



Positive Sports Training is proud to announce that we are launching a new girls softball program for 2020 that will feature league play and tournaments for 8U 10U, 12U, 13U and 14U age groups.

The 13U age group is aimed specifically at seventh graders, so they can have their own program once the 14U eighth graders begin playing high school ball in early May each year.

Registration for the PST softball program will begin Aug. 1, 2019 and run until Jan. 31, 2020 for the 2020 spring and summer campaign.

Positive Sports Training has conducted three meetings with softball leaders in Eastern Iowa in recent weeks and the feedback to our new program has been very positive. We also have communicated with emails, phone calls and individual meetings to great success as well.

We are convinced there is room for another quality girls softball program in Eastern Iowa and we are excited about offering this opportunity.

Here are some of the main features of the new PST program:

- + Affiliation with USSSA youth sports
- + 8U, 10U, 12U, 13U, 14U
- + A, B and C divisions in each age group for advanced, intermediate and beginner teams
- + An unlimited number of games, determined by each team
- + No new inning after 75 minutes, but no "drop-dead" time limits. Finish the inning.
- + League tournaments and open USSSA tournaments
- + PST league membership fee of \$100 per team if paid Aug. 1 through Oct. 31; \$150 if paid Nov. 1 through Jan. 31.
- + \$35 per team USSSA membership fee if paid through PST (\$40 if paid independently)
- + Municipal, school and private fields (and possibly Prospect Meadows)

- + \$20 field rental fee per team per game. A \$20 credit if you host on your home field.
- + \$20 umpire fee per team per game
- + Insurance available through PST or USSSA at approximately \$105 to \$125 per team, depending on age group. Or you can get insurance through your own agent
- + The total cost of the program will depend on how many games you play and how many games you are able to host, but the cost will be attractive
- + PST will purchase softballs at a discounted group rate and re-sell to teams at cost, if desired
- + We will offer games and tournaments from April through July
- + Teams can assemble their own flexible schedules, or teams can ask PST to create a fixed schedule for them. Either way is fine
- + A player's age will be determined on Dec. 31 of each year. If a player is 10 on Dec. 31, 2019, she can play 10U softball in 2020 even if she turns 11 on Jan. 1, 2020

Jim Ecker, a member of the PST executive board, will be serving as PST softball director. Please feel free to contact Jim at any time by email ([eck@pstbaseball.com](mailto:eck@pstbaseball.com)) or phone (319-390-4236). He will be contacting teams and programs this summer to help spread the news and answer questions.

It's time for girls softball players to PLAY BALL! with Positive Sports Training.