

LLGSL Middle School Softball FAQ's

What Leagues/Schools are participating in the Program?

[Lower Loudoun Girls Softball League](#)– River Bend, Seneca Ridge, and Sterling Middle Schools

[Ashburn Girls Softball League](#)– Belmont Ridge, Eagle Ridge, Farmwell Station, and Trailside Middle Schools

[Leesburg Girls Softball League](#)– Harper Park, Simpson, and Smarts Mill Middle Schools

[Western Loudoun Girls Softball League](#)– Blue Ridge and Harmony Middle Schools

[Dulles Youth Sports](#)– Willard, Gum Spring, Brambleton, Stone Hill, Lunsford, and Watson Mountain Middle Schools

How does the middle school softball program differ from house league and travel team softball?

The middle school softball program provides interested players an opportunity to play a more competitive level of softball than house league, but not with the full commitment of a travel program. However, this is not a developmental program, therefore, **it has a participation requirement** that each girl be currently registered and rostered on a travel team or a house league team. Teams are encouraged to make sure players get playing time, however, there are no guaranteed playing time minimums. Each participating league will be responsible for managing tryouts, field allocations, coach selection, team selection, practice schedules, and uniforms for the middle schools in their jurisdiction.

How does the middle school softball program registration work?

First, there is an interest only registration. After players have been selected an invite only registration link will be sent to those players. Full payment is expected at the time of registration.

LLGSL MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM TRYOUTS typically occur during the month of February.

Who: All athletes seeking to play for the LLGSL middle school team must attend the try out.

All athletes must be registered before attending. Register at llgsl.com for the Middle School Interest program

Time & Location: TBD will occur based on chosen coaches' availability.

If weather cooperates, we prefer to use **Sully Elementary School** Field # 2 (300 Circle Dr., Sterling, VA)

The season will run from late March through May with playoffs to be held at season's end.

All middle school female athletes (grades 6th– 8th) from the three middle schools in our area; River Bend, Seneca Ridge and Sterling Middle Schools are eligible to tryout. Homeschooled athletes and/or athletes who attend private or parochial schools but live in Loudoun County are also eligible to play for the school whose attendance boundary zones they reside in.

What are the expectations of the middle school program?

This is a competitive program. Most players will have extensive playing experience, and the coaches will expect players to be motivated. Lineups will have strict limitations, and unlike house leagues, there is no full roster batting. Due to the competitive nature of this league, teams expect to have as many as 15 or more rostered players. This may reduce playing time for some.

- There can only be one team formed for each middle school. The teams will be formed from players that attend that school. Schools and teams may be combined if numbers and the required depth at the required positions do not support adequate team size and position depth per school.
- We expect to have a ten to twelve game season with single elimination playoffs.

Time commitment is two evenings per week. There may be a few pre-season practices. Games will be played on Mondays and Fridays. Mondays and Fridays with no scheduled games will be used for practices and make-up games.

What is the cost to play on the middle school team?

The fee will be determined each year based on the number of players invited to join the team and relative costs associated each year. It is estimated to be between \$180 and \$200. This fee will be assessed and payable during the team registration process. This process will be initiated after tryouts and team acceptance notifications are sent out. Payment will be required upon acceptance of offer to join the team. As this is a competitive program, we do not offer any financial assistance for this program. This fee covers the player jerseys and socks, coach's equipment, umpire, and field fees. Middle school players must provide their own playing gear and pants, color to be determined by coach.

Can a player only register for middle school softball?

No, a player must either be a rostered travel team player or registered to play on a house league team to qualify to be on a middle school softball team.

How can a player participate in both middle school and other softball programs?

Middle school games will only be scheduled on Mondays and Fridays. Since no middle school games will be scheduled on the weekends, there should be no travel ball conflicts. The house leagues schedules will be drafted to avoid major conflicts. House league games are usually scheduled on Wednesdays and Saturdays for both 12U and Seniors 13+ division, therefore there should be no conflicts with MS games. It is very important that each player discusses her individual situation with her coaches to set expectations.

Will a separate registration be required for house league team?

Yes, unless your daughter is a current rostered travel team player, she will need to be a registered and rostered member of a house league team.

How will team selection be determined?

Player selection will be determined by the coaches.

What affiliation does this program have with Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS)?

None, other than utilizing LCPS Middle School boundaries for team alignment and LCPS fields via arraignment with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS). This program is administered by the local leagues involved in conjunction with scheduling assistance from the Loudoun County Softball Alliance (LCSA).

Who can I contact if I have questions not answered here?

Send any questions you may have concerning the program to llgirlsoftballleague@gmail.com.