

Suffield Little League Softball Information

SLL Instructional program: This program begins with these age/grade requirements; must be at least League Age 5 AND be enrolled in a Kindergarten or higher program.

Unfortunately, based on past experience, Suffield Little League does not get enough interest for a softball-only division at this age (Kindergarten). Instead, what we have been offering - which works out very well - is to participate in our Instructional baseball program, which at this age and skill level is very similar to softball. Last year we had about 15 girls in our Instructional program.

Our Instructional program is a coach-pitched *learning* division where we teach the basics of fielding, hitting, running and most importantly, having fun! Our program is very different than Tee Ball programs - we seldom use tee's and we play actual games, but no scores or records are kept so that the kids do not feel any "pressure."

SLL Instructional program: Teams are formed and games are played. League runs the same length as all other leagues. Practices start in April, one during the week, and one on Saturday. Weekday practices are approximately 60 minutes in the evening, and Saturday practices are 60-90 minutes either at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, Noon, or 1:30 PM (each team has a different time for practice). Once the season starts on the last weekend of April, the kids play 8 games over 5-6 weeks. There are not any weekday practices once the season starts, but Saturday practices continue. Games are played during the week with make-ups on Saturdays if needed.

Next year, as a first grader, you can choose to continue with our Instructional program or move over to Farm-A softball.