



Thunder Bay Girls Softball Association
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CRRA - Thunder Bay Girls Softball Association 2026 INFORMATION PACKAGE

Welcome to the CRRA-TBGSA recreational softball program! We're very excited you're interested in playing girls' softball this season. This information package will provide important information to help you prepare for the upcoming season. **Before registering for the season, please read this information carefully to ensure your player can fully commit to the expectations. This information also appears on our website.**

Eligibility:

- Before registering for the league, please ensure your player can commit to regular season games AND the tournament. (See website for schedules).
- Commitment - Because there are limited spaces in each division, we cannot take players who are only committed to half the season. Teams depend on all players to attend every game in order to progress, develop skills, learn the game, and receive playing time in certain positions.
- Players who do not show commitment to the team may not have the opportunity to learn or play in different positions, like pitcher or 1st base.

Divisions:

- Minor - Girls ages 7, 8, 9* play on Mondays and Wednesdays
- Major - Girls ages 10, 11* play on Mondays and Wednesdays
- PeeWee (PW) - Girls ages 12-14* play on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Bantam/Ladies - Girls/women ages 15+ - will play on various days, Mondays - Thursdays
- Sundays are reserved for make-up games due to inclement weather, cancelled games, and rescheduled games.
- Practices may occur anytime on the weekend (Friday evenings, Saturdays & Sundays) and will be determined by the head coach.

**9, 11, and 14-year-olds may play up a division depending on their skill level. This will be determined at evaluations. If you are planning to play up a league, you must attend evaluations for assessment.*

Registration Information:

- Registration Cost: \$140
- Registration is not considered complete until we receive both your completed/signed registration form *and* your payment.
- There are limited spaces available in each division.
- We do not accept player friend requests. Siblings who are in the same division will be placed on the same team, unless requested otherwise.

Online registration:

- Closes: April 3, 2025 or sooner, depending on availability.
 - This may also be extended if we need to fill positions.
- Registration is to be completed using our online form.
- Make your payment.

In-person registration:

- If you cannot complete the online form, please come to our in-person registration. You will still complete it online, but a member of TBGSA will be there to help you.
- In-person registration will occur on the following dates at the Current River Community Centre. Please note that in-person registration may be cancelled if capacity in the league is reached. Check the website and our socials for updates.
 - Saturday, March 7th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
 - Wednesday, March 11th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 - Saturday, March 28th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Please bring your payment with you.

Payment Information:

- Send in your payment. We accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer.
- E-transfer to: sports@currentrivercom.com.
 - *E-transfers are autodeposited.*
 - ***Please ensure you write the first and last name of your player, as it appears on the registration form, in the comment section of the e-transfer.***
- Cheques payable to: CRRA or Current River Rec Association
- **Please note your registration is not considered complete until we receive your fee.**
- You will be emailed a confirmation once we have received both the registration form and the registration fee.

Important Dates:

- **Evaluations:** In order to create teams that are fair in skill level and development, the league will hold its pre-season evaluations in late April.
- Evaluations are TENTATIVELY scheduled for the following dates:
 - Sunday, April 19 (Bantam/Ladies)
 - Sunday, April 26 (Major & PeeWee divisions)
 - There is no evaluation for the Minor division
- Attending evaluations is mandatory, and all players should plan to attend. If you cannot make this, please let the league know. We must evaluate skill levels to create the teams.
 - Bring your glove, indoor runners, and water bottle.
- More information regarding evaluations will be posted online and emailed to parents.
- **Coaches Meeting & Draft Selection:** A meeting for all coaches and coaching staff is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 at the Current River Rec Centre. The draft selection for each division will occur after the coaches' meeting.

- **Practice Begins:** Early May, depending on the weather
 - Anticipated date is the week of May 4th or 11th
- **League Begins: Mid-May,** depending on the weather
 - Anticipated date is the week of May 18th
- **Softball Tournament Week: June 28 - July 5, excluding June 30 & July 1**
 - Please review your calendars and save the date! It's important that all players are available for the wind-up tournament.

Rules:

- The league follows the rules outlined by the 2025/2026 Softball Canada Official Rule Book with some exceptions. These exceptions are outlined in our House Rules. Coaches will receive a copy of the house rules at the coaches' meeting.

Equipment & Attire:

All players are required to have the following for practices and games:

- Jerseys will be provided for all players.
 - Minor and Major divisions get to keep their uniform!
- Players must wear long pants, usually joggers or leggings. For safety reasons, shorts are not allowed to be worn during games.
- Players must have their own glove.
- Players must have their own batting helmet.
 - In the Major/Minor division, players must have a helmet with a cage/case for protection.
- Players must wear runners/cleats. Open-toed shoes are not allowed. Cleats must be soft or hard rubber; no metal cleats are allowed.
- Please bring your own water bottle, hat, and sunscreen to each game. As we play in all types of weather, players must dress accordingly, including bringing rain gear.
- Bats - players who use their own bats must ensure they meet Softball Canada's regulations.
 - See the list of approved bats here:
<https://softball.ca/programs/umpires/approved-bats>

Jersey/Uniform Returns from Last Year:

- Still have your jersey or uniform from last year's PW or BL divisions...or maybe from other years? If so, return them pronto to the Current River Rec Centre during:
 - Regular business hours - Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - In-person Registration: March 7th, 11th, 28th
- To keep costs relatively low for upcoming seasons, it's important that players return any jerseys/uniforms from previous years. Every missing jersey means we have to purchase new team sets, and that adds to costs.
- Thank you for your cooperation.

Coaches, Volunteers & Umpires Needed:

- TBGSA recognizes the dedication and commitment required by all players, parents and volunteers to have a successful season, and in order for that to happen, we are always in need of umpires, coaches, and volunteers.

Umpires Needed:

- Umpires are integral to the game and our league. We are always in need of umpires for each division. Please consider umpiring for us.
- Umpires are paid \$40 - \$50 per game.
- Training and mentorship is available.
- For more information about umpiring, please email: tbgsaumpire@gmail.com.
- Want to umpire this season? Awesome! Sign up here: [Umpire Registration](#)

Coaches Needed:

- Coaches must register to indicate their interest in coaching. Please visit the website for more information, as there are new guidelines for coaching this year.
- For more information about coaching, please email: tbaygsa@gmail.com.
- Want to umpire this season? Awesome! Sign up here: [Coaching Registration](#)

Volunteers Needed:

- Interested in doing something other than umpiring or coaching with our league? Volunteer with us!
- We also have some spaces available on our TBGSA Board to help manage and organize the league.

Contact Information:

- General Inquiries: tbaygsa@gmail.com
- Website: currentrivercom.com/tbgsa-softball/

Stay Connected with us on Social Media: #TBGSA



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