

# MLGSA – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## 2026 Season Updates & League Enhancements

### Why are changes being made to the MLGSA program?

MLGSA has a strong, long-standing softball community, and these updates are designed to help us grow together rather than operate in silos.

Our goals are to:

- Be part of the larger local softball community
- Improve consistency across divisions
- Strengthen player development at every level
- Create a more connected, transparent, and unified program

These changes reinforce that **all MLGSA players belong to one program**, with shared standards, identity, and opportunities.

### What is changing with Slow Pitch (SP) competition?

Slow Pitch divisions (10U–18U) will participate in the **CVC (Community Valley Conference)** for league play.

This allows MLGSA to:

- Play against nearby community programs
- Improve competitive balance
- Reduce internal scheduling challenges
- Open up more Mt. Lebanon field availability for practices

This move helps MLGSA be part of a broader community softball network rather than operating in isolation.

### Which divisions are affected?

#### Slow Pitch divisions moving to CVC:

- 10U
- 12U
- 15U
- 18U
- Developmental Program (6U & 8U)

### Is this travel softball? **No**

CVC is a **local community league**, not a travel or club program.

- Games are played against surrounding communities only

- No overnight or long-distance travel
- Practices remain in Mt. Lebanon
- Teams remain community-based and coached locally

### **Where will teams travel?**

Teams will travel only to **nearby municipalities**, typically within **20–30 minutes**.

- No travel outside surrounding communities
- Mt. Lebanon will continue to host home games
- Travel expectations remain similar to other local youth sports

### **How does this improve practice opportunities?**

By moving some game play outside Mt. Lebanon, MLGSA can open up field infrastructure to allow:

- More local practice availability
- Less congestion during peak practice times
- More predictable practice schedules
- Better spacing across divisions

All teams will continue to **practice and play home games** locally in Mt. Lebanon.

### **What is changing with age divisions?**

MLGSA is transitioning Slow Pitch divisions from **grade-based to age-based alignment**, following **USA Softball standards**.

This approach:

- Aligns with Fast Pitch and Summer programs
- Matches surrounding leagues
- Simplifies registration for families
- Supports fair, development-appropriate competition

An age chart will be provided during registration.

### **How does the Developmental Program fit into this vision?**

The Developmental Program (6U & 8U) is the **foundation of MLGSA**.

- Focused on fundamentals, confidence, and enjoyment
- Unified under one Developmental Director
- Uses consistent teaching methods and practice plans
- Emphasizes learning and participation over competition

The Developmental Program remains in-house and unchanged by league-play adjustments, while benefiting from the league's unified structure and resources.

## Why is there a registration price increase?

The price increase reflects intentional investments in:

- Unified uniforms across Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch
- Improved operations and scheduling
- Expanded practice access
- Stronger league identity and communication

## What is changing with uniforms?

All players — Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch — will wear the same uniform package:

- Royal blue pants
- Matching belt and socks
- Home and away jerseys

This reinforces that **all MLGSA players are competitors and part of one unified program.**

## Why a unified uniform?

- Creates one consistent league identity
- Eliminates Slow Pitch / Fast Pitch visual separation
- Aligns with neighboring community leagues

## What stays the same?

- Community-based softball
- Volunteer coaches
- Local practices
- Focus on development, fun, and sportsmanship
- Strong family and community involvement

## Where can families get more information?

- Updated details will be posted on the **MLGSA website**
- Registration will include:
  - Age-based division charts
  - Practice and travel expectations
  - Season timelines
- Division Directors remain the primary contact for questions

## Bottom Line

These updates help MLGSA:

- Stay connected to the broader softball community
- Create consistent standards across divisions
- Improve practice access and player development
- Reinforce one unified Lebo Softball identity
- MLGSA remains committed to providing a **positive, inclusive, and well-organized softball experience** for every player and family.