

SVGSA Frequently Asked Questions...

1. **What age groups does SVGSA offer in the spring season?**
 - a. Typically SVGSA offers teams at the 8U, 10U and 12U levels. There are separate skill level teams per each age group...8UB, 8UA, etc. The "B" skill level is typically for new and/or developing players. The "A" skill level is for higher skilled players in that particular age group and played at a more competitive level. Players will be assigned to a team based on evaluation and/or on registration numbers.
2. **Does SVGSA offer tee-ball?**
 - a. No, SVGSA does not offer tee-ball, but at the 8UB level, a tee **IS** used after a girl receives 5 pitches from a coach **and** if she does not make contact. There are no strikeouts at this level and score is **NOT** kept. **THIS LEVEL IS 100% INSTRUCTIONAL**. Most 8UB teams are made up girls in pre-k, kindergarten and 1st grade.
3. **What equipment does my daughter need to play softball?**
 - a. Each girl will need their own glove, player field mask and cleats. These items can be purchased at such places as Dick's Sporting Goods, SV Sports, Walmart, etc. SVGSA encourages parents to purchase an actual softball glove for their daughter and not a tee-ball size glove. With using an 11 inch softball (8U & 10U age group), a tee-ball size gloves makes it difficult to catch the larger size ball. Items such as batting helmets, and bats will be provided by SVGSA.
4. **How long is the season?**
 - a. The spring softball season starts in March and runs through May. Mandatory indoor team clinics will run every Sunday in March (**time and location TBD**). Outdoor practices and games will begin in April. Outdoor practices will be held at the BIG Vision complex located in Bern Twp. next to the Bern Pool.
5. **When are practices and games?**
 - a. Outdoor practices will begin in April. Teams will typically have two practices a week. Practice days will be determine by coaches. Games will take place during the week and on weekends. The game schedule will not be available until the later part of March.
6. **Is there traveling required?**
 - a. All SVGSA teams participate in the Berks County Girls Softball League. All SVGSA teams will compete against other teams in the county (Hamburg, Wyomissing, Fleetwood, etc.) All home games will be played at the BIG Vision complex located in Bern Twp. next to the Bern Pool. A team's game schedule is split 50/50 with half of all games being played at home and the other half away.
7. **Do I need to do fundraising?**
 - a. There is one mandatory fundraiser that all families must participate in **OR** pay the monetary opt-out fee.
8. **Does SVGSA provide financial assistance?**
 - a. Yes, SVGSA does provide financial assistance on a case by case basis. If assistances would be needed SVGSA does ask that you reach out to SVGSA via email: svgirlsoftballassociation@gmail.com **OR** by contacting SVGSA President: Ryan Martin at: 610-413-5698

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