



Berkeley Heights Recreation Girls In-town Spring 2009 Softball

Grades 2nd thru 8th

Mail-in Registration Starts Now!

(mail-in or walk-in)



BATTER UP! Once again the Berkeley Heights Recreation Department will run a competitive softball league for girls in 2nd through 8th grade. Girls play against each other at fields in Berkeley Heights. Teams will be made up of Berkeley Heights residents with practices and/or games held twice a week. **All girls are given equal playing time.** Teams will be selected by *head coaches* at a draft supervised by the BH Recreation Department.

***** Sign-up Deadlines *****

***** March 6th for 2nd – 6th grade and March 19th for 7th and 8th grade *****

Registrations received after the sign-up deadlines will incur a \$10.00 late fee

LEAGUE	SECTION	FEE	GAME SCHEDULE	NOTES
Grades 2 - 3	A1	\$45.00	Monday & Wednesday	Coaches pitch, catch and umpire games
Grades 4 - 5	A2	\$55.00	Tuesday & Friday	Players pitch; umpires are used
Grades 6-7-8	A3	\$55.00	Tuesday & Thursday	Players pitch; umpires are used

- **Registration and fees:** Begins immediately! Families will be charged a late fee of \$10 per player for all registrations not received by the dates noted above. Checks should be payable to BH Recreation and hand-delivered or mailed to 56 Columbus Avenue.
- **Game Time:** 6:15pm (promptly)
- **Practices:** Will be held from April 13th – 24th and may be on days other than game days noted above. Coaches must call Tom Barton, Recreation Director (464-0550 ext. 11) to schedule additional practice times (including the week of April 6th / Spring Break). All other concerns call Lena Bendush (464-0550 ext. 13).
- **Games:** Games are scheduled from April 27th through June 12th. All games are played at Berkeley Heights' fields.
- **Schedules:** BH Recreation will provide all head coaches with schedules for distribution to their teams at a later date. Schedules will include both practices and game schedules.
- **Team Selection:** Teams will be selected by **head coaches only** (no assistants) at a draft supervised by Lena Bendush, Program Director (date to be determined). Coaches may go into the draft with *one* preselected assistant coach and his/her daughter (no exceptions). All other players will be subject to an open draft.
- **Equipment:** Equipment bags (including balls, bases, medical kits and catchers' equipment) will be distributed to head coaches at the draft. Players will be provided team tee shirts and must use their own gloves. Protective eyewear must be worn for girls wearing corrective eyeglasses. Goggles must meet the "ANSI" standards (Not supplied by B.H. Rec.).
- **Field Usage / Game Cancellations:** BH Recreation will only cancel games and practices if conditions are such that fields are not playable. Call the BH Recreation **hotline at 464-0625 after 4pm** to determine if games and practices are cancelled on a particular field. Berkeley Heights Recreation will not cancel fields if the evening weather is questionable. Coaches need to call each other to make the decision before game time. If coaches decide to cancel because of the weather, they will then notify their players. Coaches will reschedule games through Lena Bendush and call players with cancellation information / game rescheduling.
- **Rutgers SAFETY Clinic:** All head and assistant coaches are **required** to attend the Rutgers SAFETY Clinic at least once. The Clinic will be held on Wednesday, March 11th from 6:15pm-10:00pm at the BH Fire House located on Hamilton Avenue between Snyder and Plainfield Avenues. Call the BH Recreation Office at 464-0550 to register; there is no cost for Berkeley Heights' coaches to attend.
- **Questions and concerns** regarding this program should be communicated to Lena Bendush, Program Director at 464-0550 ext. 13 or lbendush@bhtwp.com

All players are invited to participate in:

The BH PAL and Recreation **Annual Baseball/Softball Parade-** date is to be determined
and

The **Berkeley Heights Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 25th** beginning at 9am.



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Registration Form

Complete this form and mail or hand-deliver with payment to:
Berkeley Heights Recreation, 56 Columbus Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

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THERE WILL BE NO PRE-SELECTED TEAMS ALLOWED IN THIS PROGRAM!

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION - Residents Only

Section: A1 A2 A3 (circle one)

Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____ Birth date: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone # at Game Time: _____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

(allergies, hearing / visual impairments, recent injuries, learning disabilities, current medications, bee stings, etc.)

REGULAR AVAILABILITY/OTHER ACTIVITIES

To aid the Recreation Dept. and our volunteer Coaches in developing fairly drafted teams we would like to know if there any other activities that will cause late arrival or prevent your child from participation on any regularly scheduled evenings.

My Daughter will be regularly ABSENT OR LATE on the following evenings:

circle Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri EXPECTED ON-FIELD ARRIVAL TIME: _____

7th and 8th grade girls that are playing on the Columbia Team please check this box

PRIOR SOFTBALL EXPERIENCE

Have you ever played softball? circle - Yes / No

Do you pitch? Yes / No

Have you played traveling softball? Yes / No If yes, how many years? _____

Are you interested in trying out for a BH PAL travel softball team? Yes / No

Questions/concerns regarding the BH PAL travel softball program should be emailed to BHPAL_sports@comcast.net and information can be found on their new website www.bhpal.org.

VOLUNTEER COACHES are needed for the success of this program!

Head Coach

Assistant Coach

Did you Coach last year? circle - Yes / No

Have you previously taken the **REQUIRED** Free Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clinic? circle - Yes / No

Your Name: _____

Contact Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

Game Time Cell #: _____

PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONSENT

MEDICAL RELEASE I recognize that participation in contact sports may occasionally lead to injury. The most common injuries are abrasions, bruises, sprains, and strains. Less common injuries, but perhaps more serious can occur. I hereby authorize emergency medical care for my child if, in the judgement of the staff, treatment is required for an injury or illness. I hereby also authorize the administering of anesthetics and recourse to other procedures deemed necessary by the attending physician. I understand that whenever possible I will be notified prior to medical treatment of my child or at the earliest possible time should prior notice prove impossible. I recognize I am financially responsible for any expenses for medical care or transportation incurred.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT I agree to abide by the above conditions herein and agree to hold harmless, waive, and release any and all rights to claims for damages against the Recreation Commission, Township of Berkeley Heights, agents, and employees and any such individuals who may be involved in the planning and implementation of this program.

Physician's Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____