



Catholic School Athletic Association  
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**To all AD's and Softball Coordinators,**

CSAA Fast-pitch softball practice/try-outs begins March 5<sup>th</sup>. No parish sponsored clinics, practices, tryouts, or workouts are allowed before this date.

The **team registration form** is available at [www.loucsaa.org](http://www.loucsaa.org) under the softball icon in the sports tab. The form is due **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. E-mail [julie@loucsaa.org](mailto:julie@loucsaa.org) or call the CSAA office with any questions. Make sure to completely fill out the form and include information for all teams you are registering.

**Host sites** - The **softball field manager form** is available at [www.loucsaa.org](http://www.loucsaa.org) under the sports tab in the softball icon. Please provide information if your field is available to host games and if so what days/nights and times are available.

Any team dropped after the listed registration due date listed will result in the parish being charged the full franchise fee.

League play begins the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> and the tournament will tentatively begin the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MANDATORY MEETING:** There will be a meeting for Athletic Directors and/or Softball coordinators from each parish at the CSAA Office (1949 Goldsmith Lane, Suite 101) on **March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**. Packets and information for all teams will be provided at this meeting. Coaches are welcome to attend.

**4th grade and under machine pitch** softball for girls will be a non-competitive league. There will not be any league standings and no post season tournament. The pitching distance is 35 ft.

Pitching distance for 8th grade and 6th grade will be 40 ft.

**Official Softballs:**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division - 11" optic yellow .47 max cor  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division - 11" optic yellow .47 max cor  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Division - 12 "optic yellow .47 max cor

CSAA uses National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rules for catcher's equipment.

**MASKS:** It is mandatory for all catchers's to wear a catcher's mask with a throat protector. This rule applies at all levels.

**BODY PROTECTOR and SHIN GUARDS:** It is mandatory for all catchers to wear a body protector and shin guards.

**HELMETS:** All catchers, base runners and hitters must wear a helmet with a face guard and chin strap. Please keep a minimum of 6 helmets for each team at all times.

**SLIDING** is allowed for both divisions. Please use discretion and teach how and when to slide properly. This could help prevent serious injury.

**FRANCHISE FEE:** 8th and 6th grade divisions will be \$325.00 per team. 4th grade and under division will be \$250.00 per team.

**CSAA softball leagues will use National Federation of High School Rules along with some CSAA Special Rules. Two NFHS rule books will be provided to each school.**

Thank you,

Rick Arnold  
CSAA Executive Director

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CSAA Softball Director