



Softball Coach's Packet

Thank you so much for coaching!! We are excited to start the new season and hope you and your team have FUN!! If you are not able to fill a team, you may add players from our City of Iona Sports page on Facebook. Players must play at grade level or up, but will not be permitted to play down a level. Our fields will be available for scheduled pre-season practice times starting May 10th. To schedule the fields, please email office@cityofiona.org.

Season: **10 games total.** 8 regular season games, June 7th-July 2nd, with optional 2 game guarantee tournament, July 5-9th. Days and times of the pitching machine and modified pitch games will be determined following registration. Pitching machine and Modified games may be played in the daytime. Fast pitch games will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Fee: **\$46.00** per player which includes shirt – if you would like to purchase your own uniforms, there will be a discount of \$7.50 per player. Head coach gets a \$5.00 discount for 1 child only.

Drop-Off Registration: Iona City Building, 3548 N. Main St. Iona
Opens – Monday, April 26 @10:00 am
Closes – Wednesday, April 28th @5:00 pm

Registration Checklist:

- Please provide **only 1 check per team**. Team members should pay the coach and the coach can write a check for the entire team to the City of Iona.
- Background checks are required for head coaches unless you completed one for the 2021 City of Iona basketball season.
- Please total your shirt sizes on your team roster. Be sure to write if you are coaching more than 1 team.
- Shirt colors and team names will be on a first come, first serve basis. The earlier you get your registration submitted, the more likely you are to get what you requested.
- Make a copy of your roster to keep for yourself, as well as a copy of the rules.
- Please use a staple or a manila envelope to secure all paperwork.
- Please turn in your team registration packet, complete with team roster, one check, signed waivers, background checks, and signed code of conduct to the city office building before the closing date. We are not accepting individual registrations.
- No early, late, or incomplete packets will be accepted. Please don't tell your team members to come sign up individually.**
- Coaches and one assistant will be provided a t-shirt. Extra shirts are \$8.00.
- Please practice social distancing as you drop off your packets.
- We **WILL** accommodate schedule conflicts for coaches with two teams. We **WILL NOT** accommodate other special scheduling requests (girls camp, sports tournaments, etc.) Please let the league director know if your team is unable to attend a game so we can make arrangements for another team to play in your timeslot. Missed games will not be made up and considered a forfeit.

For additional information, please contact call or text the Sports Director: 208-716-8907

City of Iona hours: 9 to 5 Monday-Friday Address: 3548 N. Main, PO Box 487, Iona, ID 83427

