

Bonita Valley

Girls Softball

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OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2009

BONITA VALLEY GIRLS
AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 1966
BONITA, CA. 91908

2009 PARENT HANDBOOK

AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT
www.bvgasa.org

WELCOME TO THE 2009 SOFTBALL SEASON

The Bonita Valley girls softball board members would like to welcome everyone to the 2009 season! It is the objective of the Bonita Valley Girls Amateur Softball Association to provide your children with a wholesome atmosphere to engage in healthy athletic competition. Our primary goal is to build character in our children. Because of the excitement and high emotion of some of our games, we thought it important to express some guidelines regarding what we expect from you, our parents and your children. Please know that we encourage cheering, excitement and exuberance, but please be careful to express this in a positive manner. Best of luck to all of you and may you enjoy the 2009 softball season.

Sincerely,
BVGASA Board Members

2009 BOARD MEMBERS

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLAYERS

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

- All players must pre-register on-line at bvgasa.org.
- Follow the easy steps.
- Remember to bring 5 copies of the registration form and your birth certificate with you to register.
- Birth certificates required for all new and returning players.

MANAGERS / COACHES

Anyone wishing to be considered for a manager or an assistant coach must fill out the application on line at bvgasa.org. Follow the easy steps.

Registration Dates

Registration will be held at Discovery Park on Saturdays and the Bonita Library on weeknights. Following are the dates:

Wed, Jan 7, 6 pm to 9 pm Bonita Library
Sat, Jan 10, 10 am to 2 pm Discovery Park
Wed, Jan 14, 6 pm to 9 pm Bonita Library
Sat, Jan 17, 10 am to 2 pm Discovery Park
Mon, Jan 19, 6 pm to 8 pm Bonita Library

NEW PLAYERS

There will be a **mandatory skills assessment** for all new players ages 9 and over. Players must attend one of the following dates, Saturday January 10th or 17th 2009. Skills assessment will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Please check in at the sign up tables. A “new player” is any player who did not play at BVGASA in 2008. If you are a new player and do not attend the skills assessment, you will be held out of the initial draft.

REGISTRATION FEES

Same family

Registering from December 1st, 2008
through December 31st, 2008:

1st Child - \$105.00

2nd Child - \$60.00

3rd Child - **FREE**

T-Ball - \$60.00

Families registering from January 1st, 2009
through January 19th, 2009:

1st Child - \$140.00

2nd Child - \$75.00

3rd Child - **FREE**

T-Ball - \$75.00

Sponsor a team for \$250.00 or more and
your 1st child plays for **FREE**. Contact our
sponsor coordinators: Debbie or Mike, for
more information!

DIVISIONS (Players age as of January 1, 2009)

Lower Division

T-Ball	4 – 6 years of age
Rookies	7 – 8 years of age
Mini – Minors	9 – 10 years of age

Upper Division

Minors	11 – 12 years of age
Majors	13 – 14 years of age
Seniors*	15 – 16 years of age

*If numbers permit

All players must play one year in their age appropriate division.

For more information please call
Lower Div. Player Agent-Brock Parry @
(619) 271-7115 / Brock@bvgasa.org
Upper Div. Player Agent-Donna Provencher @
(619) 316-4755 / donna@bvgasa.org

REFUND POLICY

Our goal with refunds is to be flexible and fair. Any reasonable situation which arises we respond to. All we ask is for you to understand our needs to have a time frame wherein we can fairly respond. In particular, once teams have been formed, barring unusual and unforeseeable circumstances, refunds will not be issued.

Pulling a ballplayer out after teams are formed can adversely affect a team and the entire division.

- Until January 1, 2009 (75% refund)
- January 1 – 27, 2009 (50% refund)
- After January 27, 2009 (NO REFUND)

We do not honor requests for players to be on the same team in Mini-Minors or the upper division. This rule is strongly enforced due to the fact teams are formed by a blind draw to create balanced teams. However, we will consider requests in the lower divisions, T-Ball and Rookies, but due to team formulations it may not be possible to grant all requests.

High School Refund Policy – Girls who make high school softball teams will receive a full refund. Other circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Players who make a non varsity team (JV) may return to the league and be eligible for all-stars.

2009 SPONSORS

GET A SPONSOR, GET A BREAK!

Provide BVGASA with a sponsor by January 19th, 2009 and your oldest child plays for FREE

For more information please call Mike or Debbie Cruse at (619) 954-3353

2009 Sponsorship Levels

Bronze Level

\$150.00 Donation

- Business name listed with other same level sponsors on a banner displayed each Saturday during the season.
- Recognition as a sponsor in Opening and Closing day ceremonies literature.
- Sponsor plaque
- Business name, phone and web link listed on our league website.
- Invitation for lunch on Sponsor Day.

