

# **Spring 2024 Information Guide**

#### **Field Location**

Lake Catherine Sports Complex 9470 MacArthur Blvd Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33403

#### **Skills Clinics**

- Saturday, December 30th All Skills Clinic
- Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> Coaches Clinic
- Tuesday, January 9th T-Ball and 8U Clinic
- Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> Pitching Clinic (10U and Senior Divisions Only)

#### **Evaluations**

- 10U and Senior Divisions Only
- Wednesday, January 10th
- Time: 6:00pm
- Evaluations give the coaches the opportunity to see all players conduct some basic softball skills. It provides the coaches with insight into each player's abilities, and it helps to ensure that all teams are drafted with players at all skill levels.

#### **Team Drafts**

- Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following evaluations.
- Any coach that has a child playing in the Spring season, this player will be automatically added to their team. Also, for any siblings that play in the same age group, they will be drafted to the same team unless a parent requests otherwise.

### **Team Information**

 After the notification of what team each child will be playing on, the coach will be communicating with all parents to introduce themselves and provide additional information regarding the practice schedule and expectations for the season.

#### **Team Practice**

- Team practices will start the week of January 15, 2024.
- Each team will be assigned 2 practices a week.

- Once games start, field space permitting, the league will assign 1 practice a week.
- The Softball league hopes to schedule Open Practices with Skills Clinics on Saturday mornings throughout the season.

## **Opening Day**

- Saturday, January 27, 2024
- This is a fun event to introduce all of our teams. There will be Excellent Food, Fun Inflatables, a DJ, Chinese Raffle, and of course Great Softball Games!!!

## **Games and Scheduling**

- All age groups games will start the last week of January.
- Divisions: Subject to change depending on enrollment numbers for each division.

T-Ball: Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm – 6:30pm 8U: Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm – 7:30pm 10U: Monday & Wednesday 5:30pm – 6:30pm Senior: Monday & Wednesday 6:30pm – 7:30pm

## **Closing Ceremonies & Family Fun Night**

• Wednesday, March 27th

### **Uniforms & Equipment**

- T-Ball: Each player will receive a jersey, shorts and socks.
- 8U, 10U and Senior Divisions: Each player will receive a jersey and socks. Players will be responsible for the pants. The pants and socks color will be determined once you are placed on a team.
- Players will need cleats, a glove and a helmet. Bats are recommended but not required.

#### **Sponsorships**

- **Team Sponsors \$350:** The Softball league asks that each team have a team sponsor to help cover costs incurred during the season. Team sponsors will receive their business name on the back of the team's jerseys.
- **Banner Sponsor \$500:** A banner will be placed at Lake Catherine Sports Complex with the business name for the recreation season.
- **Banner & 1 Team Sponsor \$800:** Business name on a banner at Lake Catherine Sports Complex for the recreation season and the business name on the back of the team jersey.

## **Season Updates and Communication**

- All league communication is through Sports Connect emails.
- You can also download the Dick's Team Manager app on your Apple or Android device. Use your Sports Connect login and password. This will give you mobile access to your child's team roster, game reminders, etc.

## **Weather Notifications and Make Up Games**

- We will email if we have any rain outs, please note the City of Palm Beach Gardens makes the decisions on field closures.
- They will usually not make the decision until close to 5 pm as we do our best to get the games played.
- If a game is rained out, the Softball league will attempt to reschedule it to be played at a later date.