



Limestone Girls Softball Association
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REGISTRATION: Saturday, March 3rd & 10th from 9am – 12pm at Limestone High School (auditorium foyer)

COACH APPROVAL: Monday, March 19th during LGSA board meeting at 7pm at the Clubhouse

COACH'S MEETING: Wednesday, April 11th at 7pm to distribute equipment bags and LGSA rules & regulations

PLAYER DRAFT: Sunday, April 15th at Oak Grove West Grade School

Draft is for new players to the league and for players who have requested to be taken off an existing team and put back into the draft. A registered player who is going through the draft but is unable to attend the draft will be placed on a team according to LGSA rules. **PLEASE WEAR GYM SHOES**

Lil Lassie & Lassie divisions: No draft – automatic team placement

Junior division: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Senior division: No draft – automatic team placement

PLAYER NOTIFICATION: Coaches will notify team players by **Friday, April 20th**. If you have not been contacted by this date, please notify the LGSA League Commissioner.

FUNDRAISERS: LGSA will conduct several fundraisers again this year. All proceeds are used for field improvements, equipment purchases, etc. Contact Andy O'Neil 309-210-1005 or Kristy Karmenzind 309-453-4856 for more details.

Steak Fry: steak dinner provided by Raber's on **Saturday, March 24th** from 5:00 – 6:30pm at American Legion in Bartonville with raffle and door prizes following dinner. Music from 7:00 – 10:00pm.

Dick's Sporting Goods: Shop Dick's on **Saturday, April 14th or Sunday, April 15th** and use your league coupon. Sales from this day help determine the donation amount Dick's gives to LGSA annually.

Popcorn Heaven – yummy, assorted popcorn for sale. Order forms must be returned by **Wednesday, May 23rd**. Popcorn must be picked up **Wednesday, June 6th** at the Clubhouse (during league pictures).

SPIRIT WEAR: Order your LGSA apparel online through Central Illinois Printing before **Monday, May 7th**. Apparel will be distributed **Wednesday, May 23th**. Visit <http://www.teamcip.com/lgsa-house-league> to place your order today.

T-SHIRT Pickup: Wednesday, May 23th from 6:00 to 7:00pm (coaches only) at the Clubhouse

PICTURE DAY: Wednesday, June 6th from 4:30pm – 9:00pm. Schedules and location to be provided.

SKILLS CLINICS: Each division, except Seniors, will host a group skills clinic during the month of May in which all teams participate together doing various drills. Teams are strongly encouraged to practice individually as well.

REGULAR SEASON: In house play will start on **Tuesday, May 29th** and run through **Sunday, July 8th**. Lil Lassie play will extend through **Thursday, July 12th** since this division does not have tournament play.

TOURNAMENT (excluding Lil Lassie): **Monday, July 9th thru Friday, July 20th**

**Dates subject to change based on weather conditions and diamond availability per the Village of Bartonville*

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Equipment Guidelines

Batting helmets (all divisions): MUST have a face mask, chin strap and cover the entire head and both ears.

Bats (except Lil Lassie): only fast pitch, softball bats allowed. Bats must have an ASA certification marking (usually at the bottom of the barrel just above the handle). Banned ASA bats, even if it has the ASA marking, will not be permitted. See Certified Equipment on teamusa.org for complete details as bats may be banned at any time. Example ASA marking shown below:



There are numerous options on the market today in terms of size, type, style, etc. If you are going to purchase a bat, be sure to find something that your daughter is comfortable swinging repeatedly. Bat size is determined by length in inches and weight in ounces. As an example, a 31" 21 oz bat is also known as a "drop 10" (the difference between length and ounces). If a bat is too short, too long or too heavy for a given player, it could impede her hitting ability. Sizing tricks:

1. Place the bat on the floor and align with the hip. If the bat is several inches above her hip, it may be too long. If the bat is several inches below the hip, then it's likely she could move to a longer bat.
2. Have the player hold the bat, at the end of the handle, in one hand and move the bat from left to right. Can she comfortably move the bat back and forth with one hand? If not, the bat may be too big.
3. Have her swing. Does she drop her hands or pull her head in an effort to get the bat around? If so, the bat may be too big.

NEW: Pitchers: all Lassie and Juniors pitchers ARE REQUIRED to wear a face mask while pitching. LGSA will supply face masks if needed but players are encouraged to purchase their own as each mask fit slightly different. Seniors are highly encouraged to wear face mask (and may be required in the near future).

Catcher's gear: LGSA provides complete catcher gear to each team including shin guards, chest protector and mask. Gear MUST be worn during all practices and games when catching.

Optional Equipment: although face masks are not required by ASA or LGSA, many kids do wear face masks during defensive play. This is a parent / player decision. For many of the younger players, a face mask gives confidence and reduces the fear of being hit in the face. Additionally, some players (especially pitchers) are wearing specially designed chest protectors.

Lil Lassies (ages 4 – 6): this league uses an 11" Easton IncrediBall SoftStitch. Be sure fielder's glove is softened (easy to squeeze) and can accommodate an 11" ball. This league allows both softball and tee ball bats but no wooden bats. Cleats are not required but encouraged. Soccer cleats may be used. No metal cleats allowed.

Lassies (ages 7 – 9): this league uses a standard 11" ball. Fielder's glove typically ranges 10.5 to 12.5" in size (usually marked on the inside pocket of glove). Only approved ASA bats. Cleats are recommended. No metal cleats allowed.

Juniors (10 – 12): this league uses a standard 12" ball. Fielder's glove typically ranges 12 to 14" in size (usually marked on the inside pocket of glove). Infielders tend to use a smaller glove (12 or 12.5") whereas first baseman and outfielders tend to use a larger glove (13 – 14"). Catcher mitts are encouraged. Only approved ASA bats. Cleats are recommended. No metal cleats allowed.

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