



About Us: South Cowichan Youth Softball Association (SCYSA) is a non-profit, volunteer based organization. SCYSA was formed in the mid 1980s by a group of parents to provide the youth of South Cowichan the opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport of softball. We remain committed to providing a safe and educational environment for everyone to enjoy the sport with the primary emphasis on fun and teamwork. On the web at southcowichanyouthsoftball.ca.

Since we are volunteer based, reliance on volunteers is crucial to the successful running of the association. All volunteering is appreciated and encouraged to help make this a great experience for all involved. Please consider volunteering for the following: division manager, coach, assistant coach, umpire, championship day picnic.

Executive: The Executives of the Association are volunteers. They do their best to organize over 20 teams in 6 divisions.

Coaches: Coaches are volunteers. Please be considerate of the fact they are donating their time. Most coaches appreciate any offer of help from parents.

Umpires: Not all SCYSA umpires have vast umpiring experience and many are learning along with the players. They are paid a small amount for their time but that by no means creates an open forum to be critical of them. Open criticism sets a bad example for the players and discourages participation. Remember this is a fun league.

Parents: Players should arrive with their parents approximately 20 minutes prior to game time. This is especially important early in the season as available light runs out quickly. Parents should try to maintain a positive environment. It is strictly forbidden for parents to openly challenge an umpire or a coach on any call. Any excessive behavior may result in you being asked to leave. In most divisions, there must be a parent present for each player at each game. The players benches are for players, coaches and scorekeepers. If you want to sit on the bench please be considerate of this fact. Any major concerns can be presented in writing to scysa@hotmail.com

Smoking: Please note that smoking is now prohibited by the CVRD, at both Kerry Park and Shawnigan ball fields.

Players: All players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner. No swearing or critical language towards umpires, coaches or other players will be tolerated. No smoking is allowed. No jewelry allowed. All players will be required to sign a Code of Conduct sheet.

Season: The 2012 season runs from April 9 until June 23. Games/practices take place at Kerry Park fields and Shawnigan Field. Once teams are set, coaches will be informed and they will phone their teams before the season starts. Please don't phone a member of the executive unless you haven't been contacted by April 6. You may also email.



Teams: Teams are chosen as fairly as possible without bias making every attempt to create balanced rosters. This is an inexact science due to player maturity and skill level changes. There are no try-outs. All teams are co-ed.

Schedule:

This is the proposed schedule that SCYS intends for the 2012 season. There may be minor changes due to circumstances beyond our control but we will try to stay true to this. Teams will be on the field twice a week from the following scenarios. Due to soccer on the Kerry Park ball fields, April field time on Saturdays will be very limited and times will vary relative to the rest of the season.

T-Ball	(age 5)	Friday at 6pm & Saturday at 10am
Peewee	(age 6-7)	Wednesday at 6pm & Saturday at 11am
Junior	(age 8-9)	Tuesday at 6pm & Saturday at 11:30am
Intermediate	(age 10-12)	Thursday at 6pm & Saturdays at 11:30am
Senior	(age 13-15)	Monday at 6pm & Saturdays at 1pm
Major	(age 16-18)	Wednesday and Friday at 6pm

Insurance and Safety: All players of the league are covered by insurance while playing a regularly scheduled game or practice when there is an adult present. This does not cover playgrounds or any other off the field incident. It must be a baseball-related injury in order to qualify for compensation. A league-supplied first aid kit is always fully stocked and available at all games. All body jewelry must be removed during games.

Equipment: Players must have their own glove. The league provides all other game equipment necessary to play. Players may bring their own equipment to use as long as it meets the basic standards. Parents are encouraged but not required to provide a helmet for their child. Duncan Sports Traders gives a \$5.00 discount on helmets if you download the coupon from their website. www.sportstradersduncan.com, and follow the links.

Photos: Photos are usually taken early in May. Each player will receive a team and an individual photo. This is included in your registration fee. The photographer interrupts the game for a few moments in order to take photos. Your coach will notify you of the time and date. There are no retakes.

Team Shirts: Team shirts are handed out as soon as possible and are included in your registration fee. Shirts are yours to keep once the season is over. Sponsors support the league by paying a \$300.00 sponsorship fee. Without the sponsors, the registration fee would be double. We appreciate their support. Let's support them too. All players must wear their team shirt in order to play. Out of respect for our valuable sponsors, uniform T-shirts are not to be altered in any way during the ball season.

Year End Picnic: At the end of the season there is a Championship day. The divisions with playoffs will have their Championship games and trophy ceremonies. In conjunction with the Championship games the league hosts a picnic for all registered players to attend. Food is provided at no charge for players and coaches. Extra food may be purchased. This is a family outing and a great way to finish the season with all your new friends.



DIVISIONS – NON PLAYOFF

NON PLAYOFF DIVISIONS **require that a parent must be present for all games.**

T-BALL - Age 5

Friday at 6pm & Saturday at 10am

Ball hit from tee, emphasis on fundamentals and fun. Games/Practices 1hour

PEEWEE - Ages 6 - 7

Games are Wednesday at 6pm and Saturdays at 11am.

Coaches pitch and control the game. There are no strikeouts and a player bats until they have had a reasonable chance to hit the ball. Regular rules apply after this. There are a maximum number of runs any team can score per inning. Games/Practices last 1 – 1½ hours.

JUNIOR - Ages 8 – 9

Games are Tuesday at 6pm and Saturday at 10am.

Pitching is done by players. Volunteer umpires call balls, strikes and outs. Regular softball rules apply. There are a maximum number of runs any team can score per inning. Games/Practices run 1 – 1½ hours.

DIVISIONS W/ PLAYOFFS

A double knockout multiday tournament will conclude the season in the following divisions.

Note: to accommodate playoffs some games might not be on the regular league night

ALL PLAYOFF DIVISIONS

Pitching is done by players. Regular softball rules apply. There are a maximum number of runs any team can score per inning. Games/Practices run 1 – 1½ hours. **A parent must be present for all games except Majors where is appreciated but not required.**

INTERMEDIATE - Ages 10 – 12

Games are Thursday at 6pm and Saturdays at 11:30am.

SENIOR - Ages 13 – 15

Games are Monday at 6pm and Saturdays at 1pm.

MAJORS – Ages 16 – 18

Games are Wednesday and Friday at 6pm.