

8U FLASH TRAVEL TEAMS

This year USA Softball has created two divisions for 8U (8C and 8Rec) to encourage more players to participate in summer tournaments. We are looking to create two 8U teams this summer, one for each division. The 8C team will likely participate in 5 tournaments including the NorCal Championships on 6/22-24. The 8Rec team will participate in 3 tournaments, with the last tournament being on 6/15-17. The goal of creating two teams is to give more players the opportunity to experience tournament softball and allow players to continue to develop their softball skills beyond the spring season.

Differences in the two teams / divisions:

- **8C:** This will be the highest level of competition for the 8U division. Many softball organizations will pull together their top players and form one strong team. We plan to do the same, and play in local tournaments as well as tournaments outside of the Peninsula. Tournament locations may be as far as Salinas or Livermore.
- **8Rec:** This is a new division for USA Softball, and tournament host cities are still deciding if they will be offering this division. For those tournaments that have this division, the rules state that it will be coach-pitch only (no girl pitch) games. All other summer tournament rules will likely be the same. We expect this division to be for girls who are new to summer tournament softball or less experienced softball players. We will create an 8Rec team to compete in 3 local tournaments, which will be over before the school year ends. Because host cities have not yet determined if they will have an 8Rec division, experienced pitchers will be needed on this team, as this team may compete in the 8C division.

Planned Tournament Schedule:

Team	5/26	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23
8C	San Carlos	Hayward	San Mateo or Livermore	Salinas	NorCal- Hayward
8Rec	n/a	Millbrae	San Mateo	Burlingame	n/a

Availability and Commitment:

Tournaments can start as early at **4pm on Fridays** and end as late as **6pm on Sundays**. Please note the weekends listed above for each team and plan to be available for these tournaments. Practices will be determined by the coaches, and can be up to 4 practices per week, unless playing in a tournament that weekend. Joining a Flash team means attending practices and games should be a priority over other sports. Missing practices may impact your daughter's play time and missing games may impact your team's success.

Tryouts:

8U Tryouts will be held on **Saturday, 4/28, 9am-10:30am at Boothbay Park**. You must have your daughter attend a tryout to be considered for one of the Flash teams. Please contact the Flash Team Coordinator at fcflash01@gmail.com if you cannot attend this tryout. If possible, we will have a makeup tryout. Please remember to bring your Flash team application to the tryout. As noted in the application: "there are a limited number of spots on the teams" and "not all players will be accepted on to teams".