



Spring 2025 Season Coach & Manager Meeting

February 1, 2025



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.



Spring Season

- 607 players in our league
- Divisional breakdown
 - T-Ball: 4 teams
 - 6u: 16 teams
 - 8u: 14 teams
 - 10u: 12 teams
 - 12u: 6 teams
 - 14/16u: 2 teams



Meet the Board of Directors

- Angela Brand: President
- Cassi Ponzio: Vice President
- Sara McGeorge: Chief Player Agent
- Madeline Miller: Secretary
- Briana Scott: Treasurer
- Sara McGeorge: Interim 6u Player Agent (*currently vacant*)
- Mary Castro: 8u Player Agent
- Sara McGeorge: Interim 10u Player Agent (*currently vacant*)
- Michell Hart: 12u Player Agent
- Amanda Modder: 14/16u Player Agent
- Madeline Miller: Thunder Player Agent
- Ryan O'Malior: Scheduler
- Dan Ponzio: Registrar
- Chris Parham: Equipment Manager
- Larry Lang: Field Manager
- Angela Brand: Sponsorship Coordinator
- Abby Becker: Uniform Coordinator
- Tiffani Cracchiolo: Vendor Coordinator
- Bella Romero: Umpire in Chief

About the Board of Directors

The Board meets monthly

- 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Raleys O-N-E Market on Blue Oaks

Current Vacancies

- 6u Player Agent
- 10u Player Agent
- Coach/Player Development Coordinator



League Documents

RGS Bylaws, Operating Policy and Playing Rules

- Outline league policies, procedures, rules, and practices.
- Located on the RGS website.
- Living documents – the website is up to date.
- Coaches and Managers are both responsible for knowing and understanding these documents.

League Communications

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

Email

- The league will share out information via email on all activities.
- 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.



League Communications

Website

§League Documents: Operating Policy, Playing Rules

§Coaches Corner: Tutorials, Practice Drills, SoftBOK

§League Schedules & Calendar of Events

§Incident and Injury Report Forms

§Register for clinics and other events

www.rosevillegirlssoftball.org





League Calendar & Events

League Calendar & Key Dates

February

- February 1: Coaches can begin contacting their team/families
- February 3: Team meetings can begin
- February 10: Practices can begin
- **February 23**: Last day to confirm Core 4 and Team Name

March

- March 5: Scorekeeping Clinic (one rep per team required for 10u/above)
- March 7: Opening Ceremonies Night*
- March 8: Picture Day
- March 8: Practice games begin
- March 10: Start of regular season play
- March 29-30: 10u Mid-Season Tournament



League Calendar & Key Dates (cont'd.)

April

- April 12-13: 12u and 14/16u Mid Season Tournament
- April 14-20: Spring Break
- April 23: RGS Night with Woodcreek High School

May

- May 12-17: End of Season Playoffs for 10u, 12u, 14/16u divisions
- May 17: Closing Ceremonies



Player Clinics

Learn to Pitch (\$5 per player per session)

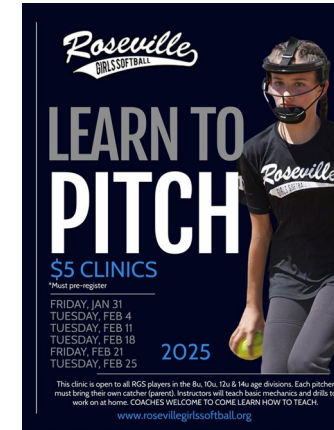
- February 4, 11, 18, 21, 25

Learn to Catch (\$5 per player per session)

- February 11, 25

High School Partner Clinics (\$25 per player, per session)

- February 7 (West Park)
- February 22 (Roseville)
- February 28 (Oakmont)
- March 1 (Woodcreek)



Opening Ceremonies

Friday, March 7 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Maidu Park

- Food, vendors, activities (face painting, bounce houses, 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





Coach & Managers: Getting Started

Season Kickoff – Team Meeting

Coaches can begin holding team meetings the week of February 3rd. 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 (submit via form by February 23)
- Confirm a need for a team sponsor
- Review Code of Conduct and Operating Policy (Section V: The Spectators)
- Complete Player Emergency Cards
- Have fun!



Core 4 (Team Volunteers)

- 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 February 23
 - *Ask in email to team or at your first team meeting if you have open roles.*
- Assistant Coach & Team Parent registration is open now.
- Teams may add additional team staff if desired but must cover the cost. Registration is available on the RGS website.

Core 4/Volunteer Clearance

- RGS will submit volunteer information to USA Softball. All volunteers 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.
- Uniforms **will not be released** until your CORE 4 have completed all background checks and SafeSport training.
- Only those who were cleared by USA Softball in Fall 2024 will have their clearance carry over to Spring 2025.



