



First Pitch Meeting for Families

Wednesday, 1Feb2023

OGSL Mission Statement



The Oakland Girls Softball League's (OGSL) mission is to provide organized fast pitch softball to girls between the ages of 5-14 in the Oakland, CA community with the overall goal of promoting sportsmanship, developing individual skills, encouraging friendship, and providing leadership opportunities via a fun and positive athletic experience.

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Agenda



| Topic | Timing |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Welcome & Introductions of Board | 5 min |
| Overview of Teams | 10 min |
| Spring 2023 Calendar | 10 min |
| Opening Day Preview | 5 min |
| Equipment | 2.5 min |
| Fields | 2.5 min |
| Uniforms & Merchandise | 2.5 min |
| OGSL Community Events | 2.5 min |
| Sponsorships 2023 | 5 min |
| COVID Guidelines | 2.5 min |
| Vipers Program | 5 min |
| Any Other Questions? | 7.5 min |



Introduction of Board



Overview of Teams

Head Coaches (Assistant Coaches)



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|--------|---|--|
| 6U | 1 | Austin Neff & Matthew Plympton (co-head coaches) |
| | 2 | DeNise Harding, Mike Kirkpatrick, and Blaine Green (co-head coaches) |
| 8U* | 1 | Katie Hennessey (Peter Aiello) |
| | 2 | Devin Knauft (Mishan Wroe) |
| | 3 | Alex Welsh (Tom Bowman & Dan Bellino) |
| | 4 | Alli Moreno (Mike Lee) |
| | 5 | Caitlin Dobson & Josef Ringgenberger |
| 10U | 1 | Dave Reichmuth (Cyrus Faviar) |
| | 2 | DeeDee Mendoza (Mike Murray) |
| | 3 | Molly Tafoya (Assistant TBD) |
| | 4 | Brian Gilliard & Marshall Snow |
| 12/14U | 1 | Jeff Ferren (Pete Wilson) |
| | 2 | Nicole Riddle (Assistant TBD) |

- **Over 150 girls registered for Spring 2023**
- **Over 80 players have not played previously with OGSL. We love our rookies!**
- **Division breakdown**
 - 2 teams at 6U
 - 5 teams at 8U
 - 4 teams at 10U
 - 2 teams at 12/14U



Spring 2023 Calendar

Spring Schedule 2023

Note: we are not hosting player assessments for any ages for Spring 2023

| Day | Date | Event | Location |
|---------|---------------|--|-----------------------|
| Sun | 1/29/2023 | Teams Finalized | |
| Wed | 2/1/2023 | First Pitch Meeting with Families (zoom) | |
| Sat | 2/4/2023 | Pitching Clinic at the Zone, 10am-1pm | |
| | Week of 6Feb | Teams Finalized – Coach will Email from Teamsnap | |
| Sat | 2/11/2023 | Coach Clinic | Owen Jones |
| Sat | 2/11/2023 | Pitching Clinic at the Zone, 10am-1pm | |
| | Week of 13Feb | First Practice | |
| | 2/20/2023 | President's Day Weekend | |
| | Week of 19Feb | Second Practice | |
| Sat | 2/25/2023 | Opening Day | Montera Middle School |
| | Week of 26Feb | Third Practice | |
| Sat | 3/4/2023 | Game 1 | |
| Sat | 3/11/2023 | Game 2 | |
| Sun | 3/12/2023 | OGSL at Cal Softball vs. UCLA, 12pm | |
| Sat | 3/18/2023 | Game 3 | |
| Sat | 3/18/2023 | Coaches' Happy Hour | |
| Sun | 3/19/2023 | 10U and 12U Vipers Tryouts (both B&C level attend) | |
| Sat | 3/25/2023 | Game 4 | |
| Sat | 4/1/2023 | Game 5 (First Weekend of OGSL Spring Break) | |
| Mon-Fri | 4/1 to 4/9 | OUSD Spring Break 2023 | |
| Sun | 4/9/2023 | Easter Sunday | |
| Mon-Fri | 4/8-4/16 | Piedmont Spring Break 2023 | |
| Sat | 4/15/2023 | Game 6 | |
| Sat | 4/22/2023 | Game 7 | |
| Fri | 4/28/2023 | OGSL at A's Night vs. Cincinnati Reds | |
| Sat | 4/29/2023 | Game 8 | |
| Sun | 5/1/2020 | Rain out Date and Viper Tryouts 10C, 8U | TBD |
| Sat | 5/6/2023 | Game 9 | |
| Sat | 5/13/2023 | PlayOffs Day #1 | |
| Sun | 5/14/2023 | Rain out and Mothers Day | |
| Sun | 5/20/2023 | Playoff Championships/ Closing Day | Owen Jones |
| Thurs | 5/25/2023 | Last Day of OUSD School | |
| Fri | 6/2/2023 | Last Day of Piedmont School | |
| Mon | 5/29/2023 | Memorial Day | |