Silver Level

\$250.00 Donation

- All of the Bronze Level benefits PLUS
- FREE REGISTRATION FOR 1 CHILD
- (New) Website banner ad rotated with other sponsors.
- Business name visibly printed on the back of ONE team's shirts.

Gold Level

\$500.00 Donation

- All of the Silver Level benefits PLUS
- Business name visibly printed on the back of TWO team's shirts.
- Gold level recognition sponsor plaque with team photo
- (New) Flyer (provided by sponsor) displayed on board next to the snack bar during Saturday games.
- Have your own table to promote your business on Opening Day.

Platinum Partner

\$750.00 Donation

- All of the benefits of the Gold Level Sponsor
- Your name, business address, phone number, business logo on a banner by itself displayed each Saturday in a prime location at the fields.
- Special mention by league President as a Platinum Partner on Opening Day.
- Business Logo added to sleeves on team shirts.
- Sponsor mention on all league literature and letters used throughout the season.
- Rotating Web banner.

Trophy Partner

\$1,500.00 donation

- All of the benefits of the Platinum Partner
- Company logo printed on all league and tournament trophies.

PLAYERS CLINIC

Sponsored by BVGASA

Date: 3/1/09

9 a.m. – 12 noon (10 & under)

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (11 & up)

Location: Discovery Park

Fee: \$15.00 includes lunch

Clinic Highlights

Batting

Fielding

Throwing

Base running

Bunting

Game Fundamentals

Please bring your glove, bat, cleats, sliders, batting gloves, and a hat.

MANDATORY COACH'S CLINICS

There will be a mandatory Manager's / Coach's Clinic on January 31st for all T-Ball, Rookie, and Mini-Minor Divisions. The Clinic will be at no cost and will consist of various stations (field prep, bunting/hitting, base running/sliding, fielding/throwing, and pitching/catching). In addition, we will have a brief meeting to cover league and division rules and issue equipment.

For those coach's interested in coaching an All-Star team you must attend one of the ASA ACE Clinics. For more information visit www.bvgasa.org

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FAQs

What is included in the registration fee?

The registration fee includes the uniform shirt and a league picture package. This fee also helps cover league expenses such as lights, equipment, umpire fees, etc.

When will my daughter's coach contact us?

Players will normally be contacted by February 1st. Coaches may not hold a practice until that date.

What day will my daughter have practice or games?

Practice may begin on or after February 1st. It is the coach's decision as to which day of the week he/she will hold practice. Each division will be assigned a specific practice site. Games will begin on Opening Day February 14th. All divisions will have one game during the week except the T-ball division. In addition, each team will also be scheduled one game on Saturday. T-Ball games will be scheduled on Saturdays only and will be played on Kohl Field.

I would like to coach a team but I really don't know much about coaching softball. Should I still volunteer?

YES, you could attend the coach's clinic to become a coach or assistance coach. Don't forget we need team moms/dads, too!

I would like to volunteer my time. What can I do?

We have many positions to fill every year. Snack Bar Helpers, Field Preparation Volunteers, coaches, and Team Moms just to mention a few. If you would like more information, please call Donna @ 316-4755

What should my daughter wear to games and practices?

For games, players should wear their team uniform shirt, shorts/pants, compression shorts and kneepads for sliding and cleats. Each team will decide what color of socks/shorts to wear as a team or if they would like to purchase hats or visors. For practices, players should wear comfortable clothing, compression shorts, kneepads and cleats. Remember, no jewelry.

What equipment will my daughter need?

Players should have their own glove. The league will provide batting helmets with chin straps and face masks. If a player would like to purchase their own helmet, they must also purchase a chin strap and face mask as they are mandatory. All bats must be official ASA softball bats. (No little league bats)

My daughter has never played before. Will she play as much as those who have?

All players should play at least 3 innings or half the game.

If you have other questions, please feel free to ask any BVGASA Board member or visit our web-site www.bvgasa.org, and ask away.....

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31st	Mandatory Manager's / Coach's clinic
February 1 st	Practice begins
February 14 th	Opening Day Ceremonies/ Games begin
March 1st	Players Clinic
March 14th	Picture Day
April 6th -11th	Spring Break (no games)
April 25 th	League Tournament Begins
April 25 th	Padre Night
May 9 th	Closing Day Ceremonies

Any changes will be posted to the calendar page
at www.bvgasa.org

**Girls-check out the BVGASA web site you can look
at your team in action...**

www.bvgasa.org