

# **Frequently Asked Thunder Questions**

## **How much does it cost?**

230.00 Roster deposit. Roster deposits do not apply to player's fees or to player's package items. Roster deposits cover our insurance for 23-24, our SportsRecruits page and misc. Start up costs.

Players fees; 2,457.00 per year.

You may make a lump sum payment or 9 monthly payments of 273.00

Player's package items for a new player are around 400.00, they include but are not limited to Jerseys, bat bag, helmet, cleats, game pants, sweatshirt, batting cage jacket and visor. Player's package items are not optional. Some of the player's package items the organization will purchase and the player's family will be billed and other items the player's family will be directed where to make the purchase.

## **When do we start and when is the season over?**

Fall practice begins in late August or early September

Most fall practices are on Sunday. Times are TBA.

The family meeting will take place on Sunday on the 3rd practice day or as announced.

The family meeting powerpoint is available on the club website in the "Parent Portal".

Start times between 10:00am and 1:00 pm. Practices are generally 3 hours. Unless we are involved with a scrimmage on a Saturday, after September practices are only on Sunday

We remain in a one day per week practice schedule until the day after Memorial Day, when we move to a Tuesday and Thursday practice schedule.

The tournament schedules will be posted in January. We play almost every weekend in June and July and we will most likely play into the first weekend in August.

We are off for 3 weeks around Christmas. 16s and 18s do not play tournaments during the high school season.

## **Where does Washington Thunder Softball Practice?**

Curtis High School in University Place

Bellarmino High School in Tacoma

Heidelberg/SERA

**Where are indoor practices held?**

Curtis High School Auxiliary Gym and Mariner Training Center

**Does Washington Thunder Softball play fall ball?**

Yes, we play USA Preps recruiting camps and tournaments in Washington and in Nevada in the fall and winter.

**What associations and do you play with and at what classification?**

Thunder plays in events held by; USA Softball, NSA Softball, USSSA Sports, North American Fastpitch Association and USA Preps and others as deemed necessary.

Our 14u and 16u teams register as B and we ask to play up as soon as it is appropriate. 18s register as an 'A' team, we play as an 'A' team unless we are playing in an open bracket, such as USA Preps, Metro Championships or other "State" Championships.

**How many Events does Washington Thunder play?**

Typically 3 fall and winter and 8 or 9 in the spring and summer

**Where do Washington Thunder play their spring and summer tournaments?**

Eastern Washington, Western Washington and Oregon. Although 18s have played in Idaho and Utah as well... but not often.

**What is the policy on "playing up"?**

Players who are 12u eligible may play up to 14u. 14u eligible players must complete 14u eligibility before moving up to an older team. Players who have completed 14u may play up to 18u if appropriate, which is determined by the player's skill level and the needs of the 18u team.

**Who are your coaches?**

All of our coaches are or have been professional coaches (high school and/or college), tutors or former college softball players.

Washington Thunder 14u staff is; Head Coach is TBA other coaches are Drew Wellner and Jeff Smith, assistant coach/pitching coach is Marisa Lucero.

Washington Thunder 16u staff is; Head Coach Riley Hinkle and Rudi Reyes and assistant/pitching is Hunter Hahn

18u staff is; Head Coach Mark Edmonston, assistant coaches Chris Lee, Lindsee Rounds and Delaney Sager.