Opening Day Preview

Opening Day: Saturday, 25th Feb



- **OGSL Carnival 9am-1:30pm**
 - Meet Stomper the A's mascot
 - Cake Walk and other fun carnival games
 - Taco Truck and OGSL Lunch Goodies will be sold
 - OGSL merchandise will be available (hoodies, T-shirts, umbrellas, etc.)
 - Raffle of mini wine-cave and local gift certificates, etc.
 - Gear Swap – bring your old glove, cleats, softball pants, helmets, bats
- **Team/individual Photographs** (30min timeslot to be announced)
- **Opening Ceremony 11am**
- Montera Middle School
- Cash/credit card will be accepted



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• Requests from Families

- Each Team should nominate one Opening Day Coordinator
- Each Team will be given a volunteer assignment for the day. Coordinator will work with your team families to ensure the assignment is covered!
 - High schooler older siblings can get volunteer hours signed off!
- Each team to please bring 6 cakes or baked-goods for the cake walk
- Each team to please bring 6 bottles of wine for the mini-Wine Cave raffle
- Other raffle item donations are welcomed and appreciated!
- We need a truck!

Get your ovens started!
Cookies, cakes and
cupcakes, oh my!



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- **Photographs**

- Your team's photo time slot will be announced ASAP
- Individual and team photos will be taken by Bay Sports Photography
- Optional individual photo packages can be purchased in advance online (link will be emailed later in Feb), or in-person with cash/check that day
- Order Envelopes will be provided at practice before Opening Day. These need to be completed even if you order/pay online, so that photographer can match the photo to your player
- Magnets and photo buttons are available too





Equipment



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- **Players are expected to bring their own glove to practices/games.**
 - **If you need assistance in purchasing a glove, email info@ogsl.org and we can help – we have some spares!**
- Players may want to also optionally purchase their own bat and helmet. Note: We have an abundance of helmets we would be happy to distribute! We'll be sure to bring some to Opening Day to hand out!
- All Coaches will have a gear bag with team equipment to share during practices and games. These are shared resources, but available for all to use.
 - A few bats
 - 2 sets of catcher's gear
 - A few batting helmets
 - A bucket of practice balls
 - A bag of wiffle balls (and heavy balls for 10U and 12/14U teams)



Fields



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- **For games, we are targeting:**
 - 6U: Montclair
 - 8U: Marshall
 - 10U/12/14U: Curt Flood, Owen Jones
- **Clean up after ourselves (city does not always pick up trash in timely manner)**
- **Porta-Potties will be ordered from City of Oakland for Marshall, Owen Jones and Curt Flood**
- **Report any unsafe conditions or lack of maintenance/garbage to Oak 311 and info@ogsl.org**



Uniforms

Uniforms & Merchandise



- Oakland Athletics Future A's program will provide jerseys and visors for 2023!
- **6U/8U players should wear gray softball pants, 10U/12U/14U players should wear black pants**
 - Pro tip: calf-length baseball pants are essentially the same as softball pants, so hand-me downs work!
 - Can be purchased online, at West Coast Sporting Goods, Sports Basement, Dicks, Big 5 etc.
 - Clothing swap at Opening Day!
- Cleats are encouraged but not required. No metal cleats!
- One pair of softball socks will be provided by OGSL
- **OGSL Fan Gear:** hoodies, adult T-shirts, ballcaps, umbrellas, etc. will be sold during Opening Day

STYLE C



STYLE E



STYLE G



STYLE H



STYLE I



STYLE J



STYLE K





OGSL Community Events

OGSL at UC Berkeley (Cal Softball)



