



City of Broadview Heights Parks and Recreation Department

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Information: Broadview Heights Fastpitch Travel Softball



Who Can Play

Broadview Heights fields teams in each age group beginning with 10U (10 and under) through High School. The age is the player's age as of January 1st of the upcoming season.

Teams usually have a roster of 11-12 players.

Each player must try out to make the team. They will be evaluated on basic skills, attitude and hustle.

Games

Games begin in May or June (older teams usually begin in June) and run through mid to late July. A team will typically play between 16 and 18 regular season games and possibly several tournaments.

Our teams play in the Emerald Necklace Fastpitch Softball Association against other local cities. The furthest you would likely travel to a game would be Rocky River or Bay Village. Most games are against cities such as Brecksville, Strongsville, Hudson, etc.

Games are played during the week and weekends, usually 1-2 games per week. They are 7 inning games with a two hour time limit.

Fastpitch softball games are played under High School softball rules with some slight modifications for the younger age groups. None of the Broadview Heights specific rules apply in this league.

Many people have a misconception about travel softball and the intensity with which games are played. Most coaches, our coaches included, understand that this is a game. It is supposed to be fun and a learning experience for the girls. Winning is not the number one goal. Development of their skills and a love for the game is our goal.

Teams will encounter coaches and parents that take the game more seriously than it should be taken. But, you will also find that in recreational leagues as well.

Practices

Teams often begin practicing indoors once per week after January 1st with practices running up to the beginning of the season. Practice times and schedules will be determined by the coaches.

As soon as weather allows, teams begin practicing outdoors. Usually early to mid-April.

Costs

Costs will vary depending upon a number of factors such as number of tournaments played, type of uniform selected and indoor practice fees. Broadview Heights registration fees are \$245 for members and \$255 for non-members. Many teams offset the costs with fundraising.