



Bears paw Minor Softball Learn to Play Program

The Learn to Play program is designed to address skill development in younger softball players and is replacing the old game of T-Ball in many minor league associations across Canada. The players are broken into small groups with focus on skill development rather than on game play. Through this development, the players will increase their confidence in the sport, and have FUN because they are participating. For more information on the Learn to Play program, check out: <http://www.softballalberta.ca/programs/ltp.asp>

All practices will be held at the ball diamond at Bears paw Elementary School.

League	Year born	Fees	Days/Times	Start/End Dates
Level 1	2004-2005	\$55	Mondays 6:15-7:00	May 3rd 2010 – June 21st 2010.
Level 2	2001-2003	\$55	Mondays 7:00-8:00	

Please make your cheque payable to the Bears paw Glendale Community Association. A BGCA membership is required to participate in any/ all programs.

Disclaimer: The program will only proceed with sufficient registrants and volunteers to support the program. Depending on number of registrants per level, the age groupings and time could be adjusted to meet program needs. If program is cancelled due to lack of interest, refunds will be issued in full.

Registration Deadline: March 15th, 2010

Program Withdrawals:

If registrant withdraws 10+ days before program start, a refund less \$25 administration fee, will be issued. If less than ten days before the program start date or thereafter, a pro-rated refund will be issue if withdrawal is due to medical reasons only. (Physician's letter must be provided)

Required Equipment (please label all with name):

Batting helmet (approx \$15 Canadian Tire, Walmart, etc.), ball glove, runners and water bottle

Parent Orientation Night:

In April we will arrange an orientation night for parents and coaches with a representative of Softball Alberta. The orientation will include a presentation on the make-up of the Learn to Play program, provide coaches with Learn to Play manuals, and allows for a question and answer period.

Parent Involvement:

We will rely heavily on parent involvement to make this introductory program a success. Please come prepared to participate with your child and the team on a weekly basis, and remember that a parent or guardian is **required** to be on site at all times. Each family is required to volunteer in some capacity, and parents will be called upon as needed throughout the season.

The most critical volunteer position is **coaching**. We can only run this program if we get 2 co-coaches per team. NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED TO BE A COACH, just bring your enthusiasm!!! Coaches will be expected to attend Orientation night, where Learn to Play coaching manuals will be provided to you. The manuals contain 18 lesson plans with games and activities.

Weather Cancellations:

Games may be cancelled due to certain weather conditions, such as: snow on the ball diamond/field, heavy rain causing puddling on the ball diamond/field, or thunder/lightning in the immediate area. Please note that cool weather, light rain and wind will *not* result in cancellation. Weather cancellations can occur as late as 30 minutes before practice, and will be made via e-mail, so please keep watching your inbox if weather conditions appear questionable.



BEARSPAW MINOR SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Player Information:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____

DOB: Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____ Gender: Female Male

Please list any potential medical condition the coach should be aware of:

AHC #: _____

How would you classify your child's softball skills? 1 2 3 4 5 (one being beginner, five being highly skilled for their age)

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone #: () - Mobile Phone #: () -

Email Address _____@_____
(required for ALL communication purposes)

BLC Membership #: _____

Other Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable):

Daytime Phone #: () - Mobile Phone #: () -

I would not like to have my phone # and email address included on a team fan-out list for game cancellation and other softball-related information.

Parent Volunteers:

Please indicate your volunteer interest with a check: Coaching ____ Softball Committee ____
Equipment Managing ____

Consent:

I understand and accept the risks involved in playing softball and have discussed these risks with my child. I hereby agree that BGCA, its directors, coaches and all volunteers will not be held responsible for any accident, injury or loss, however caused, and agree to release the above mentioned from all claims which may arise as a result of, or by reason of above, such accidents or loss. BGCA reserves the right to request any participant (player, parent, guardian or volunteer) to withdraw from the program prior to its termination if the person is not acting in an acceptable manner. **All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all games and practices.** Failure to do so will result in the exclusion of the player from the program.

Bears paw, the _____ / _____ / _____
(Day) (Month) (Year)

(Print Name of Parent/Guardian)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)