



SOFTBALL 2020—Information

When do we start?

The evaluations and draft will be held in early April after Spring Break. Be on the lookout for an email with the exact dates and times and check the GJLS Website. Players only need to bring their glove to the evaluations. Player drafts will be held immediately after the evaluations and coaches will contact their players 1-2 days after the draft. If your player cannot attend the evaluation she will still be drafted onto a team. Practices will start the following week and be 2-3 days

a week through April and early May.

What equipment does my daughter need?

For starters all girls need a glove. We also recommend that they have their own bat and helmet equipped with a chin strap and face mask that must be worn while batting. Players play better with their own equipment that fit to their bodies and they can practice with at home. Some helmets will be provided for those who don't have their own but they'll need to share the ones provided. We recommend an equipment bag that can carry their gear for practice and games. Players should wear shoes with cleats (no metal spikes).

When do we play games?

Games will start in May. 8U and 12U will play Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. 10U will play Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Most teams will play two games a week and hold a practice, but some weeks there will be three games scheduled. Depending on weather there could also be games on Sundays for all divisions during the regular season and tournament. The regular season consists of 12 games.

We want to plan vacation—when is the season over?

The postseason tournament will be completed no later than July 3rd.

I played last year—are there any changes I need to be aware of?

There are some changes in 2020. In order to establish balanced teams we will no longer keep teams together from year to year--everyone will be entered into the draft this season. The 8U division will use a pitching machine this season instead of coach-pitch, providing consistency for the girls. We will also be playing in a league with teams from Reynoldsburg, Licking Heights and Bexley. All teams will play at least six home games, but with Gahanna having multiple teams, expect to play at a minimum 8 out of the 12 games at Middle School West.

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