Softball Rules

2nd-4th Grade Rules

1. A thrown bat will result in one warning and then will be an automatic out. This is for the safety of everyone.
2. A team consists of 10 players on the field, with four players in the outfield.
3. The pitching machine will be set at 35 mph (may be adjusted slightly to ensure the balls gets over the plate). Each batter will get the regular 3 strikes, and 4 balls rule. If you have questions, please ask before the game starts.
4. The "at-bat" for each team will end when three outs are made. If three outs are not made, the team's "at-bat" will end when 8 runs have scored. Continuation of runners is in effect, so a team may score a max of 11 runs in one inning.
5. When an overthrow to the first baseman skips out of play, the umpire will place the batter at second base. The rule is that when the defensive team puts the ball out of play, the batter will get two bases from the base she was at when the play started. Since the batter started the play at home, two bases would put her at second base. Or in baseball jargon "one base on an overthrow". Do not argue the saying to mean more than the above. Such as "the runner was already advancing towards second base, so the runner should be granted third base as well."
6. When the ball remains in play, (inside the chain link 1st base fence line and 3rd base fence line) the runner may go as far as they can until the play is complete. The play has ended when a defensive player makes a purposeful and realistic attempt to throw the ball to the pitcher within the pitcher's circle. It will be the umpire's discretion of when the ball is dead. Please be compliant if you are asked to return to a base. For example, an outfielder attempting a throw from their outfield position and delivers the ball is off course or does not reach the pitcher's circle will be considered a live ball and the runners may continue to advance. A second example, is an infielder making a purposeful throw to the pitcher within a reasonable distance to the pitcher's circle, and the ball slips by the pitcher, the umpire will judge the ball dead and runners may not advance. Bottom line: Do not take advantage of little girls who are still learning to throw and catch.
7. A team must begin each game with at least 6 players.
8. Bunting is not allowed.
9. Runners may not lead off the base. No Stealing.
10. No coaches on the field in play area, except in between innings. You may have base coaches on the 1st and 3rd base sidelines.
11. Games are scheduled for 5 innings or 1 hour 5 minutes. If weather conditions begin to be unfavorable during the course of the game, 3 innings will constitute a complete game.
12. No abusive language or behavior will be tolerated from coaches, teams, or fans. Coaches are asked to treat the umpires with respect. If questions arise, discuss the matter with the umpire before or after the game.
13. Games need to start on schedule. A 10-minute grace period will be allowed for the first game only.
14. Please teach your players to slide where necessary (close plays at bases) to avoid collisions and injuries. Umpires will have discretion to call a runner out if a collision could have been avoided by a slide. Likewise, please teach your players covering the bag to not interfere with a runner's advancement to the next base. Umpires will also have the discretion to allow an extra base if they determine a fielder interferes with a runner's advancement.
15. Rain Outs: Please check City of Iona website or our Facebook page for rain outs. Coaches will then be responsible to contact all team members. Be prepared to play make-up games on Friday of the same week as the rainout. If your team has two rainouts in one week, you will only remake the first rained out game. Make-up games will not be rescheduled if you are unable to attend.

4th and 5th Modified Fast pitch Rules:

1. Games will last 5 innings, or 1 hour and 15 minutes, whichever comes first. If weather conditions begin to be unfavorable during the course of the game, 3 innings will constitute a complete game.
2. 10 players may play in the field. A pitcher, catcher, four infielders, and four outfielders.
3. A maximum of 7 runs per inning. Continuation of runners will be in effect, so a maximum of 10 runs may occur.
4. Bunting and stealing are allowed on a pitch from a player-pitcher only. Bunting and stealing ARE NOT allowed on a pitch from a coach-pitcher. Runners may advance/steal home on an overthrow to third base, a passed ball on the catcher, and an errant throw back from the catcher to pitcher. Stealing home is only applicable on a pitch/passed ball/throwback from a player-pitcher only.
5. If an overthrow goes out of play, runners will advance to the next base as determined by the umpires.
6. A base runner may lead off the base AFTER the player-pitcher releases the ball.
7. Infield fly rule does not apply.
8. There shall be no advancement to first on a dropped third strike from a player-pitcher or coach-pitcher. Base-runners may steal on a dropped third strike, if the pitch is from a player-pitcher only.
9. Play is considered dead when the pitcher has the ball inside of the pitcher's circle. Continuing to run when the ball has reached the infield, but not in the pitcher's circle, is allowed, but it is not a good technique to teach to players.
10. Pitching:
 - A. ABSOLUTELY NO WALKS IN THIS DIVISION! (Except when a player-pitcher hits a batter.)
 - B. We prefer that coaches will teach the "windmill" technique for fast pitch, but it is not required.
 - C. 35-foot pitching rubber with an 11-inch softball.
 - D. Balls and strikes will be called by an umpire.
 - E. A player-pitcher may begin with one foot touching the rubber (Idaho High School rule), and may step back with one foot to begin their motion. (Idaho High School pitching rules apply to this division). (A.S.A. rules require both feet on pitching rubber, and no step back.)
 - F. A player-pitcher will pitch to each new batter. If after a player-pitcher reaches a 4-ball count, and the batter has not struck out or put the ball into fair play, a coach-pitcher for the batting team will enter and deliver a maximum of 3 underhand pitches. (The batter will retain her count and be held accountable for previous strikes). If a batter has not put the ball into fair play after a maximum of 3 pitches from a coach-pitcher, THE BATTER IS OUT, regardless of bad pitches from a coach-pitcher. A coach-pitcher may pitch from anywhere inside the pitcher's circle. The player-pitcher must play even with or behind the coach-pitcher and must remain in the pitcher's circle during the pitch. Fouls balls off a pitch from a coach-pitcher are not factored into the maximum pitches from a coach-pitcher.
 - G. No quick-pitches from the coach-pitcher. They must ensure the defense is ready first. This is for safety reasons. If an umpire determines a coach-pitcher throws a quick-pitch, they will call "NO PITCH!", and play will be restarted.
 - H. The coach-pitcher MAY NOT interfere with a thrown or hit ball. If an umpire determines that a coach-pitcher interferes with a thrown or hit ball, the batter is out and runners will return to their base occupied at the time of the pitch.
11. If a coach-pitcher is hit with a batted ball after delivering a pitch, the ball is considered dead. The batter is awarded first base and all runners may advance one base only. Coach-pitchers will try their best to avoid being struck with a hit ball.
12. Runners may advance as far as they can on a pitch from a coach-pitcher or player-pitcher until the play is called dead from the umpires.
13. Any thrown bat called by an umpire will be an automatic out.
14. Games must begin on time. A 10-minute grace period will be allowed, then a forfeit will be called.
15. No metal cleats please.
16. Runners must slide when necessary to avoid a collision. If the umpire determines a player could have slid to avoid a collision, the runner can be called out, and the play is dead. Likewise, basemen should avoid playing on top of the bag and allow to base runners to run without contact. If an umpire determines a baseman has impeded the progress of the runner, the runner may be awarded the next base.
17. If questions arise, please discuss the matter with the umpires BEFORE or AFTER the game.

