



Hollidaysburg Area Girls Softball League, Inc.

January 2017

Dear Parent(s) & Softball Players:

Hollidaysburg Area Girls Softball, Inc. is preparing for the 2017 softball season and we wanted to provide you with some information relating to board members, divisions, fundraising, registrations fees and volunteer obligations. The 2017 league board members and their responsibilities are as follows:

- Jim Hilling (League President) hburgauto@atlanticcbbn.net,
- Mike Cappella (League Vice President) mcappella24@verizon.net
- Jim Murphy (League Secretary/Treasurer) haeaprez@gmail.com
- Donnie Detrick (14u Commissioner) ffoty2005@yahoo.com
- Jeff Kephart (12u Commissioner) jeffak1@gmail.com
- Mark Neeley (10u Commissioner) mjkneeley@gmail.com
- Mark Maher (Field Maintenance) mkjsmm@aol.com
- James Morris (10u Commissioner) jmorris1082@gmail.com
- Brenda Johnsonbaugh (Competitive/Tournament Commissioner) psusoftballbp@aol.com

All divisions will be **structured by age** and will follow the ASA designations recognized by most softball organizations. The following is a breakdown of each division:

- **8u** (5-8): Season will begin in May and run through June. Games will be scheduled on week days & weekend evenings.
- **10u** (9-10): Season will begin in May and run through June. Games will be scheduled week days & weekends evenings.
- **12u** (11-12): Season begins in June and run through July. Games will be scheduled Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.
- **14u** (13-14): Season begins in June and run through July. Games will be scheduled Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.
- **18u** (15-18): Will continue to participate in the Altoona Keystone League. Division is open to outside teams joining.
 - Games will be scheduled on Monday & Wednesday evenings.

The league registration fee is **\$100** plus participation in two league fundraisers. Players, however, have the opportunity to **reduce** their participation cost to **\$50** through the selling of raffle tickets. Each player will receive 10 tickets to sell at **\$5 each**. Coaches will distribute the tickets to players who will then turn in the ticket stubs but keep any money received. In addition, the league concession stand is vital to league operations and **all parents are expected to help in some way**. Failure to work concession on the assigned night could result in either a team forfeit of the next scheduled game or may result in your daughter being ineligible to play in her next scheduled game. It is critical that the concession stand remains open during games. As always, families with two or more players will receive a break on the cost of participation (see registration form).

Attached is the 2017 registration form, due by **February 28th, 2017**. There will be sign up days located at the Hollidaysburg YMCA lobby on Saturday February 4th & February 25th from 10am-2pm. Registrations will be available in the HASD schools as well as on the league website hollidaysburggirlssoftballleague.com. Late entrants will be placed on a waiting list so please be sure to sign up by the established deadlines.

An open meeting for coaches & parents is being planned for April. Once we have received the registration forms with the parent contact information we will notify parents by email. Parents are expected to volunteer in some capacity during the summer, either with field maintenance or in the concession stand.

The league will be holding a **skills day on April 8th** (rain date is April 15th) at Legion Park for players in the 10u and 12u divisions. The 10u session will be from 12p-2pm and the 12u session will be held from 2-4pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Hilling at 935-1335 or Mike Cappella at 931-5504.

Respectfully,
The Hollidaysburg Girls Softball League
Board Members