Core 4/Volunteer Clearance

- Initial round of emails went out this week
 - “URGENT to Complete Background Check and SafeSport!”*
 - Welcome Email for RegisterUSASoftball.com: ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED*
- Do not ignore these emails
- Common issues
 - Name/email address on file, multiple accounts, etc)
- Levels of SafeSport (initial or refresher)

The screenshot shows the RegisterUSASoftball.com user interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Background Check', 'ACE Education', 'SafeSport', 'Registration Status', 'My Teams', 'My Leagues', and 'My Umpires'. The 'Background Checks' section is active, displaying a table with three columns: 'Background Check Purchase', 'Background Check Status', and 'ACE Education'. The 'Background Check Status' column contains a yellow box with the text: 'Status: Your Background Check appears to have been paid for or received, but has not yet been started. Please click here for the Consent Form and to start your Background Check.' To the right, there is a 'Registration Contact' section with the name 'Karia Hunter', association 'CA - Sacramento', phone '916-622-9060', and email 'karia@usasoftballsacramento.org'. Below that is an 'Umpire Contact' section with the name 'Chuck Eratic', association 'CA - Sacramento', phone '916-624-6074', and email 'uc@usasoftballsacramento.org'.

Hello Dan Ponzio (Member ID: [REDACTED])

You have been recently added to a team or league in the USA Softball's online membership system, RegisterUSASoftball.com. You may be required to log in and complete a few requirements. Requirements may vary. If you're unclear on your requirements, please refer to your team or league administrator or the Registration Contact on your homepage once you are logged in.

For step-by-step guides, click the "Help Documents" link at the bottom of any RegisterUSASoftball.com page.

If you have already completed your registration requirements for the current season, please disregard.

Under the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all Non-Player participants 18 years and older must complete both a background check and SafeSport before participating in any USA Softball youth (JO) play, while Players 18 and older must complete SafeSport. Registrations cannot be approved until the requirements are met. **Registrations cannot be approved until the requirements are met.** For all members 17 years and under with parental consent, we strongly encourage participation in SafeSport training to empower our members by increasing awareness of the signs of abuse. Thank you all for your continued support!

Please click this link to RegisterUSASoftball to ensure that you log in to the profile associated with your current team or league. You will be prompted to enter a new username and password to ensure timely access to your information.

NOTE: After you log in, please be sure that the Member ID displayed on your dashboard is 1085794. If it's not this number, do not proceed and instead submit a help ticket to let us know there's an issue with your profile.

If you cannot click on the link above, please copy the link below and paste it into your browser's address window. THANK YOU FOR PLAYING USA SOFTBALL!

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To see if your association has provided additional instructions for you, please [Click Here](#) to view help documents.



Coach Conduct

- Code of Conduct Review
 - Every parent & volunteer agreed to this during their registration.
 - Our league is comprised of 600+ 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.



Coaching Resources

- SOFTBOK: Softball Body of Knowledge
 - Can be found in Coaches Corner on the RGS website
 - Password: *UsaSoftball2025*
- Player Clinics
 - Learn to Pitch Clinics - \$5 per player, per session
 - Learn to Catch Clinics - \$5 per player, per session
 - High School Partner Clinics - \$25 per player, per session
- Want a coach or manager mentor? We can pair you!



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

- T-Ball & 6u: 6upa@rosevillegirlssoftball.org
- 8u: Mary Castro 8upa@rosevillegirlssoftball.org
- 10u: 10upa@rosevillegirlssoftball.org
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RGS Umpire Program

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.





League Updates

Secretary Update

Virtual 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*
- T-Ball and 6u teams will also receive 2 batting helmets and 2 bats
- 14/16u teams will also receive first aid kits



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
- Lock equipment boxes at the end of day
- Chalker and box templates are chained to the fence
- Bases are put away and base plugs are put in the holes for the base
- Mahany fields are used by Woodcreek High School softball for practice. Wait until the high school has left the field. **DO NOT use the area between the fields while the high school has the field.**

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



Field Manager Update

Field Prep

- HOME TEAM is responsible for setting up/chalking the field. Home teams also freshen up chalk lines IF needed.
- AWAY TEAM is responsible for breaking down/dragging fields at the end of game day. Double check to make sure all equipment is where it should be at the end of game day.
- EMPTY ALL CHALKERS after the final game for the day.
- We have a small handheld toolbox that has all the small tools to prep fields. Make sure the tools are returned to the handheld toolbox after the field is prepped and tool box is returned to the storage box.
 - Included is a measuring reel for the pitchers mound, string reel for setting fair foul line, hammer, nails and pitching mound nails.
- Watch the YouTube [tutorial](#) created by RGS
- Please be respectful of the equipment. We all have to use it.



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

- Practice schedule will be located online (RGS website)
 - Preseason: 1x weekday, 1x weekend practice.
 - In-Season: 1x weekday practice.
 - Additional practices can be added once ALL teams have had a chance to fill their allotted practice times.
 - 10u teams will not schedule practice Thursdays to allow for Select team to avoid conflicts
- 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.
- 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.
- Changes/Cancellations: Email scheduler@rosevillegirlssoftball.org



Uniform 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.

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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.

