

INTRAMURAL

1. What is the Deep Run Intramural Softball program?

Deep Run Intramural Softball is a recreational softball league for girls from age 3 to 18. All girls within these age ranges are encouraged to participate regardless of experience or ability. The age groups from 6U through 10U are strictly a Deep Run-organized program. The 12U division may play some teams from outside the Deep Run Organization, but most games will be at Deep Run Fields and with Deep Run teams.

Although sponsored by Deep Run, the 14U and 18U divisions play in the Valley Intercommunity Girls Softball League (VIGS). It is a non profit organization dedicated to recreational girls fast pitch softball. VIGS member organizations include recreational softball leagues from Deep Run Valley, Doylestown, Harleysville, Lenape Valley, Nor Gwyn, Montgomery, North Penn, Souderton, Towamencin, and Richland among others. For more information on VIGS please check out their website at www.vigs.net. Registration and team membership for this program is maintained with Deep Run Softball.

2. When and where can I register for the Intramural Program?

On line registration takes place starting in early January at www.drsvsa.org. In person registration will also be held on several days at the Deep Run Clubhouse, please check www.drsvsa.org for the dates and times.

3. What age divisions are available?

We have given each of our age divisions a weather related name and they are as follows:

Age 3 – 4	Rainbows
Age 5 – 6	Dew Drops
Age 7 - 8	Rain Drops
Age 9 – 10	Thunder
Age 11 – 12	Bolts
Age 13 – 14	Storm
Age 15 - 18	Hurricane

4. How are the age groups determined?

All ages are based on the girls age on January 1st of the year play is to take place.

5. Can my daughter play in a younger or older division?

While not usually recommended, a request can be made at registration to play at a different age level than what the girl should be playing at. The reason for the request should also be communicated. The Deep Run Player Agent will make the final decision if the girl is permitted to play at a different age level.

6. When, where, and how many practices/games are held?

Practices start in early April, depending on the need, and the desire of both the coach and the players/parents practices may be held on occasion in addition to the scheduled games during the season. The intramural season starts in mid April and ends in mid June. Most divisions will play between a 10-12 game regular season schedule. Once the season gets started there will usually be two games a week, one being a weeknight and the second is usually on a Saturday. Most intramural games are played at the Deep Run Complex; however each team may have a few games scheduled at local municipal fields for the older divisions. Games during the week start at 6:00 PM and have a time limit that varies by age group. Saturday games may start anytime between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, again the games have time limits with age appropriate time frames. There may be additional games for playoffs, or end of season "Tournament Days." The 12U division may play some away games but they will be limited and within relatively close driving distance. Make up games can include Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. There will be no Intramural games on Memorial Day weekend.

The 14U and 18U divisions will play about half of their games at other local recreational league fields as part of the VIGS program. The VIGS league season also starts later in the year due to school softball conflicts.

- 7. How and when are teams formed?**
Teams are formed by the Deep Run Softball Player Agent after registration is complete.
- 8. Can I request a coach, or to have my daughter play with a friend?**
Yes, but with some conditions. Please note your request on your registration form for all divisions. Although not guaranteed your request will be granted if at all possible. At the 10U and 12U level we conduct a computer-generated player draft before the beginning of each season. Choices are made based on the player skill ratings from previous year's coaches with some consideration to "play-with" requests. This is done to improve the balance of the talent on each team and therefore the competitiveness of the division. The desire to balance the teams with as equal player skills as possible will also restrict the amount of requests that may be able to be granted at the 10U and 12U level.
- 9. What type of commitment will be needed from my child and parents?**
Deep Run Intramural Softball does require some time commitment from the player and her parents(s). This program gives a girl the opportunities to improve and advance thru the intramural program age groups, and if she chooses into the Energetic 8's or the VIGS Sunday Select program. Those girls who develop their skills and desire to play to a higher level can move on to a travel team, high school varsity team, and maybe move on to the college level. Parents will be expected to help as requested by the coach at practices and games. Parents also are expected to assist with field maintenance, snack stand duty, and other duties when requested by the coach. Coaches, Parents and Players are always expected to follow the Deep Run Lady Lightning Softball Code of Conduct.
- 10. What will the costs be?**
The Deep Run Valley Sports Association Annual Family fee is \$50.00 and the \$100.00 chance program fee is collected whenever a family registers for the first time, or the first sport registration of the calendar year. You will be given 15 tickets worth \$10 each to sell and you can keep the proceeds. The Lady Lightning Intramural Softball Fee for 2007 is \$75.00.
- 11. What equipment will my daughter need?**
You need to have a glove, cleats (soccer cleats are fine) or sneakers. You will receive a Deep Run T shirt and visor for the uniform as part of the fee. During warmer weather a black or dark blue pair of shorts should be worn, but are not provided with the uniform. During colder weather a black pair of sweat pants, and a long sleeve undershirt or sweatshirt can be worn for warmth. Some players at this level have their own helmets and bats (They must meet safety requirements).
- 12. What equipment is provided by Deep Run?**
Deep Run will provide bats, balls, and batting helmets, catchers' equipment (Helmet, mask, throat & chest protector, shin guards) will also be provided. You will receive a Deep Run T shirt and visor for the uniform as part of the fee.
- 13. How are the teams managed?**
Deep Run Softball will choose from a pool of volunteer coaches with the best overall experience and skill levels available. Coaches are asked to attend coaches clinic each year at Deep Run, and encouraged to receive any additional training they can attend. At the intramural level it is our goal to field teams with equal player skills. Winning games is not the main goal of this program. Your daughter will be trained and encouraged by the coaches to play well with good sportsmanship. As your daughter reaches the older divisions, winning does become more important, and player decisions will occasionally be made with winning in mind. At the intramural level coaches are encouraged to make player decisions so that each girl gets to play in several different positions. Each girl should receive close to equal playing time as the other players, so that all players get game experience and develop a love of the sport. Please rest assured that our goal and intention is develop ALL of the players on the team. If you have any issues with the way a team is being run talk to your daughters coach off the field. Explain your concerns to him/her, and if need be also include the Division Director. If together you are unable to resolve a problem, please contact the Softball Intramural Commissioner or Softball Player Agent.

14. How can I help?

Please remember Deep Run is for the most part 100% volunteer, we are always looking for help! Step up to the plate and pitch in when requested or even better volunteer before being asked. Feel free to let the Intramural Commissioner Jeff Koenig at 3koenigs@comcast.net or the Player Agent Brad Hughes at chiefbkh@prodigy.net know of any issues, or suggestions you may have, but be prepared to help us solve, or implement them!

15. Who can I contact if I have further questions on the Intramural program?

Please contact the Deep Run Softball Intramural Commissioner Jeff Koenig at 3koenigs@comcast.net or the Player Agent Brad Hughes at chiefbkh@prodigy.net.