

## **General Information - Fall Ball Season**

During the Fall Ball season, the emphasis is on learning and improving on fundamentals and skill development. Practices will start up in September with the normal season of games running from mid-September through the middle of November. We encourage all players to register in the division they will be playing in next Spring. Fall Ball is a great time to hone the skills necessary to prepare for a new division.

*\*Important Note – Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Orange County, CA is still operating under restricted guidelines pertaining to youth sports. Unfortunately, this Fall Ball Season will look different than the past. While we are excited to get back out on the fields there are currently NO GAMES allowed at this time. It is our hope that some of the State and Local restrictions may be lifted, but it is entirely possible no Fall Ball games will be played this season. However, our fields are open and available for practices and clinics. SCGS has compiled Return to Play Guidance that we will ask all players, coaches, and parents to abide by so that we can safely get back on the fields.*

As a result of this modified structure, the Fall Ball Fees will be reduced to only cover the costs of the fields and equipment needed. In the event that current restrictions are lifted, and we are able to play OC Fall Ball games, we will reassess and may charge a small nominal fee at that time to cover any associated costs. These cost will be spread equally across your assigned team and it will be expected that you will promptly pay when/if the fees become due.

### ***Back to Softball – What's Included***

This year has been a challenge for many of us. SCGS is excited to announce that we have put together a Return to Play Plan incorporating Federal, State, and Local Guidance surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. This has allowed SCGS to re-gain access to the wonderful softball fields and facilities. That being said, it will be important for SCGS players, coaches, and family members to do their part to follow the Return to Play Plan so that we don't lose access to these fields. As mentioned above, we are not yet authorized to play games, but are allowed to practice and host clinics under this guidance.

Here's our commitment to you this fall. As long as the fields remain open, we will be dividing up into cohorts and practicing multiple times per week (September through November):

6U Division: At least one practice per week\*

8U – 14U Divisions: At least two practices per week\* (including a batting cage day)

\* Coaches will be permitted to schedule additional voluntary practices subject to field availability.

Free SCGS Neck Gaiter for all girls who register by September 18th, 2020.

\*Players may request to be placed with known coaches and/or other players. As with all seasons, SCGS will do our best to accommodate all requests, but no guarantees will be made.

***Coaches Needed*** - Please Register on our website

### ***Registration***

Registration Fees: for ALL ages (6U – 14U) will be only \$55\*

\*Games: At this time, no OC Fall Ball games will be played. Subject to State and Local Guidance. If games are allowed to resume, then coaches will collect necessary expenses to cover any related costs (umpire costs, tournament fees, jersey's, etc)