

12U BABE RUTH SOFTBALL

CITRUS PARK SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to CP Softball!

We are excited to have your child be part of CP Softball! Here is some important information to help you and your child get started.

Pitching

At 12U, players will continue developing their fastpitch softball skills. Pitchers will throw from the regulation softball pitching distance, and coaches will work with players to develop proper mechanics, confidence, and game awareness. Pitching opportunities are encouraged for all players who are interested.

Concession Stand

CPSA is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers, and our concession stand is a crowd favorite. To keep it running smoothly and provide for the park, **we need your help!** Each game day, a division will be assigned to provide 1-2 adult volunteers (18+) per concession shift (shift will **NOT** be during your game). A SignUpGenius will be set up to make scheduling easier. The money made by the concession stand goes right back into the park, supporting our programs and facilities. Your support ensures we can continue offering great snacks and refreshments to our community. Younger volunteers are welcome and can receive approved hours for school. Thank you for your dedication and help!

Equipment

Each player will need to have the following equipment for every game:

- **Glove**: Make sure it fits your child's hand comfortably.
- **Cleats**: Proper footwear is important for safety and performance.
- **Water Bottle**: Staying hydrated is crucial.
- **Hat and Shirt**: These will be provided by the park.
- **Bat**: Should be a USA Softball bat, USSSA not permitted
- **Batting Helmet**
- **Fielding Mask**

Positive Behavior

We want this to be a fun and positive experience for everyone involved. Please follow these guidelines:

- **No Yelling**: Encouragement is key. Avoid yelling at the children, coaches, or other guests. Positive reinforcement helps build confidence and enjoyment.
- **Respect**: Show respect for all players, coaches, officials, and other families. Good sportsmanship is a priority.

12U Babe Ruth Softball Basics

- 12-inch softball
- 60-foot bases
- 40-foot pitching distance
- 6-inning games
- Fastpitch pitching
- Stealing permitted
- Sliding encouraged and taught
- USA Softball/Babe Ruth approved bats required
- Rule Additions: Drop Third Strike & Infield Fly

Communication

All team communications will be through the SportsEngine app. Feel free to reach out to any of your coaches or team parent with any questions or concerns.

Practice & Game Schedule

You will receive a schedule for practices and games. Please arrive on time and notify the coach if your child will be absent via the Sports Engine app.

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Game Changer

GameChanger is an app that enhances the experience of managing and following youth sports teams. It offers features like live scorekeeping, real-time stats, and optional game streaming. CPSA now **requires** games be tracked in GameChanger. Each home team is responsible to identify a volunteer to run GameChanger for their games. **This is a requirement.**

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