



OCGSL SUMMER SANDLOT

PROGRAM GUIDELINES



Welcome to the Summer Sandlot Program hosted by OCGSL (Orange County Girls Softball League)! This program is designed to provide fun, skill-building, and game-time experience for girls of all levels in a relaxed summer environment.

DIVISIONS OFFERED

- **8U** (ages 7-8)
- **10U** (ages 9-10)
- **12U** (ages 11-14)

PROGRAM FEES & PAYMENT POLICY

- **Players enrolled in OCGSL Fall: *FREE***
- **Players not enrolled in OCGSL Fall: \$50 per player**
 - This fee is fully refundable if the player registers for the Fall season after the Sandlot program ends.
- **Game Day Umpire Fee: \$5 per player, per game**
 - Must be paid to the league (OCGSL) prior to playing the game.
 - No direct payments to umpires will be accepted.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

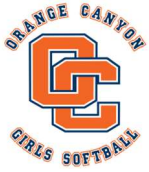
- All players must bring their own softball equipment (glove, cleats, bat, helmet, etc.).
- Fielding masks are strongly encouraged for safety, especially for infielders.
- Water, sunscreen, and athletic clothing recommended.

TEAM ORGANIZATION

- Players will be grouped based on age and skill level to promote fair play and better instruction.
- The goal is to balance competitiveness with fun while providing a positive learning environment for all skill levels.
- Girls will play on a different team each day, and often play for different coaches.
- Game signups will be on a first come, first served basis. If there are multiple games, we ask that families wait 24 hours after the game posting to sign up for the second game (to give every player the chance to sign up).

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Weekly game schedule and location details will be sent via the Spond app (invitation will be sent to parents once they complete their OCGSL Fall or Summer Sandlot registration).
- 8U typically has 1-weekday game and 1-Saturday game (depending on interest).
- 10U & 12U typically have 2-weekday games and 2-3 Saturday games (depending on interest).



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- Players are welcome and encouraged to play multiple games per day.
- Players are not required to attend every day or every game. All we ask is that you RSVP on the Spond app so we can organize the teams accordingly.
- Players should arrive 1 hour before game time for warm-ups and team assignment.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- All funds collected will be reinvested into OCGSL for equipment, chalk, and field maintenance.
- This is a non-competitive, instructional format focused on development and fun.
- Coaches and volunteers are always welcome! Contact us if you'd like to help.
- A coach will be selected in advance of the game, but we will always welcome parents to help with the girls.
- Umpire fee per game, per player: \$5.00
 - In some cases, some games may create a surplus of needed funds to have each game. Some games may have just enough players and may create a small deficit for OCGSL. At the end of the program surplus funds, if available, will be allocated back into the program in a way that will benefit the experience for the girls participating in the Summer Sandlot program (i.e. end of season party or activity), or used for a future event or improvement at OCGSL. Summer Sandlot is a non-profit program. The intent is to keep kids playing at a very nominal cost when most programs are closed and not playing. **All players regardless of league affiliation are welcome to participate.** They can opt to enroll here at OCGSL for the fall season or return to their home league. Either way, the experience every player will have will be equal and fair, and the more the merrier.
- Summer Sandlot is meant for fun over anything else. Coaches are encouraged to give opportunities to girls to play positions they haven't or don't get to play often, while trying to match the opposing team. In a perfect world, all games would end in a tie. Coaches who are ahead should attempt to level the playing field through rotating players, and the other team tighten up to keep it close. All while rotating play time fairly despite playing ability and allowing opportunities despite the consequences to competitive play. Girls are encouraged to play with their friends, and against them on different days, play for different coaches, and as a result, create unity amongst coaches, players, families, and the organization.

CONTACT & QUESTIONS

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