



Spring 2024 Season Coach & Manager Meeting

February 3, 2024



Welcome and Thank You!

- Thank you for volunteering your time to support all the players in this league.
- We are proud to have excellent volunteers throughout our league serving as managers, coaches and at every other level.
- It is our goal to support you as best as we can to help you serve the membership.



Meet the Board of Directors

- Angela Brand: President
 - Cassi Ponzio: Vice President
 - Briana Scott: Chief Player Agent
 - Kelly Joy: Secretary
 - Deanna Baquera: Treasurer
 - Heather Perez: 6u Player Agent
 - Kelly Joy: Interim 8u Player Agent (**currently vacant**)
 - Sara McGeorge: 10u Player Agent
 - Briana Scott: Interim 12u Player Agent (**currently vacant**)
 - Amanda Modder: 14/16u Player Agent
 - Madeline Miller: Thunder Player Agent
 - Ryan O'Malior: Scheduler
 - Dan Ponzio: Registrar
 - Chris Parham: Equipment Manager & Field Manager
 - Kaila Johnson: Sponsorship Coordinator
 - Abby Becker: Uniform Coordinator
 - Tiffani Cracchiolo: Vendor Coordinator
 - Bella Romero: Umpire in Chief
- **Current Vacancies:
- 8u Player Agent
 - 12u Player Agent
 - Coach/Player Development Coordinator



Spring Season

- 690 players in our league
- Divisional breakdown
 - 6u: 18 teams
 - 8u: 18 teams
 - 10u: 12 teams
 - 12u: 8 teams
 - 14/16u: 4 teams



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Core 4

- Each team must have a minimum of 4 adults on their coaching staff – this is known as the *Core 4: Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, Team Parent*.
 - The league covers the cost of registration for the Core 4.
 - A minimum of two members of the Core 4 must be female.
- You are responsible to confirm your Core 4 to your Player Agent by Friday, February 23rd - *Ask in email to team or at your first team meeting if you have open roles.*
- Assistant Coach & Team Parent registration will open today.
- Teams may add additional team staff if desired but must cover the cost. Registration is available on the RGS website.



USA Softball Core 4 Clearance

- RGS will submit Core 4 information to USA Softball. Core 4 will receive an email from USA Softball to complete background checks and SafeSport training.
- All members of the Core 4 *must* complete Background Check & SafeSport training.
- Coaches who were cleared by USA Softball in Fall 2023 will have their clearance carry over to Spring 2024. You must have your coaches card or re-print from your Homeplate page.
- Uniforms **will not be released** until your CORE 4 has completed all background checks and SafeSport training.



Coach Conduct

- Code of Conduct Review
 - Every parent & volunteer agreed to this during their registration.
 - Our league is comprised of almost 700 players & 60+ youth umpires. Be a good example to all of them.
 - Think of what is best for the girls.
- 24 Hour Rule
- Coaches are responsible for team members & spectators; this includes a zero-tolerance, no alcohol policy.



League Documents

RGS Bylaws, Operating Policy and Playing Rules: These documents outline league policies, procedures, rules, and practices.

- All of these can be found on the RGS website
- Living breathing documents – the website is always up to date
- Coaches and Managers are both responsible for knowing and understanding these documents.



Player Agents

Each division has a player agent assigned for ongoing seasonal support. Player agents can also help as you prep for the season, especially for new coaches and managers.

- Player agents are the first point of contact and should be notified of any issues including player injuries, game-day issues, and any specific needs of the team.

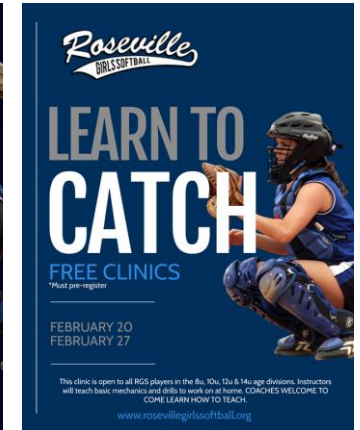
Player Agents

- 6u: Heather Perez 6upa@rosevillegirlssoftball.org
- 8u: Kelly Joy (interim) 8upa@rosevillegirlssoftball.org
- 10u: Sara McGeorge 10upa@rosevillegirlssoftball.org
- 12u: Briana Scott (interim) 12upa@rosevillegirlssoftball.org
- 14/16u: Amanda Modder 14upa@rosevillegirlssoftball.org



Coaching Resources

- SOFTBOK: Softball Body of Knowledge
 - Can be found in Coaches Corner on the RGS website
 - Password: **Usaball2024**
- Player Clinics
 - Learn to Pitch Clinics - Tuesdays in February (Free)
 - Learn to Catch Clinics - Tuesdays in February (Free)
 - Friday Night Light Clinics - Fridays in February (Paid)
- Want a coach or manager mentor? We can pair you!



League Calendar & Key Dates

February

- February 3: Coaches can begin contacting their team/families
- February 5: Team meetings can begin
- February 10: Field Rehab Day
- February 12: Practices can begin
- February 23: Last day to confirm Core 4 and Team Name

March

- March 4: Scorekeeping Clinic (one rep per team required)
- March 8: Opening Ceremonies Night*
- March 9: Picture Day
- March 9: Practice games begin
- March 16: Start of regular season play
- March 25-31: Spring Break



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League Calendar & Key Dates (cont'd.)

