

Carlsbad Softball Association
Winterball Registration

July 2nd, 2007

Upcoming Registration Dates for Winterball!!!

If you are thinking about winterball, both Chaos and Recreational, the following registrations dates are coming:

Monday July 9th 5PM-7PM at Calavera
Saturday July 21st 9AM-1PM at Calavera
Saturday August 4th 9AM-1PM at Calavera

DO NOT WAIT, as late registration may place you on a waiting list!

Don't wait for that phone call from the Chaos coach if you have not registered! Chaos coaches will only be contacting registered players.

Online registration will also be available by linking at our web site at www.carlsbadsoftball.com

Be prepared for registration by bringing the following:

Things to bring:

1. Your daughter's birth certificate (for insurance purposes).
Note: If your daughter played all-stars this year then you will not need her birth certificate...we already have it on file.
2. Your check book. Cash will not be accepted for registration.
3. The usual information such as doctor and dentist's name and phone numbers, emergency contact phone numbers, your daughter's uniform size, etc.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions regarding Winterball:

Q: Are the games always on Sundays?

A: Yes, winterball games consist of Sunday doubleheaders at either 9AM and 11AM or 1PM and 3PM. The games will always be back-to-back, either two in the AM or two in the PM.

Q: How often do winterball teams practice?

A: Some coaches will practice 1-2 times per week, other coaches don't practice at all. It all depends on the coach.

Q: Does everybody play equally in winterball?

A: If playing recreational, yes, every player will play an equal amount of time and will often get to play new positions because winterball is designed to be developmental.

If playing Chaos, everyone will usually play as well, but in certain circumstances (tournaments) a coach may choose to play more competitively and some players may not play as much as others.

Q: What is the difference between recreational winterball and chaos?

A: Winterball recreational games are generally more laid back and are considered developmental.

Winterball Chaos games are a bit more competitive. Chaos teams are by invitation only, with each Chaos coach selecting his own team.

Q: I heard someone say that my daughter can "play up" or "play down" in winterball. What does that mean?

A: An example of "playing up" would be if your daughter was a second year 10U last season then she can "play up" at the 12U level for this year's winterball.

An example of "playing down" would be if your daughter was a second year 10U last season then she can still "play down" at the 10U level for this year's winterball. An advantage of this might be if your daughter's skill level isn't quite ready for the jump to 12U and could use another season of 10U ball for development.

"Playing up" or "playing down" applies to all divisions for girls who have completed their second year in that division.

Q: How much travel is involved?

A: There will be some travel, but it is generally very local such as Oceanside, La Costa, Encinitas or San Marcos. Of course, half of the games will be at Calavera too! Chaos teams may travel a bit farther.

Q: What is the charge for winterball?

A: Winterball is \$110, which includes a uniform (jersey). There is an additional \$30 charge for girls selected to play Chaos.

Q: How do we let someone know if my daughter has a preference between Chaos and recreational?

A: Feel free to write your preference, if you have one, on your application form when you register. But keep in mind that some girls wanting Chaos may not get selected, and some girls preferring recreational may have coaches begging them to play Chaos.

Q: Does my daughter have to play Chaos if she is selected by a coach?

A: No, your daughter can choose to play recreational.

Q: My daughter ONLY wants to play Chaos. What if she isn't selected?

A: First of all, all girls MUST BE REGISTERED in order to even be considered by a Chaos coach, so don't sit at home waiting for the phone call if you haven't registered your daughter. If not selected for Chaos and your daughter doesn't want to play recreational, then you will receive a full refund of your registration fee.

Q: We sometimes have other activities planned on Sunday, can we miss some of the games?

A: This is generally not a problem with winterball, especially in recreational, but some Chaos coaches may be slightly stricter in this regard. For the most part, missing games is usually not a big problem.

Q: How long does the winterball season run?

A: Winterball starts in late August/early September and runs until early-mid November.

Q: How are fall ball coaches picked?

A: All parents who submit coaching applications will be considered. The winterball coaches will be selected by the CSA board shortly after registration closes on August 4th.

Q: I'm thinking of coaching a winterball team, what should I do?

A: Come to one of the winterball registration dates and fill out a coaching application, or contact Cristi Johnston at csaplayersagent@sbcglobal.net. Have in mind the division you want to coach and whether you would like to coach recreational or chaos.

Coaches will be notified after August 4th.