

Hello Storm Softball Coaches of 2024! This is your complete Coaching Guide. PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY AND REFER BACK TO THIS THROUGHOUT YOUR SEASON. It should contain the answers to any questions that arise. For further support reach out to our coach development coordinator: Pam Kydd prkydd@gmail.com

Coaching Courses

At the present time we know that likely Softball Sask will not be adding anymore spring Coaching Clinics. Many of you who need to be, are registered so great job and Thank You! In the meantime, I would encourage you to complete the Foundation of Coaching Softball (FOCS) modules online (Part 1 and 2) as these modules are pre-requisites for both the Community Softball coach pathway (need FOCS 1) and the Softball Competition- Introduction pathway (need FOCS 1 and 2). FOCS1 and 2 can be done online anytime. All coaches need to have their Respect in Sport for activity leaders and should get their Making Ethical Decisions. Active Storm Softball Coaches will be reimbursed for course costs, just email receipts along with your name and mailing address to our treasurer Michelle Maystrowich at michelle_lemon@hotmail.com, and myself prkydd@gmail.com. For ALL NEEDED INFORMATION on all coaching courses, please see the Softball Saskatchewan website under the COACHES tab. DO NOT WAIT! REGISTER FOR YOUR NEEDED PROVINCIAL PATHWAY NOW!!

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/coaching-certification>

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/coaching-clinics>

[Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders - Getting Started \(respectgroupinc.com\)](https://www.respectgroupinc.com)

2024 Provincial Coaching Requirements

See the link below for all coaching requirements.

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/coaching-certification>

Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager Registration

All coaches, assistant coaches and managers need to register on www.whitebutteminorball.ca under Coach registration tab. Here is where you must upload a recent (**within the last two years**) Criminal Record Check, NCCP number, and Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders number. If you have info to add to your already done registration: login to ramp, click on family members tab and go to your name and edit.

<http://whitebuttesoftball.rampregistrations.com/>

RMSL Coaches Meeting

RMSL will be hosting a coach meeting for U11 divisions and up to bring you up to speed on everything according to their league play, rules, and expectations. This is where you will get your game schedules as well. They usually do all the league game scheduling HOWEVER last year they had some divisions schedule their own games in open diamonds during the virtual meeting, so stay tuned to emails regarding those very important meetings you need to be prepared for. The name of the RMSL Executive Director is Kristina Kenny.

Practices

Practices can be scheduled at any of the three community's diamonds (Balgonie, White city and Pilot Butte). Coaches are to contact Shelley Stamm at s.stamm@sasktel.net with their practice request schedule. Shelley is amazing and we are very lucky to have her, so please have patience as she works through the many requests for all teams in both Broncos Baseball and Storm Softball. For the 2023 Softball Season, Storm will once again be implementing the diamond allotment usage per division. Each team will be allotted a certain number of diamond usages throughout the season based on the chart below. Please note there is no limit on batting cage uses, but they still must be booked through Shelley Stamm, to avoid double bookings. If your team decides to go over the allotted limit, your team will be responsible for the cost of the diamond as per the towns diamond usage fee.

If you need to cancel a diamond due to weather or are just unable to use the time, please contact Shelley Stamm at s.stamm@sasktel.net cell: (306)537-8373, so that we are not charged.

Diamond Allotment 2024:

U7- 12 practices

U9- 12 practices

U11- 16 practices

U13- 16 practices

U15- 16 practices

U17- 16 practices

Ladies- 4 practices

If you require the pass code to enter the batting cages for each community, please contact stormsoftball3@gmail.com. This information should be limited to head coaches for each team. It is very important that we make sure to lock these sheds carefully when we are done. We have put a lot of funds and volunteer time in making our community cages great so please be responsible and keep them in good condition.

Division Specific

Division specific information for all coaches will be communicated by your division coordinator as it comes up. Please contact them if you are needing any further support, they will point you in the right direction. You may find the list of division coordinators here:

[White Butte Minor Ball - Storm Softball : Website by RAMP InterActive](#)

U7 Year End Showcase All Star Event

The date for the U7 Year end All Star Event is scheduled for June 22 in Balgonie. This will be run in conjunction with Broncos Baseball Rally Cap teams. Parent Volunteers will be required for this event so make sure your team's parents are aware of their required volunteer shifts.

