

Welcome to Guelph Minor Softball Association

We would like to welcome you to an even more exciting season of softball! 2017 was an excellent season and 2018 will be even better! We are planning away and working on how to improve our already successful program.

Here are some things you can expect this season...

- An indoor training facility for all house league teams to practice
- Even more player clinics
- Coaches Clinics and training.
- Championship Day
- NEW UNIFORMS!!!

We want your children to love this game and as-always we look forward to watching your child grow and enjoy their experience within our organization.

Our focus continues to be children from Blastball through to Midget. We will continuously encourage their love of the sport by having fun while teaching the fundamentals and building long lasting friendships.

Active participation of all our young members is essential.

We have had a long history of developing athletes of all skill levels and look forward to what the future of our great league has to hold. We continue to make positive changes and try to stay upto-date with Softball Canada guidelines, we hope your experience with us as we continue to grow is a positive one.

Please review this season's important dates and information.

<u>START DATES – weather dependent</u>

Blastball - Saturday June 9 - July 28

T-Ball - Saturday May 26 - July 28

NEW BLASTBALL & T-BALL will have a CHAMPIONSHIP DAY JULY 28

Minor Mite – Tuesday May 8 – August 18

Mite - Thursday May 10 - August 18

Squirt – Wednesday May 9 – August 18

Novice – Tuesday May 8 – August 18

Bantam/Midget – Thursday May 10 – August 18

Team/Player Requests – GMSA will do our best to create equal teams based on previous player evaluations from the coaches. For this reason, you may request 1 player (not coach) and the request must be reciprocal, however requests are NOT guaranteed. We apologize if your child did not get their coach of choice but we assure you that each and every one of our coaches are great and have your child(ren)'s best interest at heart.

Fundraiser – This season we will hold a raffle for 3 cash prizes. Each player will receive 3 books of 10 raffle tickets with their registration. This will be added to the registration cost. You may keep all 30 tickets or sell. Draw will be held during our "CHAMPIONSHIP DAY"

Photo Day - June 2nd and will be held at John F. Ross. Coaches will be handing out photo packages at your first game. Schedule attached will be attached.

Year End BBQ – August 18 Our Season will close with our final medal games and year end BBQ.

Rain-Out Policy – The City Of Guelph closes diamonds by 2pm should the weather be an issue. Our organization will do our best to contact Coaches before 5pm in the event the weather becomes an issue after 2pm. Watch your emails, Facebook and twitter feeds.

Website – Please check out our NEW website at guelphminorsoftball.ca for all season standings, highlights and individual team information! Don't forget to subscribe to receive updates and changes as they happen!

NEW THIS YEAR

Coaches – After each game you can quickly send in your scores to scores@guelphminorsoftball.ca

We will update your scores and standings on your individual team page!

Annual General Meeting – Please join us on Thursday September 20th at 7pm Location TBD

We will wrap up our season at this time by reviewing financial statements, division reports, answer questions and hold our elections. Anyone may attend this meeting and we strongly encourage it.

Constitutional Amendments

The **AGM** is the ONLY time where amendments to the Constitution can be made. All proposed changes must be received in writing to the President (president@guelphminorsoftball.ca) or (PO Box 1641 Guelph Ontario, N1H-6R7) no later than Thursday September 6th, 2018 (2 weeks prior to the AGM). All proposed amendments must be signed and seconded.

Should you have any general questions or willing to volunteer please contact our Vice President at vp.houseleague.gmsa@gmail.com

Should you require further assistance-

please contact our **President** at **president@guelphminorsoftball.ca**

All other contacts are listed on our website at www.guelphminorsoftball.ca

Yours in Softball,

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