

Youth Softball Just Got Better in Tualatin

Tualatin Youth Softball and Tualatin City Little League Join Forces

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We are really excited to announce that the Softball Leagues in Tualatin have come together to create a stronger cooperative organization for the benefit of the community. Starting with the 2015 season Tualatin Youth Softball Association (TYSA) and Tualatin City Little League (TCLL) will be working together to offer T-Ball, Recreational and Tournament teams for girls ages 4-14. The cooperating organizations will be called Tualatin Youth Softball and lean on the strengths of each.

The new Tualatin Youth Softball (TYS) organization will be divided into three divisions: Tball, Recreational, and Competitive. T-ball will be for 4 & 5 year olds and first year 6 year olds. Recreational will include 'Single A' for second year 6 year olds and 7 year olds. Single A is coach pitch with the Tee as a last resort. Double A ('AA') will be for experienced 7 year olds, 8 year olds, and first year 9 year olds. 'AA' is the transition year where the focus is on skill development



(pitching, catching, hitting, bunting, & sliding). Triple A ('AAA') will be for experienced 8 year olds, mostly 9-10's and some 11 year olds. 'AAA' is full-on softball, all kid pitch with stealing home, etc. Majors is for 10 year olds (if ready), 11 and 12 year olds. The Competitive division will support the organizations competitive ASA travel softball teams from 10u through 18u.

Melding the best of both organizations, players can request to play with friends and we will try to keep teams together wherever possible. Tball, Single A and 'AA' will play in Tualatin. Player evaluations will occur for 'AAA' and Majors levels (Majors teams are drafted), and will interlock with other District 4 leagues in our area (Tigard, Newberg, Murray Hill, SW Portland, etc). Post season



tournaments are offered for 9-12 year olds (All Stars is Competitive or 'A' level rules, and Honors are played with 'B' level rules), with the goal of fielding a Tualatin 11-12 All Star team to compete in the Little League Softball World Series held annually at Alpenrose Dairy in SW Portland. As part of Little League's District 4, Tualatin

can advance directly to the World Series by winning the tournament. This is in a life time opportunity and an experience we would like as many Tualatin players to experience as possible. The 2014 combined Tualatin & Tigard Majors All-Star team placed 6th, and the 2013 combined Tualatin & Newberg team placed 8th.

Combined, the two organizations had 250 players playing Tball and recreational softball in 2014. With the organization change all players will have a chance to play with or against their friends from school and the community. We have the ability to increase the level of play across all divisions and



playing levels, and have a consistent training and skills development plan for both players & coaches. This change allows for a player to start at Tball move into Recreational play, move into competitive ASA play, all seamlessly and be ready to play at Tualatin High School and beyond.

Join us in our new beginning by getting involved, volunteering to coach or sponsoring a team. For more information and to register starting December 1st, 2014 go to www.tualatinsoftball.org.

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