Recreational program for minor female players

LEARN TO PLAY (LTP) U5 TO U11

In our U5 to U11 age groups, players are focusing on having **FUN** and **LEARNING** to play softball. Teams are formed with players of all abilities.

We have experience and dedicated coordinators for each age group who will assist all parents and volunteers throughout the season (April to July). In addition, we have players from older age groups helping at every practice and game.

On completing U11, players have the option of either continuing to play Minor Community softball or may try-out for a Richmond Islanders Rep team.

We encourage friends to play together; our registration form provides a space to list up to three friends. Although we do our best to honour such requests, this becomes much more difficult once team forming begins, so please register early.

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration. Deadline for registration is early March of every year so register early. Any questions on the program can be directed to president@richmondsoftball.ca and registration inquires to registrar@richmondsoftball.ca
To register please go to our website: **https://www.richmondsoftball.ca**

Category	Birth Year	Game Days	Location	2025 Fees
U5	2021	Saturday am	McNair	$65.00
U7	2019/ 2020	Tuesday pm / Saturday am	McNair	$140.00
U9	2017/ 2018	Wednesday / Saturday pm	McNair	$170.00
U11	2015/ 2016	Thursday / Saturday pm	McNair	$210.00

Team forming starts in March. Coordinators and coaches meet mid-March for a preseason briefing and to arrange uniform and equipment pick-ups. Parents and players will be contacted shortly thereafter. Schedules are usually available late March or early April.

Practices and games start around April 1. Depending on the age groups, players meet for practices and games as shown above. Games are typically on Saturdays.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

All U5 to U11 players will receive a Dri-FIT shirt which are theirs to keep.

A **glove** is required and may be purchased at any major sporting goods or department stores for as little as $30 (beginners).

Helmets with cages and chin straps are mandatory for batters; we recommend purchasing your own for about $50. We also recommend the purchase of a **face mask** for fielders and pitchers**.**

Proper footwear is required. We recommend baseball or soccer **shoes/cleats**.

A selection of quality **fastpitch certified bats** are provided in the coach's equipment bag.

OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED

At our younger age groups, we require parents to participate in practices and learn the game along the way with their child. In addition, parents are welcome to help coach the team. Coaching clinics will be provided prior to the start of the season to all parents new to softball.

The LTP program is structured to show coaches how to demonstrate each skill correctly. The skills are broken down into small components, so that it is easier to teach and correct skills. All skills are taught in progressions so that the coach & children do not get overwhelmed in a lot of detail. Each of these is outlined within one of the lesson plans and combined with other activities that help support the skill being taught.