April

- April 13-14: 10u Mid Season Tournament
- April 20-21: 12u/14u Mid Season Tournament

May

- May 18th: Last day of games for 6u & 8u divisions
- May 13-18: End of Season Playoffs for 10u, 12u, 14/16u divisions
- May 18th: Closing Ceremonies



Opening Ceremonies

Friday, March 8 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Maidu Park

- Food, vendors, activities (face painting, bouncehouses, etc.) for all RGS players and families
- Ceremonies start at 6pm with the parade of teams
- Teams are strongly encouraged to dress up for the team costume contest
- National anthem (is your kiddo a singer?)
- First pitch
- Planning Committee



Team Meeting

Coaches can begin holding team meetings the week of February 5th. These meetings are a good opportunity for the players and families to meet, for you to share your coaching philosophy etc. as well as to:

- Have the players select their team's name (submit via form by February 23)
- Confirm any needed members of the Core 4
- Confirm a need for a team sponsor
- Review Code of Conduct and Operating Policy (Section V: The Spectators)
- Complete Player Emergency Cards
- Have fun!



League Communications

There are a few ways to stay connected to the league for updates and information.

RGS Website

- League documents, forms, schedules, and coaching resources

Email

- The league will share out information via email on all activities. You can also opt in to text notifications – this is especially helpful for field status notifications and scheduling changes.
- Please read emails from the league - this is our primary source for communications to coaches and managers!!

Social Media

- RGS has a Facebook and Instagram account where we share info about league updates and activities.



Youth Umpire Program

RGS has a nationally recognized program for developing and retaining umpires. We are currently in the process of training 60+ umpires for the upcoming year.

RGS provides umpires for all scheduled games, including 6u.

We can cover almost every game internally despite a national umpire shortage. Even high school games are at risk of going unofficiated.

Please remember:

- Just as the players on your team are learning the game, so are the youth umpires.
- Many of our umpires also play in the league and are the daughters of those sitting around you today.



Umpire in Chief (UIC) Update

- The Core 4 must set the expectation and control their spectators in regard to conduct.
- Only a badged female member of Core 4 may communicate with umpires during game time.
- Judgement vs. Rule Interpretation
- Be calm, cool and collected.



UIC: Rules Review

Common Rules Review:

- Bunt Rule
 - Drop 3rd Strike
 - Infield Fly
 - Look Back Rule
 - Rabbit Rule
- A clear breakdown of these rules can be found in the RGS Playing Rules – a copy is located in your team binder.



Secretary Update

Team Binder

- Emergency Contact Form - Must be completed by a parent for each player
- AQI Policy
- Inclement Weather
- Field Prep Document
- RGS Playing Rules
- Field Permit- *access online*
- RGS Injury Form- *access online*

Additional Items

- USA Softball Rule Book
- Line Up Cards (10U and up)
- Scorebook (10U and up)



Equipment Manager Update

Equipment Bag Includes:

- Catcher's Gear (Legs, Chest, and Helmet)
- Bucket
- Practice Balls
- Two keys to Field Storage Containers
- Game Balls - *coming later*
- 6u teams will also receive 2 batting helmets and 2 bats
- 14/16u teams will also receive first aid kits



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Field Manager Update

Field Etiquette

- Take pride in the fields we are allocated
- 1st practice - drag field before practice
- Last practice - drag field after practice
- Make sure equipment boxes are locked
- Chalker and box templates are chained to the fence
- Bases are put away and base pegs are in place

Field Prep

- All teams are responsible to prep/breakdown fields on game days – home team is to set up the field and visiting team is to breakdown and clean up the field
- Watch the Youtube Video created by RGS

Want to help? We have a Field Committee starting this month!



Field Manager Update: Inclement Weather Policy

Field conditions are updated by the City of Roseville at 3pm

Reinspect Conditions

Infields are **closed** when:

- Standing/puddles of water
- Your feet are slipping as you walk the infield
- The depth of your footprint is greater than 1 inch

Outfields are **closed** when:

- Standing water in the grass
- The depth of your footprint is greater than 2 inches
- Your footprints are filling with water after you take a step



Scheduler Update

- Live practice schedule is located online (RGS website)
- Teams may not hold practices on fields or areas that are not allocated to RGS. This jeopardizes our allocations and our insurance. This is also violation of Code of Conduct.
- Once we get final field allocations, we will assign practices by request in a random team order.
- Practice times are for dirt/infield. You can arrive early to warm-up in grass but you will need to stay out of the way of scheduled team.
- There may be times the scheduler has to move your practice or you will be asked to share with another team. Be flexible.
- If you need to change your practice schedule, please email the League Scheduler-
scheduler@rosevillegirlssoftball.org
- If you cancel a practice, please email the League Scheduler so we can open it on schedule and/or cancel lights.



Sponsorship Update

Sponsorships help keep league costs down and are a great way for local businesses to partner with league!

- All teams are required to have a sponsor. We recommend asking if there are any families that are interested in sponsorship during the first team meeting.
- We offer several sponsorship levels that include various benefits such as names on team jerseys, team plaques, banners at Central and/or Pistachio, social media posts, etc.

Email our Sponsorship Coordinator for more info and package details: sponsorship@rosevillegirlssoftball.org



General Team Reminders

- Teams cannot fundraise during the season. This includes football squares, bake sales, etc.
- Uniforms may not be altered in anyway, including patches, designation of team captains, etc.
- Teams may not have guest players. If there are not enough players to play a scheduled game, you may not “borrow” a player from another team.
- Only badged members of the team staff are allowed on the field and in the dugout during games.
- All teams (10u and up) will need to ensure that you have a scorekeeper for each game. A scorekeeping clinic will be held to help families learn how to keep score.



Questions?

Open for questions and answers from the group.