- Sunday, 12 March, 12pm
- 100 tickets reserved in outfield General Admission (no assigned seats)
- Ticket Sales begin 1 Feb
- \$10 per ticket (\$4 per ticket will benefit OGSL). Face value of these tickets is \$10 (youth) and \$20 (adults).
- We will sell at Opening Day and also online:
- To reserve tickets:

(1) Complete this google form with number of tickets requested:

<https://tinyurl.com/calsoftball2023>

(2) Paypal \$10 per ticket to info@ogsl.org



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OGSL at A's Night



- Friday, 28 April, 6:40pm
- 300 tickets reserved in Section 123
- Ticket Sales will begin in late March
- \$30 per ticket, \$5 per ticket to benefit OGSL
- Parking group rate \$20 per pass



VS





Sponsorships

Become a sponsor!





Benefits of Sponsorship

- With your sponsorship, you will **gain access to the family, friends and alumnis** of the Oakland Girls Softball League.
- OGSL athletes and alumni are linked with more than **130 local schools**.
- More than **53 zip codes** are represented by OGSL families.
- **Thousands of total sponsor impressions** over the year with reach beyond Oakland and Piedmont through competition with regional leagues including Alameda, Albany, Castro Valley, Concord and Hayward.

Levels of Engagement



- **Triple \$300**
- **Home Run \$600**
- **Grand Slam \$1,000**
- **Hall of Fame \$2500+**

TRIPLE \$300



- Logo and website link on sponsor page of OGSL.org
- Acknowledgement in one exclusive sponsor email blast to registered families (using Sponsor's preferred and approved wording)
- Verbal recognition at Opening Day
- One year license to use OGSL sponsor logo

HOME RUN \$600



- Table at Open Day, Family Night and Closing Ceremony if desired
- Acknowledgment via posting by OGSL on Facebook and Instagram
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GRAND SLAM \$1,000



- Logo on team jerseys
- Team photo plaque (upon request)
- All-season sponsorship of our weekly “Here’s The Pitch” email newsletter to OGSL families
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HALL OF FAME \$2500+



👉 All the benefits of Grand Slam, AND the sponsor company becomes Oakland Girls Softball League's Official Sponsor for 2023. 👉

For more info:

www.ogsl.org/take-action or

fundraising@ogsl.org



COVID-19 Guidance
Abby Kennedy

COVID Guidelines



These Guidelines will be emailed to all player families as a PDF file.

Restrooms: Please use the restroom before coming to practice as restrooms may not be available at fields and handwashing facilities are likely to be unavailable. We are striving to have city-provided port-a-potties at all of our game fields

Water: Each player should bring their own labeled water bottle.



COVID Guidelines In Case of Illness



Illness: Players should not come to training if they are feverish or feel ill (any illness, mild or severe, COVID or otherwise). Players and family members should refer to the [“CDC Coronavirus Symptom Guidance”](#) if they feel ill.

If a Player/Coach Tests Positive for COVID-19:

- The player/coach must isolate per local guidelines and at a minimum self-isolate for 5 days after start of symptoms or after date of first positive test if no symptoms. They can return to practice/games after 5 days and OGSL is strongly urging the player/coach to have a negative COVID test before returning to practice/games (either at-home antigen or PCR test).
- If unable to test, choosing not to test, or testing positive on Day 5 (or later), isolation can end after Day 10 if fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves.
- If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after Day 10.

If a Player/Coach has an Exposure to someone with COVID-19:

- Test within 3–5 days after last exposure.
- Per [CDPH masking guidance](#), close contacts should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings and when near those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease (see masking section below for additional information).
- If symptoms develop, test, and stay home and if test result is positive, follow isolation recommendations above



Vipers Program

2023 Vipers



- Likely two 10U teams and one 8U team. 12U depends on player numbers
- Tryouts for 10U and 12U on March 19th (tentative). 10B and 12U teams formed after tryout, but all 10U and 12U players should attend tryout.
- 10B and 12U can start in March; practices 1x per week in Spring, 2x per week in summer, plus weekend practice on non-tournament weeks. Up to 6 tournaments played in Summer
- 8U and 10C can start in late April; will participate in ~ 4 tournaments in Summer, and practice 1-2x per week during summer

Thank you!

