



## **Diamond Stars Softball League Program Overview 2012 Policies and Information**

### **THE PROGRAM**

The Diamond Stars Softball League is managed by the Blue Valley Recreation Commission (BVRC). This league is being offered for teams who wish to compete at a higher skill level.

The Diamond Stars League will offer two divisions of play for the (Spring/Summer of 2012). There will be a division for players who are 10 & under and 12 & under. The age cutoff date is January 1, 2012. Players on a Diamond Stars team are not allowed to play for a team in the recreational division with BVRC.

### **REGISTRATION**

Only team registration will be accepted. Individuals wishing to play should contact a coach about joining their team. To participate in the Diamond Stars League, coaches must complete a league application form and submit it to the BVRC by January 27, 2012. Application forms may be picked up at the BVRC Sports Department office (9701 W. 137<sup>th</sup> street). You may also download the application form from our web site (see page 3). Included with the application must be a \$100 team application fee.

For the 2012 season, the league will be limited to 10 teams per age division. Teams will be notified by February 1 if they have been accepted into the league. Teams not selected for the league will have their \$100 application fee returned. Teams that are accepted into the league will have the application fee credited towards their registration fees. The remainder of the registration fee will be due to the BVRC by February 7, 2012.

### **FEE**

The fee will be \$1,500 per team for 10&U and 12&U. Teams will not have to pay a sponsor fee or coach's fee and will not be charged a gate fee at games.

### **TEAM INFORMATION**

Divisions will be formed by ages, not by grades. Divisions will be offered for teams who are 10 years old & younger, 12 years old & younger. The date to determine eligibility for these divisions will be January 1. There will be no geographical boundary restrictions on

the team formation process. Players will only need to meet the age requirements to participate in the league.

Coaches must turn in a roster listing the players who are on their teams to the BVRC. The deadline for turning in team rosters will be February 7, 2012. Coaches will be allowed to add players to their roster until their first game. There will be no minimum or maximum number of players a team will be required to have on their roster. The league recommends that teams carry between 11 and 13 players.

## **PRACTICES/GAMES**

Practice times will be provided to teams during the months of March and April. Teams will receive two practice times a week during March and one practice time per week during April. Beginning with the month of May practice times will not be provided unless space is available.

Games will be played at the Blue Valley Recreation Complex. The season will begin in late April and end the last week of June. 10&U and 12&U will play a 14 game schedule; all games will be played Tuesday through Thursday.

## **LEAGUE AFFILIATIONS**

The league will be sanctioned with ASA. The league champion in each age division will have their State or National Tournament registration fees paid by the league (maximum \$300). The tournaments covered are ASA, AFA, and USSSA.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Good sportsmanship is a top priority within the Diamond Stars softball program for players, coaches, parents and fans. Coaches are asked to be responsible for their teams. However, the BVRC staff and umpires have complete authority to enforce good sportsmanship. The Diamond Stars League has strong rules regarding interaction with umpires and ejections from games. If a coach or parent is ejected from a game they must immediately leave the complex and will be required to serve a one-game suspension. Stricter penalties may be invoked by BVRC should the situation warrant.

## **UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT**

Teams will be responsible for providing their own uniforms and playing equipment. The BVRC will provide game balls for league games.

## **SPONSORS**

Teams are not required to pay a sponsor fee to BVRC.

## **TEAM PICTURES**

Pictures are not included in the registration fee. However, the BVRC will coordinate a picture day for teams who wish to have pictures taken. Teams are responsible for payment to the photographer.

## **Web Site Information**

For information regarding registration information, schedules, standings and other general information about the Diamond Stars League you may visit the following web site:

[www.bluevalleyrec.org](http://www.bluevalleyrec.org)

## **TIMETABLE**

Listed below is a general timetable for the 2012 season:

January 27	-	deadline for team applications
February 1	-	teams notified of selection
February 7	-	team registration fees due
February 7	-	coaches meeting
March 3	-	practices begin
April 2	-	games begin (10&U and 12&U)
Late June	-	season concludes

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION**

Teams may call (913) 685-6099 ext. 3 for weather information. Updates will also be online at [www.bluevalleyrec.org](http://www.bluevalleyrec.org).

## **QUESTIONS?**

For more information, please call the BVRC Sports Department at 685-6030.