



Rattler Softball Tryouts 2020-2021

The purpose of our district's athletic program is to provide an educationally sound program that emphasizes participation, cooperation, good sportsmanship and teamwork, as well as healthy competition for the middle school student. As coaches, we believe that fundamentals and commitment to the sport are important and should be stressed every day. Winning is great and is an objective, but not the goal. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for each player to acquire basic skills, confidence, develop positive attitudes, and gain knowledge that will lead to future play and enjoyment of the sport. Our goal is also for students to achieve a sense of loyalty, team play, and sportsmanship. We are looking forward to a great season with lots of fun and learning.

Coaches:

Barbara Mallory-Varsity

Steve Smith – JV

Criteria for making the team:

We will review the following criteria in the selection of team members:

1. Attitude...towards the sport of softball, school, teammates, coaches, instruction, and new situations.
2. Abilities/Skills...running bases, throwing, catching, hitting, speed, agility, hustle, sportsmanship, and team communication.
3. Potential/Work ethic...How hard is the player willing to work to overcome weakness? How much is the player willing to learn? Does the player have a deep desire to be on the softball field? Regardless of skill, can the player add sportsmanship to the team?

Sportsmanship:

As parents and spectators, you must agree to:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by using positive comments for all players, coaches, and officials.
- Understand that players, coaches, and officials can (and will) make mistakes. We agree to be supportive of all participants, thereby ensuring an enjoyable experience for all.
- We understand that spectators who do not adhere to these guidelines may be asked to leave the event and may be banned from all future athletics events.

Registration:

****A **current** sports physical & MTBI Concussion form must be on file with Student Services and **online registration must be completed no later than Thursday, November 5th.** ****

Try-outs:

Monday-Friday, November 9th-13th from 2:45-4:15 PM

The results will be posted on the school athletic website by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 13th. We will post by the last 4 letters of the student ID number. If cuts are **not** necessary because there are not enough girls trying out, then we will have tryouts only on Monday and Tuesday and will announce who is on JV and who is on Varsity by the end of the tryouts on Tuesday.

*Athletes must be present at each day of tryouts. If an athlete must miss a day, parents need to contact the coaches to make them aware.

*To provide the most comfortable atmosphere for ALL girls, **TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

* Girls should wear t-shirts, athletic shorts or softball pants, athletic socks and softball cleats if you have them. Do not buy cleats for tryouts, you can wear gym shoes. You only need to bring a glove or mitt. We will provide helmets, bats, and balls. If you have softball equipment, you should bring it but do not buy something special for tryouts. Please bring a water bottle to tryouts and be sure to stay well hydrated throughout the day. Hair needs to be pulled back and jewelry is not allowed.

Practices:

The first few weeks, **before games start** we will practice Monday-Friday 2:45-4:15pm. Players will change at right after school and head out to the fields.

Once games start, practices will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday's after school from 2:45-4:15 PM.

Parents are responsible for picking UP their child after games and practices. Girls who are not picked up in a timely manner may forfeit their spot on the team.

Athletes will stay after school on Mondays and Wednesdays, to prepare for the game. Athletes will want to have a snack (something light) for after school. We will start warm-ups by 2:45pm on game days.

Game Times:

Games are held on Monday and Wednesday beginning at 4:00 PM. Games last around 2 hours. *Most of our games are at Akimel A-al because only two middle schools have lights.

Academic Standard

All players must maintain passing grades and satisfactory behavior in every class. Grades and behavior will be checked throughout the season. Failing grades or poor behavior are grounds for suspension and possible dismissal from the team. Any unsatisfactory behavior being displayed by any athlete throughout the school day may impact playing time. This will be at the discretion of coaches.

If you have any questions about the upcoming season, please feel free to call Akimel A-al or contact the coaches. We are looking forward to an excellent season!

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