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6th-8th Grade Rules

1. A thrown bat will result in one warning and then will be an automatic out. This is for the safety of everyone.
2. A team will have 9 players on the field.
3. A team must begin each game with at least 6 players.
4. A game is scheduled for 5 innings or 1 hour 15 minutes. If weather conditions begin to be unfavorable during the course of the game, 3 innings will constitute a complete game.
5. The "at-bat" for each team will end when three outs are made. A seven-run rule will be used. If a team scores 7 runs in one inning, the inning will end. Continuation of runners is in effect, so a maximum of 10 runs in one inning may occur.
6. Bunting is allowed.
7. Runners may not lead off. They may steal after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Runners can advance as far as possible on an overthrow. Play is considered dead when the pitcher has the ball near the pitcher's rubber, or the ball goes out of play.
8. No coaches on the field in play area, except in between innings. You may have base coaches on the 1st and 3rd base sidelines.
9. Idaho High School rule for pitchers will be used. A pitcher may begin delivery with one foot in contact with pitching rubber and may step back. Please practice pitching and be proficient before the 1st game. (A.S.A. rules require both feet on pitching rubber, and no step back. ASA rules will be enforced if you go to travel tournaments.)
10. No abusive language or behavior will be tolerated from coaches, teams, or fans. Coaches are asked to treat the umpires with respect. If questions arise, discuss the matter with the umpire before or after the game.
11. Games need to start on schedule. A 10-minute grace period will be allowed for the first game only.
12. Please teach your players to slide where necessary (close plays at bases) to avoid collisions and injuries. Umpires will have discretion to call a runner out if a collision could have been avoided by a slide. Likewise, please teach your players covering the bag to not interfere with a runner's advancement to the next base. Umpires will also have the discretion to allow an extra base if they determine a fielder interferes with a runner's advancement.
13. A batter may not run to 1st on a dropped 3rd strike.
14. Look-back rule: A walked batter may continue to run to 2nd if the pitcher is in the circle but not on the rubber and has the ball. However, if they hesitate or make a move back to 1st after continuing to 2nd, they are out. However, if the pitcher makes a move to try to throw out the runner, the runner has the right to return to the base without being called out.
15. Since all players on the team will bat, a DP-FLEX or DESIGNATED HITTER will not be used in this league.
16. Players may be pulled for substitutions and allowed to be re-entered in the game at any time, other than the following pitching rule.
17. After a starting pitcher has been pulled, they may re-enter the game to pitch, but only after the relief pitcher has pitched to at least one batter for a full at-bat. If the starting pitcher has been pulled twice during the game, they are not allowed to pitch again that game. All relief pitchers are not allowed to re-enter (as a pitcher) after being pulled once, but may play elsewhere in the field.
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Softball Team Roster

