

**ROSEMOUNT**  
Rosemount Area Athletic Association

*Irish*

# In-house Softball

2017 Season

## Mission Statement

*Rosemount Area Athletic Association In-house Softball is a volunteer nonprofit organization committed to providing all girls in our community with an athletic experience that promotes positive self-esteem, team spirit and individual growth. Our goal is to teach the fundamentals of the game, encourage development, promote good sportsmanship and teamwork.*

# Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)

- RAAA promotes and encourages all parents and coaches to learn more about Positive Coaching Alliance



**PLAYERS PLAY  
COACHES COACH  
REFS REF  
CROWDS CHEER**



# 2017 Changes

- Addition of pre-K girls to the program
- Clinic style format for the Pre-K and Kindergarten girls
- New Age groups
  - Grades 1 & 2
  - Grades 3 & 4
- South Metro Slowpitch League for girls 5th grade to 12th grade.

# 2017 Stats

- 174 Players (145 from 2016)
- 11 Teams
  - preK & K : Large clinic team with stations
  - 5 – 1st/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teams
  - 4 – 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> grade Teams
  - 1 – 5th-7<sup>th</sup> grade Team

# Equipment Needs

- Mandatory Equipment:
  - Glove
  - Tennis shoes
- Recommended:
  - Helmet
  - Cleats
- Provided
  - Softballs and RIF Balls
  - Helmets
  - Catcher's Gear
  - Bats
  - Face Masks

# Parent Expectations

- Pre-k to grades 3rd/4th - parents or responsible adult are expected to stay at practice the entire time
- 5th-7th – please be on time for pick up. Coaches are not allowed to transport other children after practice
- Assist coaches with players on the bench when needed
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base coaches will be needed

# Kindergarten & Pre-K

- 60 participants
- Girls will be put into groups on approximately 10
- New clinic style format
  - Skills stations with rotation
  - Focus on development
  - Unofficial games the last night
- Hosted at Diamond Path Elementary
- We would love to have a leader for this group from the selected coaches. Let us know you can help.



# Grades 1 & 2

- 56 participants
- Coach Pitch
- All players bat
- All Players can field each inning
- 4-5 pitches before using the tee
- More practices, less games
- Each girl should experience each position throughout the season
- Snack Schedule

# Grades 3 & 4

- 43 participants
- Girls Pitch slow pitch
- 3 outs or 5 runs - whichever occurs first
- More practices, less games
- Pitchers need to wear face masks provided
  - New this year
- Only 10 players on the field at one time
- Snack Schedule

# Schedules

All schedules are posted on your Athletechs page that you used to sign your daughter up for softball.

- Pre-k & K girls will play Wednesdays May 31st-June 28th
- 1st & 2nd girls play on Tuesday and Thursday nights May 1st to June 30th
- 3rd & 4th girls play on Monday and Wednesday nights May 1st to June 30th
- 5th- 12th grade on Tuesday and Thursday nights

# South Metro Slowpitch League

- 15 participants grades 5-7
- Slow pitch league across multiple communities. 13 teams total.
  - Inver Grove Heights, Apple Valley, Eagan, Prior Lake, & Burnsville
- Official game rules sent out in email.
- 2 weekend tournaments
  - Mid Season: Prior Lake Ponds Fields - June 24th and 25th
  - Championship: Burnsville Lac Lavon fields - July 22nd and 23rd

# Coaches

- Reminder: All coaches and parent assistants are volunteers
- All coaches are required to do a background check and concussion training
- More coaches needed
  - Coaches or parents interested in helping their team, please stay for 15 minutes after this meeting to pick up additional information

# Weather

- Directors will only cancel in event of severe weather (Lightning)
- Coaches can decide to cancel or play if other weather related issues
- Coaches will notify parents of cancellations
  - Please update your contact info to an email you have access to outside of work hours

# Fields

- Diamond Path Elementary
- Kidder Park
- Rosemount Elementary
- Rosemount Middle School
- Fieldstone Park
- Shannon Park Field 1
- *Not all teams will play at each location*
- *Please be respectful to the properties around each field*

# Kick - Off Event

- April 30: 12-4pm
  - Pre-K/K - 12 pm to 1 pm
  - 1st/2nd grade- 1 pm to 2pm
  - 3rd/4th grade - 2 pm to 3 pm
  - 5th-7th grade - 3pm to 4pm
- Location:
- Pick up Uniforms - if unavailable to attend, you will get your uniform at the first practice
- Pick up equipment bags if able to
- Practice with Rosemount Traveling Softball players and coaches.



# Pictures

Pictures are tentatively scheduled for May 30th. Please email us ASAP if there are any school activities that conflict in the district.

# Board Members

- Annie Torrini - Co Director
- Heidi Wojcik - Co Director
- Amy Lemaniak - Liason to RAAA Board

**We are in need of board members.**

Positions available equipment, fields, uniforms, and finance. Please contact us if you have interest or would like more information.



Thank you parents!



Any Questions