

## Fort Collins Stars Intermediate Softball

The Fort Collins Stars Softball Club is inaugurating a pilot program for the 2008 season. This pilot program will be the Intermediate Softball program. This program will allow players to play games at the recreational level and also experience play at the competitive level. The purpose of this program is:

- To offer an alternative program to individuals who would like to compete at a competitive level and still play in the recreational league.
- To allow individual players, with the desire to play at a competitive level, manage their time between other sports and school activities.
- To provide a means for individuals to improve their skills.
- To provide a means for players to play at a higher skill level.
- To help individual players decide their desire to play the game and at what level.
- To develop players for future competitive teams.
- To give the individual players and their parents a better understanding of the competitive level.
- To assist with developing coaches for future competitive teams.

### TEAMS

- Intermediate teams will be offered in the 10U and 12U age divisions for the 2008 season.
- The 10U team will consist of players 9 and 10 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. Playing up in this age group will be discouraged and will need to be approved by the Board of Directors.
- The 12U team will consist of players 11 and 12 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. Playing up in this age group will be discouraged and will need to be approved by the Board of Directors.
- Each team will consist of a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 15 players.
- There will be only (1) 10U team and (1) 12U team for this first season.
- Try outs for the intermediate teams will be held during the fourth week of March. Place and time will be available at a later date.

### COACHES

- Each team will consist of a Head Coach and 1 or 2 assistant(s).
- Each coach and their assistant will be required to complete a coach's application and an interview process with the Board of Directors.
- A back ground check will be ran on each coach and their assistant(s).

### SCHEDULE

- Coaches will be able to receive the team's equipment at the end of March.
- Practice will be allowed to commence after tryouts and after the teams have been formed.

- Each team will participate in three “C” level tournaments which will be selected by the Board of Directors. These tournaments will be selected within the Northern Colorado region and will be based on previous reputations.
- Each team will also play in the Recreational League. They will play the first part of the season playing in their age group and the second part playing at the next age group up. Therefore the 10U team(s) will play in the 12U recreational league and the 12U team(s) will play in the teen’s recreational league.
- The intermediate teams will NOT be able to participate in the end of the season recreational tournament but will be placed in a “C” level competitive tournament which will be selected by the Board of Directors.
- Coaches will also have the opportunity of playing in several pick-up games throughout the season.
- Each team has the possibility of playing in 15-25 games for the season.
- The season will end in mid July 2008.

## UNIFORMS

- Each player will be required to purchase the required team uniform which will be selected by the Board of Directors.
- The total cost per individual’s uniform will be maintained around \$50.00
- The uniform will consist of:
  - (1) pair of Navy Mesh Stars softball shorts (\$12.00)
  - (1) Red Racer Jersey with number on back (\$18.00)
  - (2) Pair of all cotton socks ((1) blue pair (1) red) (\$ 8.00)
  - Sliding pad (optional) (\$12.50)

## EQUIPMENT

- Softball Cleats will NOT be required but will be strongly recommended.
- Each girl will be required to provide her own glove for every practice and game. The Fort Collins Stars have a few used gloves that are offered to all players.
- Water bottles will also need to be provided by each player.
- The Fort Collins Stars will provide:
  - Softballs
  - Softball Bats
  - Catchers equipment

## FEEES

- Each player will be required to pay the recreational fee for their appropriate age group at the time of registration. (approximately \$105.00)
- Each player will be required to purchase the uniform as mentioned above. (approximately \$40.00)
- Each player will be required to pay for a portion of the tournament fees, which will be based on the tournament fees, divided by the total number of players on the team. (approximately \$90.00)

- Each player will be required to pay for a portion of the registration fees for each affiliation which they participate in. These fees are based on the registration fees divided by the total number of players on the team. (approximately \$7.00)
- Each player will be required to pay for a portion of the practice field fees. These fees are based on the practice field costs divided by the total number of players on the team. (approximately \$10.00)
- The total amount of fees for each individual will be maintained around \$250.00.
- Scholarships are available for each qualifying player and must be received prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship forms are found on the FCStars web site.