

THE STORM IS COMING!

San Bruno Storm is the official ASA Junior Olympic (JO) Class B and C All-Star Program of the San Bruno Girls Softball League (SBGSL) that competes in various competitive tournaments during the summer. We field teams in various age levels including 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and 16/18U.



Tryout dates have been set for the 2015 San Bruno Storm Season.

For 2015, we'll have two separate tryouts for Class B teams and Class C teams on separate dates.

Why is this happening?

There has been a major change to the JO program in our local association, NorCal ASA.

In an effort to make the JO program more competitive at the Class B level, NorCal ASA has made changes to policies regarding team classifications and how teams can be formed.

The following are the NEW team classifications:

- Travel Teams (Class A & Gold)
- B-Program (Class B)
- All-Star Program (Class C)
- Interleague All-Star Program (Class C Only)

Travel Teams are comprised of select players not necessarily held to a tryout. These teams are not restricted to start dates and tend to play year-round.

B-Program, All-Star Program, and Interleague All-Star Program teams must be comprised of players that have participated in a Recreational League (like SBGSL) to be classified as Class B and C teams. These teams traditionally have only played during the summer tournament season.

As of this year, Recreational Leagues are now allowed to form a Class B team as of January 1st. Again, only *Travel Teams* have been able to form as of the beginning of the year. Before this change, all Recreational Leagues in the NorCal association could not form a team prior to May 1st. The belief here was that recreational play came first, then all-stars.

Class B teams that are formed as of January 1st can enter and begin to play in sanctioned Class B tournaments once teams are formed. However, players on a Class B team are required to still play in their respective Recreational League to continue to be eligible for Class B play.

As for Class C teams, they are still restricted from forming until May 1st. The belief here is that players will still be given a competitive platform on which to compete during the

summer. Players that have been playing on a Class B team are not eligible to play in the Class C division. If a player tries out for the Class B team and is not selected, they will be eligible to tryout for the Class C team.

Also, SBGSL now participates in the Peninsula Softball League (PSL) with our 10U and 12U recreational teams, and as part of the PSL, SBGSL and the other Recreational Leagues that represent the PSL have agreed to not form Class B teams until April 1st. This decision was made in a collaborative effort to keep all our Recreational Leagues on the peninsula as competitive as possible.

So, it is within these new rules and agreed upon restrictions on team classifications that we will hold two different tryouts for the San Bruno Storm teams.

STORM CLASS B TEAM

10U and 12U
April 12, 2015
Time TBD

STORM CLASS C TEAM

8U, 10U, 12U
May 3, 2015
Time TBD