

## **Shaker Heights Recreation Softball**

Shaker Heights offers softball to players ages 7-18 through the Shaker Heights Recreation Department. Athletes at each level will develop solid fundamentals to help them in their skills and knowledge of the game. Please see below for specific information for each level. The ages listed are based on the athlete's age on December 31, 2024. Registration begins early 2025 but pre-registration through the following link is highly encouraged: [Softball Pre-Registration 2025](#)

### **8U Softball (Ages 7-8) Coach Pitchers Only**

8U is the first introduction to softball for athletes with no experience or some t-ball/baseball experience. Athletes will learn the basics of throwing, hitting, and catching, as well defensive positions and rules of the game. Practices begin mid- to late-April on Saturday mornings. Games begin after Memorial Day on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and end early- to mid-July. Games are played through the South Euclid Youth Softball/Baseball Association in Shaker Heights, South Euclid, Beachwood, and Orange.

### **10U Softball (Ages 9-10) Player Pitchers with limited Coach Pitchers**

10U softball is the first introduction to player pitchers. Athletes will continue to develop the basics of throwing, hitting, and catching, as well defensive positions and rules of the game. Players at this level will be introduced to stealing bases and more defensive responsibilities. Practices begin early April on Saturday mornings and early afternoons. Games begin early May on weekday evenings and end mid-July (Playoffs will take place the week of July 14). Games are played through the Willoughby Baseball League association in Shaker Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Wickliffe, Eastlake, Willoughby, and Willoughby Hills.

### **12U Softball (Ages 11-12) Player Pitchers**

12U softball athletes will begin to learn more advanced softball skills and techniques. It is most appropriate for experienced players. Practices begin early April on Saturday mornings and early afternoons. Games begin early May on weekday evenings and end mid-July (Playoffs will take place the week of July 14). Games are played through the Willoughby Baseball League association in Shaker Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Wickliffe, Eastlake, Willoughby, and Willoughby Hills.

### **14U Softball (Ages 13-14)**

14U softball athletes will continue to learn more advanced softball skills and techniques. It is most appropriate for experienced players. Practices begin mid-May after the middle school softball season has finished.. Games begin late May on weekday evenings and end mid-July (Playoffs will take place the week of July 14). Games are played through the Willoughby Baseball League association in Shaker Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Wickliffe, Eastlake, Willoughby, and Willoughby Hills.

### **18U Softball (Ages 15-18)**

18U softball athletes will continue to learn more advanced softball skills and techniques. It is most appropriate for experienced players. Practices begin mid-May after the high school softball season has finished.. Games begin late May on weekday evenings and end mid-July (Playoffs will take place the week of July 14). Games are played through the Willoughby Baseball League association in Shaker Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Wickliffe, Eastlake, Willoughby, and Willoughby Hills.

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