U9 Clash of the Cleats Tournament

This is our Annual Home U9 tournament hosted in Balgonie May 25-26. This is something our association is very proud of. Every year It has been a huge success and requires many hard-working volunteers to make it happen. Every parent of a u9 player is required to fill their share of volunteer shifts over this weekend so please make this an important point when speaking to your teams at season start. Tournament Committee volunteers will be needed from each U9 team, and anyone interested in helping on the committee should contact our tournament coordinator Karleen Fraser at karleenfraser@gmail.com

Suggested Season Start Basics

-Send welcome email to all parents with roster and season plans. Good idea for teams to hold a brief parent meeting to go over plans for tournaments and other commitments required.

-Get yourself a team manager to help you put together a possible budget with team costs for the season and figure out how much per player you will need to collect for team fees. Could include Photos, Tournament fees, Player gifts, etc

-Setup parent volunteer rotations for any team needs such as scorekeepers, umpires, anything else you want to have laid out for your season.

-Setup a team management app to help you keep scheduling and attendance organized. Softball Sask provides a great resource APP available for all coaches called Athlete Era which can be used for scheduling and attendance. Other options include, Teamlinkt, Teamsnap, Ramp also has an option that should keep your schedules from the Storm Softball master calendar. Whatever your preference to work with.

-if you need help to plan practices or know what or how to teach skills make sure to visit the Softball SK Website there is an enormous number of resources to help guide you. Including information on accessing the new app for anyone who needs or wants more information.

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/softball-mobile-app>

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/coaching-resources>

[Resources Library \(softball.ca\)](#)

Coach Mentorship

This season we would like to encourage any new, inexperienced and/or curious Coaches to arrange time to attend practice with any of our more developed and experienced coaches to help guide them on how

skills are taught and where to start with practice planning. If anyone is interested in this, please reach out to the Coach Development Coordinator: Pam Kydd prkydd@gmail.com , for how we can support the new coaches in this way.

First Aid Kits

For the 2024 Softball Season teams will be responsible for providing their own first aid kits (these can be as simple or complex as you like and can be paid for through team fees). A team manager can help organize these types of team's needs.

Team Photos

Once again, we are excited to have Glen's Lens arrange a team photo day sometime in May for all teams to have their photos done. More information will come on this as far as what dates and how to sign up for your team's timeslot. The cost of team photos is **not** covered by Storm Softball and is something that each team pays for themselves. This is a cost you should be working into your team fees at beginning of the season. Keep an eye out for further needed info on this. In the past a basic photo package is about \$30ish a person.

Possible Tournaments

Check out this link for possible tournaments in your division and don't wait to register for any that you might be interested in attending.

[Softball Saskatchewan : Website by RAMP InterActive](#)

Further information and resources

Link below is Softball Saskatchewan's website. Much more useful information for coaches, players, parents can be found here. Please take the time to check it out.

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/>

Custom Team Clothing and/or Jerseys

Any team is of course allowed to order what they want for custom jerseys/practice shirts/jackets or whatever you wish. Our only requirement is that you are not allowed to make your own logo for game worn jerseys. Anything worn on field for games must have the original Storm Softball Logo on it.

A HUGE thank you goes to all of you and your assistant coaches. We appreciate the time and energy you put in for these athletes!! Our Board members have all been hard at work for months to organize things for these kids, so we hope you enjoy your upcoming season! If anyone you know of might be interested in joining our Board, we would invite you to reach out to stormsoftball3@gmail.com for more information.

Umpire information

We are very excited to be growing our local pool of umpires. We have a wonderful Board Member Audra Hill putting time and energy into supporting the growth and development of our umpires.

Please see the info below for Umpire clinic signup information.



Our Clinic is set for Sunday April 28, 2024 at Pilot Butte Elementary School 9:30 am (9:00 am check-in).

Storm Softball will reimburse the clinic fees for those who umpire for the league. You must be 12 yrs of age or older to umpire. This is a great opportunity to earn some extra cash and give back to the sport of softball!

To register please visit:

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/umpire-registration-amp-clinics>

Any questions you can contact our umpire coordinator Audra Hill at mrsaudrahill@gmail.com

INFO AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATHLETE ERA APP RESOURCE

In this link you will find video's on how to join a team for coaches, join a team for parents, finding drill, skills & plans, practice plans, etc. <http://marketing.athleteera.app/academy>

We are very excited to provide this excellent resource for all coaches in Saskatchewan!!