaments your team plays in. Each tournament costs between \$550 - \$650 per team. Tournament fees are not included in the player registration fee. Teams generally rely on corporate sponsorship and team fundraisers to help cover some of the costs associated with competitive softball. Additional costs could include: personal helmet (ask coach prior to buying), wrist coach wristband, team hoodie, extra pants, travel, etc.

**FUNDRAISING** – Most teams will do some sort of fundraising, and you are expected to be at these to do your part in raising monies for your team. Most teams do several of these prior to the season. Each team is responsible for their own fundraising. Family and friends are our biggest fans. We will do a family and friends donation campaign prior to the spring season.