

2023 Roseville Girls Softball

Spring Rec Season Survey Responses

Inexperienced Coaches:

As a recreational league we rely on the volunteerism of parents in the program. The league provides an online resource that outlines how to teach fundamental softball skills and provides practice plans for each age group. Additionally, the league provides coaching clinics at the start of each of our recreational seasons (Fall and Spring). The board is actively discussing ways to further educate and support coaches.

Mid-Season Tournament Format:

The idea of the mid-season tournament is to provide a fun and competitive experience to enhance their playing season. Players get to participate in a traditional tournament format which includes pool play then single elimination over the course of the weekend. This does include one Sunday of play during the season. If players have religious or family conflicts, they can opt out of participation for that day. Based on a review from this season, we will be working on implementing some modifications of tournament rules including pitching restrictions, time limit and tie breaker procedures.

8u Team Formation:

Feedback regarding team formation was split between families wanting more flexibility in choosing friends to play with and other families wanting the talent level to be disbursed more equitably. A team formation committee will meet in the fall to evaluate and restructure how teams are formed and the number of players assigned per team.

Team Formation & Player Evaluations:

In the Spring Rec program, our League forms our teams through a defined blind draft process. This data is based off of pitching evaluations and playing experience. We did make some improvements to the process this past year to allow a free pick for each team. While it has been discussed for many seasons, at this time we don't have the volunteers to accommodate the logistics of running a player evaluation for over 500 athletes.

Field Allocations Field Sharing & Practice Location:

The City of Roseville allocates fields to all their youth user groups. We are limited to the fields they provide us. We do our best to allow coaches to select their practice days and times to best accommodate their schedules. Once games start there are simply not enough fields to go around so we allocate two teams per time slot to allow everyone equal access to fields.

Umpire Program:

Roseville Girls Softball is proud to have a Nationally recognized youth umpire program which is used as a model for other programs across the country. In the midst of a continued National umpire shortage, we are proud to be able to provide umpires for the majority of all scheduled games.

Consistent with our recreational philosophy, the umpires in this program are part of the League's efforts to support youth development. Our league is dedicated to continuing to grow and support this program. Working as an umpire is a very vulnerable and demanding role for our youth umpires and we will continue to find opportunities for training, development and support for the young people in our program.

We encourage any adults interested in umpiring to join the program and complete the training to get out on the field for RGS games.

East & West League Options

Our league has analyzed the ability to split into separate East / West leagues similar to Little League. At this time, we do not have the necessary resources (leadership, volunteers, field access) to separate successfully. Additionally, in a review of our membership enrollment, the leagues would be severely disproportionate.

Late Game Times for Younger Teams:

Our league is very fortunate to have access to multiple lit ballfields. This is an amenity that some leagues don't have. In order to accommodate the sheer number of teams, we do have to schedule two games per night on several nights of the week. The goal is to limit the number of late scheduled games to 1-2 per team. This season the weather forced us to reschedule games into openings in the season and this did result in additional late games for many teams. We are looking at some scheduling best practices to avoid this from happening in the future.

Spirit Wear:

Our league is proud to support small community-based businesses. We understand that there were frustrations with spirit wear this season. We are working to expand our options to fulfill the wants and needs of our membership moving forward.

Closing Ceremonies:

Due to the cancellation of Opening Ceremonies, this year's closing ceremonies was extended to consist of our favorite parts of opening and closing ceremonies. This resulted in a longer than normal event which we understand was difficult on a school night. We will be adjusting the end of year schedule to allow for closing ceremonies to happen on a non-school night.

Board Transparency:

Our board is comprised solely on volunteers who work diligently to serve the best interest of our recreational league. We have worked to create policies and procedures that align with our mission statement. Our board meetings are open to the public and we encourage any member to come and observe. Moving forward we will begin posting all meeting minutes on our website. We will continue to find ways for our membership to be involved through committees and league events. We also encourage our members to apply for vacant board positions or run for elected office during open elections.