Team Name: _____

Coach: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone# _____ Email: _____

Coaching another team? Please include name/age group: _____

Team Skill Level- Beginner 1st-3rd Beginner 4th-5th Beginner 6th-8th
 Competitive 1st-3rd Competitive 4th-5th Competitive 6th-8th

(Please CIRCLE the level your team would like to play in. Players must play at grade level or up. If your team won most of their games last year, then they are considered competitive.)

Player Name	Grade	Shirt Size – Circle one (youth s,m,l or adult sizes)
1		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
2		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
3		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
4		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
5		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
6		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
7		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
8		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
9		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
10		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
11		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
12		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
13		YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL
TOTAL (Coach, please write total for each size):		YS____ YM____ YL____ AXS____ AS____ AM____ AL____ AXL____

Shirt Color - Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____ Shirt Print: Black or White

Coach shirt size: _____ (Circle one: Regular or Ladies Fit)

Asst. shirt size: _____ (Circle one: Regular or Ladies Fit)

Shirt colors and fit guides are available at augustasportswear.com by searching 2793. Color choice is first come, first serve. If both color choices have been taken, we will call you.

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

Please read this form carefully and be aware that by agreeing to allow the City of Iona to investigate your criminal background, you will be waiving and releasing all claims for damages you might sustain out of the **criminal background check** and review.

I understand that a successful criminal background check is a condition of my employment/volunteerism with the City of Iona. Furthermore, I understand that providing false information will result in a negative background check and you will not be allowed to be an employee or volunteer for the City of Iona.

I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have against the City of Iona and their officers, agents, servants and employees, as a result of participating in the criminal background check.

I do hereby fully release and discharge the City of Iona, their respective officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims from damages which I may have or may occur to me on account of the results of any aspect of the criminal background check.

I understand I will not be able to work or volunteer in any manner until this background check is complete and approval is confirmed through the Iona Police Department.

I understand background checks for employment/volunteerism with the Iona Sports Program will be valid for the current calendar year, the positive check was completed, and the following calendar year.

I have read and fully understand this Waiver and Release of All Claims.

Please read carefully and print clearly.

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (00/00/0000)

Sex (M or F)

Social Security Number

Address

City

Zip Code

Signature

Parent/Guardian if 17 or younger

Date

City of Iona

Participant/Coach/Spectator Code of Conduct

Participants (Coaches, Parents, Spectators, and Players) WILL:

- Be respectful to teammates, coaches, opposing coaches and members of the other team, referees/umpires, fans, spectators, and City of Iona property.
- Never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- Respect the decisions of the referees/umpires, even when their calls do not go in your favor.
- Remember that this is a recreational league to teach skills and enjoyment of the game, and to have fun.
- Help ensure that the game environment, including City of Iona, is free of illegal drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.

Participants (Coaches, Parents, Spectators, and Players) WILL NOT:

- Exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct toward players, referees/umpires, spectators, and opposing team members.
- Use abusive, obscene, profane, or damaging language.
- Begin or engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, referee/umpire, City of Iona Staff, or any other attendee.
- Initiate an argument, fight, or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, referee/umpire, City of Iona staff, or any other attendee.
- Cheer or chant against the opposing team.

Rights of the City of Iona

- The City of Iona reserves the right to eject any offender from the game premises, or to suspend the offender from future City of Iona, who violates any standard of the City of Iona Code of Conduct. This is solely to the discretion of the City of Iona Staff.
- The City of Iona reserves the right to conduct a background check on any coaches as the City of Iona sees necessary.

Acknowledgement

By submitting my team's registration for the City of Iona Baseball or Softball League, I agree:

- My team (parents included) and I have read and will abide by The City of Iona Code of Conduct.
- My team (parents included) and I will report unaddressed violations of The City of Iona Code of Conduct to City of Iona Staff.

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Date: _____