

## AGSA 2022 Season Information

### 1. All new players to Airdrie Girls Softball are required to complete the following:

- Your player must be registered in Softball Alberta's RAMP for insurance purposes before they can attend any activities, there is no cost to you. Here is the link: click [here](#)
- One parent from each family **must** complete the *one time* Respect In Sport (RIS) online course found [here](#). If you have already done the RIS in another sport you can log into your account and import your number to Calgary Minor Softball. If you are coaching, only the activity leader course is needed, find it [here](#). Please also send in your RIS number to [registrar@airdriegirlssoftball.com](mailto:registrar@airdriegirlssoftball.com).
- Please submit your players proof of age, either a copy of your player's birth certificate or health card, as soon as possible to Darryl at [registrar@airdriegirlssoftball.com](mailto:registrar@airdriegirlssoftball.com).

### 2. CMSA has implemented new season dates per division for 2022:

- **U9 & Divisions 3** in all other categories will finish the season on **June 26th**
- **Division 2** in all categories will finish the season on **July 10th**
- **Division 1** will finish the season on **July 24th**

### 3. SEASON START DATES:

- **Season opening day will be April 30th for ALL divisions U9-U19.** We will start the season with opening weekend which is 2 games Saturday April 30th and 2 games Sunday May 1st.
- **U9, U11 & U15** will play on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** starting **May 3rd**.
- **U13, U17 & U19** will play **Mondays and Wednesday nights** starting **May 2nd**.

Age Category	Birth Year	Nights of the Week
U7 (Timbits)	2015-2016-2017	Tuesdays & Thursdays
U9	2013-2014	Tuesdays & Thursdays
U11	2011-2012	Tuesdays & Thursdays
U13	2009-2010	Mondays & Wednesdays
U15	2007-2008	Tuesdays & Thursdays
U17 - High School	2005-2006	Mondays & Wednesdays
U19 - High School	2003-2004	Mondays & Wednesdays

### 4. CMSA CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- All teams make it to playoffs.
- Playoffs will begin 2 weeks before the season end date for your division.
- Playoffs are double knock out format.
- Coaches will often play more competitively during playoffs.
- Playoff start dates:
  - Div 3, U13/U17 – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Div 3, U9/U11/U15 – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Div 2, U13/U17/U19 – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Div 2, U11/U15 – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Div 1, U13/U17/U19 – July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Div 1, U11/U15 – July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- For more season dates see [here](#).

## 5. GAME TIMES:

- Games start at 6:45pm, coaches will ask you to arrive 45-60 mins prior to game time to allow an adequate warm up for the team.
- It is very important that you update your availability for games as soon as you can. Games cannot be played with less than 5 players in U9 or less than 8 players in U11-U19.
- Games do have a time limit for each division. There are no new innings after 1hr 30mins for U9 and no new innings after 1hr 45mins for U11/U13/U15/U17/U19.

## 6. GAME LOCATIONS:

- We are part of the Calgary Minor Softball Association and will be playing games in Calgary and surrounding areas. Approximately half of the seasons games are home games – [Airdrie Diamonds](#).
- U9, U11 & U13 Divisions 2 & 3 will play in Airdrie, NW Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, and Strathmore.
- U11/U13 Div 1 & U15/17/19 in all divisions, will be playing games in Airdrie, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, Strathmore & Okotoks.
- Team schedules can be found [here](#) once CMSA has released them. This will happen closer to the second half of April.

## 7. UMPIRES:

- There has been a shortage of umpires throughout the province of Alberta lately.
- All categories and divisions require teams to provide a parent volunteer to umpire for each of their home games.
- AGSA has put together a Parent Umpire Reference Guide, [here](#). This document can be found in the equipment boxes at each Airdrie Diamond as well.
- Typically each family will take at least one turn umpiring.

## 8. OUTDOOR TEAM PRACTICES:

- There are 1-2 practices per week. Each Coach/Team determines when their teams' practices will be held, but due to diamonds being used for league games during the week practices are held on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Practices are very important to the growth of our players and their team. This is when coaches can prepare for the season and work on what they've noticed in a game. Please have your player attend all practices.

## 9. INDOOR TEAM PRACTICE TIMES:

- Once teams are formed mid-March, teams will start to practice in the school gyms once per week for an hour.
- These times might not be the same times as game nights, they can be any day Monday to Friday.
- These practices are very important for the development of the players as well as the team ahead of the season. Please do your best to attend all indoor practices.
- Once it warms up, and the diamonds are usable, these practices will move outdoors.

## 10. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS for U9 – U19:

- All Players MUST have their own CSA approved batting helmets with *dual ear flaps, fastened chin strap* and *attached face mask*.
- All players MUST wear a jill/cup to play on the diamond.
- All Players require a fastpitch softball glove.
- Softball cleats are recommended but not mandatory.
- ALL pitchers MUST use an approved face mask for all levels U10 and above.

- Face masks are **strongly** recommended for all infielders but are not mandatory.
  - Purchasing an ASA approved bat is optional (please see bat size guide [here](#) and approved bat listing [here](#)).
  - Purchasing a softball is recommended but not mandatory (U9 – **11"** indoor training ball, U11/U13 – **11"** core 47 optic ball, U15/17/19 – **12"** core 47 optic ball).
- \*One approved pitcher's mask and ASA approved bats are provided in the team equipment bag by **AGSA**.

## 11. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

- *The uniform requirement is:*
  - An Angels Jersey
  - An Angels ball cap
  - Red Socks
  - Navy Pants
  - Red Belt
  - Navy Angels Undershirt (*optional*)
- AGSA provides all players U9-U19 with a jersey, a pair of socks and a ball cap. The socks and ball cap are yours to keep, but the jersey must be returned.
- **Uniform Deposit:**
  - For U9 – U19, upon receipt of the jersey there is a \$75 post dated cheque required to be dated for July 15th. Upon return of the jersey in a good, washed condition by the date set by the AGSA Board, the cheque will be shredded.
- You will need to purchase navy ball pants, a red belt, and a navy undershirt (undershirt is optional and available to purchase through AGSA). When purchasing new pants regular and 3/4 length are acceptable, new belts and pants are available for purchase at Eastside Sports in Airdrie.



## 12. EVALUATIONS:

- The CMSA division categories are:
  - U9, Modified rules, Senior division, and Junior division
  - U11 Division 1, 2 & 3
  - U13 Division 1, 2 & 3
  - U15 Division 1, 2 & 3
  - U17/19 (High School mixed) Division 1, 2 & 3
- AGSA will hold mandatory player evaluations for all U9-U19 divisions when more than one team is registered in a category.
- AGSA believes that every athlete deserves a right to play with other athletes that approach the game in the same way. We offer many tiers of softball. From the beginner to the advanced athlete. We offer a place for all athletes.
- AGSA does accept friend requests at all levels, you can email [president@airdriegirlssoftball.com](mailto:president@airdriegirlssoftball.com) with your request. However we cannot guarantee a friend request will be accommodated since there are evaluations for U9 and up when there is more than one team. This is to place players at the correct level for their safety and skill set.

## 13. TEAM PHOTOS

- Mid-End of May we will have team and individual photos taken by a professional photographer.
- Parents will have different options available to choose from for purchase.

## 14. CMSA WEATHER POLICY

- CMSA determines if games are cancelled due to weather by using the Weather Network and Canada's AQHI. Read their weather policy [here](#) and their Air Quality Policy [here](#).
- Games will be cancelled by 3-4pm on game days.