



Rose City Softball Association

New Player Information

How do I join a team?

You can join a team in multiple ways:

- Attend an RCSA Meet and Greet or Skills Clinic in February and March of 2008 (See to the Event Calendar for more information)
- Download and Fill out the New Player Information Form and email to the membership committee at membership@rosecitysoftball.org.

In all cases, you will be contacted and either invited to attend a Meet and Greet, Skills Clinic or contacted by current team's manager for evaluation and placement. Then you will given the opportunity to join an existing team or be part of starting a new team!

Where / when are games held and how long is the season?

Generally the RCSA season is from mid April thru July, the games are held on most Sundays at the Gordon Faber Recreational Complex in Hillsboro just off of the Cornelius Pass Exit. (See Fields Page for more information)

Teams also generally practice one more day a week, sometimes a weekday evening or Saturday day, depending on the team. Practice locations vary and are set by each team.

In addition, league holds events throughout the season for fund raising and charity and each team may hold its own fund raising events. These are not required attendance but highly recommended as service back to the league, your team, and the community as a whole.

How much does it cost?

Player Fees to the RCSA are currently \$55.00 for the season. Due before any games can be played.

Anticipate additional costs prior to practice / play:

- Cleats (no metal spikes)
- Softball Mitt (New or Used, we recommend a 13" glove)
- Some teams furnish full uniforms, at the very least jerseys, but may request that you purchase softball pants or color coordinated shorts, a baseball belt, and baseball cap.

- Most teams have “Team Softball Bats” for use by all members. Do NOT immediately buy any softball bat, as the RCSA follows ASA requirements and some may not be legal to use in our league.
- Some teams travel to other league tournaments, this is purely voluntary, but team members incur additional varied costs such as air tickets or gas money, hotel, player fees and food.
- Additional equipment such as bat bags, batting gloves, protective cup for infielders, sports sunglasses should also be considered.
- ***In any case, consult your team manager or coach before a major purchase.***

How can I fit onto a team if I am just a beginner?

There are two Divisions of play in the RCSA, an Open Division and a Women’s Division. The Open Division welcomes all players (see What is the RCSA for a mission statement), while the Women’s Division is open to those who identify as women.

Divisions are separated into four different levels according to ability; these are called Conferences. (A, B, C and D)

Open Division players are “rated” according to NAGAAA player rating requirements and are placed on a team with similarly rated players. These player ratings change over time as player abilities advance or decline.

The **Women’s Division** has a similar but less complex rating system to help place players.

The most inexperienced or challenged players play on “D” teams where they can play and compete in a learning environment.

What if I want to transfer to a different team than the one I’m placed with?

Any player may move at any time to a different team, though there may be restrictions if you so after the midpoint of season. The RCSA wants players to feel comfortable and enjoy their experiences and it is understood we may not “hit the target” right away. Often times, a player will go practice with a team for a few weeks before he is “invited” to join the team officially, this gives both sides some time to see if it’s a good fit.

Can my Partner, Children or Friends come and watch or participate?

Everyone is welcome to come watch practices and games. If a partner / friend would like to score keep or attend other RCSA functions, they can become a Social Member of the RCSA for a minimal cost. This allows them in the dugout and into any event where RCSA membership is required. You must be at least 18 years old to play in the RCSA.

What is the RCSA?

The RCSA (Rose City Softball Association) is Oregon's largest gay sports organization. The RCSA primary purposes are:

- To create and establish an organized non-profit amateur athletic association whose primary focus is on slow-pitch softball, for all persons regardless of age, race, creed, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation or athletic experience or ability, with special emphasis on the participation of the members of the gay and lesbian communities.
- To promote an appreciation of and tolerance for diversity in the greater social community.
- To promote a healthy lifestyle through physical education and activity.
- To nurture interpersonal communication and leadership skills within the membership, utilizing the organizational structure of the leagues as a societal model.

Is the RCSA part of any national or international organizations?

- The Open Division of the RCSA is a member of NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance) www.nagaaa.org
- The Women's Division of the RCSA is a member of a national organization as well, with a new name to be revealed in 2008.

When was the RCSA started?

- The RCSA was organized in 1995.

How is the RCSA organized?

- The RCSA is organized and run in accordance with the RCSA Bylaws and Rules of Play and follows additional NAGAAA, Women's Org, and player and team requirements adapted from the ASA.