

# SCHUYLKILL VALLEY GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION



## 2024 Spring Registration

**Eligibility:** Any girl who resides in the Schuylkill Valley School District between the ages of 4 thru 12 years old (Child **MUST** be entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2024).

- 8U, 10U and 12U age group teams will be offered for the 2024 Spring season

### When/Where:

- Online Registration – Will open on November 19th , 2023 at: [www.SVGSA.net](http://www.SVGSA.net)
- In-Person Registration – There will be **NO** in-person registration. If you have questions OR are unable to register/pay online please contact SVGSA at: [svgirlssoftballassociation@gmail.com](mailto:svgirlssoftballassociation@gmail.com)

### Registration Fees/Deadline to Register:

- Between November 19th – December 31st, 2023 = \$100 per child
- Between January 1st – January 15th, 2024 = \$125 per child
- Volunteer fee - \$100 PER family (Can be paid at time of registration. If not paid at time of registration, links will be sent out to families to have it paid prior to the mandatory parent meeting in February 2024)
  - Full fee will be reimbursed (**no partial fees are issued**) if the family meets at least **FOUR** of the following criteria:
    - Help at the SVGSA Golf Tournament in April 2024 (counts as 2)
    - Food or other donation towards SVGSA Golf Tournament (counts as 1)
    - Volunteer in concession stand - dates TBD (counts as 2)
    - Food/drink donation for concession stand (counts as 1)
- Fundraising - families are asked to participate in the mandatory lotto calendar fundraiser or opt out for \$75 (more info will follow some time in February 2024)

**\*\* After Jan. 15th, 2024, please contact SVGSA to see space availability. Additional \$25 late fee per child will apply if space is available. Please be advised SVGSA reserves the right to close registration before the Jan. 15th, 2024 deadline if rosters reach capacity\*\***

**\*\* Registration fee INCLUDES uniform (personalized jersey, pants, and socks) \*\***

***A copy of each child's birth certificate is required for ALL new girls who did not play for SVGSA prior to Fall 2021 season. If you are unsure if we have it on file, please send us an email.***

***Email copies to: [svgirlssoftballassociation@gmail.com](mailto:svgirlssoftballassociation@gmail.com)***

## **SVGSA Frequently Asked Questions...**

Review our **Frequently Asked Questions** and/or visit **www.SVGSA.net** and/or contact  
SVGSA at: **svgirlssoftballassociation@gmail.com**

### **1. What age groups does SVGSA offer in the spring season?**

- Typically, SVGSA offers teams at the 8U, 10U and 12U levels. Traditionally, there are separate skill level teams per each age group...8UB, 8UA, etc. The "B" skill level is typically for new and/or developing players. The "A" skill level is for higher skilled players in that particular age group and played at a more competitive level. Players will be assigned to a team based on evaluation and/or on registration numbers. SVGSA plays in the Berks County Girls Softball League (BCGSL), so we are only able to create "A" and "B" teams if the county offers those divisions. If those divisions are not offered, SVGSA will create multiple teams in an age group if needed.

### **2. Does SVGSA offer tee-ball?**

- Not officially... SVGSA does not offer "tee-ball", but at the 8UB level, a tee **IS** used after a girl receives 5 pitches from a coach **and** if she does not make contact. There are no strikeouts at this level and score is **NOT** kept. **THIS LEVEL IS 100% INSTRUCTIONAL.** Most 8UB teams are made up of girls in pre-k, kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

### **3. What equipment does my daughter need to play softball?**

- Each girl will need their own glove, player field mask and cleats. These items can be purchased at such places as Dick's Sporting Goods, Amazon, Walmart, etc. SVGSA encourages parents to purchase an actual softball glove for their daughter and not a tee-ball size glove. With younger teams using an 11 inch softball (8U & 10U age group), a tee-ball size glove makes it difficult to catch the larger size ball. Items such as batting helmets and bats will be provided by SVGSA.

### **4. How long is the season?**

- The spring softball season starts towards the end of Feb./early March and runs through early June. Mandatory team clinics begin at the end of Feb./beginning of March. Pitching/catching clinics begin in January. More information to follow on those.

### **5. When are practices and games?**

- Outdoor practices will begin in late March/early April. Teams will typically have two practices a week. Practice days will be determined by coaches. Games will take place during the week and on weekends. The game schedule will not be available until the later part of March.

### **6. Is there traveling required?**

- All SVGSA teams participate in the Berks County Girls Softball League. All SVGSA teams will compete against other teams in the county (Hamburg, Wyomissing, Fleetwood, etc.) All home games will be played at the SVGSA field complex located in Bern Twp., next to the Bern Pool. A team's game schedule is split 50/50 with half of all games being played at home and the other half away.

### **7. Do I need to do fundraising?**

- There is one mandatory fundraiser that all families must participate in **OR** pay the monetary opt-out fee. There is also a volunteer fee that families can earn back by donating and/or volunteering at specific events. More details will follow.

### **8. Does SVGSA provide financial assistance?**

- Yes, SVGSA does provide financial assistance on a case by case basis. If assistance would be needed for registration fees, equipment, etc., SVGSA does ask that you reach out to SVGSA. You can do so...

via email: **svgirlssoftballassociation@gmail.com** OR  
by contacting SVGSA President: **Ryan Martin** at: **610-413-5698**

**\*\* ABOVE RULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON BCGSL DECISIONS \*\***