

# PAYBAS Softball Program Overview

## SOFTBALL

PAYBAS regularly supports softball programs for the following age groups:

- 4U Foal - Non-competitive co-ed Tee-Ball (baseball)
- 6U Shetland - Competitive Tee-Ball
- 8U Pinto - Coach Pitch
- 10U Mustang - Kid Pitch
- 12U Bronco - Kid Pitch
- 14U Pony - Kid Pitch

### Team Formation Rules

PAYBAS host two different seasons each calendar year - a spring and a fall season.

- The Spring Season typically runs from March - May (plus All Stars May - July)
- The Fall Season typically runs from September through November, ending before the holidays.

### Games and Practices

There's usually a game on Saturday (and often an additional weekday game during the Spring), plus 1-2 practices per week. The younger kids often practice once per week while the older kids often practice twice per week. The Head Coach will set the practice date and time for each team.

### Location

Games are played at the PAYBAS complex - 701 Immanuel Rd. We share the lot with Pflugerville Elementary School.

### Team Formation Rules

#### **6U Shetland, 8U Pinto, 10U Mustang, 12U Bronco, and 14U Pony**

Each of these age groups will have a player evaluation and a re-draft format each season. Any player who does not attend the evaluation or relevant make-ups (unless protected) will be drawn randomly from a hat to be assigned to a team.

These teams will be a tryout format, and will be re-drafted each season. Coaches in these leagues can protect up to 6 players, which must include any coaches' kids. All coaches will start drafting in the first round, regardless of keepers.

#### *Protected Players*

For age groups 6U and above, a coach can protect players onto their team. Protecting a player means they are automatically on the coach's team and cannot be drafted by a different team. Every protected player MUST have a completed affidavit that is signed by both the parent and the Head Coach turned into the Director of Softball prior to the player evaluation day. If the player is a returning PAYBAS player, then one of the team's 4 coaches needs to have coached the player in the past two regular seasons (all stars excluded).

#### *Playing Up*

Parents of players may request to play in a division that is the next age division up (e.g. an 8-year old playing in 10U). In order for a player to be considered for an older division, the parent needs to send an email to

[board@paybas.org](mailto:board@paybas.org) requesting their child play in the higher division before the end of registration. The player must attend the scheduled skills assessment with the coaches in that division in order to determine if the player is able to play in the older division.

Even if your player is a protected player for an older age division, they must still attend the play up assessment