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"A coach is someone who always makes you do what you don't want to do, so you can be who you've always wanted to be. There is no glory in practice, but without practice there is no glory." – author unknown

Upcoming Events

- Yankee Candle Fundraiser
- Annual Comedy Night
- Pool Tournament

Check your email and our website for more info & monthly newsletters!

League News

2014 Registrations will open on-line November 1st for "Early Birds" looking to receive a **\$25 family discount** towards registration. Visit our web page at www.salemnsoftball.org. **Early registration will end Jan 5th.**

Following tradition, Salem NH Softball will be submitting a float in the **Annual Salem Holiday Parade on December 1st** – volunteers/marchers are needed – contact President Brett Grande at moparbrett@myfairpoint.net or 603-479-5002.

We are planning our **FREE Winter Clinics** – clinics will begin after Jan. 1st at **The Show Baseball & Softball Academy**, 678 Andover St, Lawrence, MA, 01843. Check out their website at www.showbba.com.

Coaches, please complete your **Coaches Application** for our 2014 Season on-line at www.salemnsoftball.org. **We will be providing Professional Coaches Clinics this year.**

Stay tuned for **Volunteer Sign-Ups** – we have many, many projects and initiatives on the agenda for this year, but the BOD can't do them all without the help of our Members!

Is your daughter interested in playing on a **Tournament Team?** Or a **Summer Team?** Or **Fall Ball** (next year)? These are all programs being offered by your Salem NH Softball League – more info will be coming!

Speaking of Fall Ball...this year was a success! We had 2 Salem 10U teams that played against Pelham and Londonderry and a 12U team that played against Pelham. We played every Saturday for 6 weeks. The level of play has been exciting and our girls have learned a lot from playing against our neighboring towns. Coaches, players and parents really enjoyed the experience and we've formed great bonds with our friends in Pelham and Londonderry!

Dear Parents

Have you taken our **On-Line Survey** yet? Please help us to improve our League – we want to hear from you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/salemnsoftball> This survey is confidential and no suggestion/idea/comment is insignificant to us. We can't make it better if we don't know what you want! We thank the 30% of our League Members who have already responded!

We have begun meeting as a Board to put together a plan of action. Please know we value every suggestion and will address each one, however, not each one can be addressed at the same time. This is a huge project for us; some ideas/suggestions require capital, so it may take some time for us to fundraise to make some of these things happen. Other suggestions will require "baby-steps" to get us to the end result over time. Please keep the ideas/suggestions coming!

Divisional News

Tee Ball Division

Tee Ball is designed for players between 4-6 years old as of Jan. 1st, 2014. We focus on basic fundamentals such as:

- Proper mechanics of Throwing, Hitting, Fielding
- Base running, learning basic positions and rules
- Some coach pitching at the end of the season
- Continuous batting order and all players on the field at the same time
- 1 hr instructional clinic style practices 1x per week
- 1 hr games on Saturday mornings
- Participation award at end of season

Rookie Division

Rookie Division is designed for players between 7-8 years old as of Jan. 1st, 2014. We build upon basic fundamentals such as:

- Introduction to pitching, catching and positional play
- Introduction to situational play
- Coach pitch (player pitches last half from 35' mound)
- Roster batting
- 3 outs ends inning, 5 run Mercy Rule, last inning unlimited runs
- Score is kept; play-offs apply; participation award at end of season
- 2-3 events per week (mix practices & games); 1hr 20 min max each
- Coach/Volunteer Umpires

10U Division

10U Division is designed for players between 9-10 years old as of Jan. 1st, 2014. We continue to build upon basic fundamentals such as:

- Stealing allowed except for home
- Intermediate situational play
- Player pitch only-35' mound (Coach pitch to avoid walked runs at beginning of season)
- Roster batting
- Team rosters created through a Coaches Draft System
- 3 outs ends inning, 5 run Mercy Rule, last inning unlimited runs
- Score is kept; play-offs apply; participation award at end of season
- 2-3 events per week (mix practices & games); 1hr 30 min max each
- Patched Umpires

12U Division

12U Division is designed for players between 11-12 years old as of Jan. 1st, 2014. We continue to build upon basic fundamentals such as:

- Stealing allowed
- Advanced situational play
- Player pitch only-40' mound Roster batting
- Team rosters created through a Coaches Draft System
- 3 outs ends inning, 5 run Mercy Rule, last inning unlimited runs
- Score is kept; play-offs apply; participation award at end of season
- 2-3 events per week (mix practices & games); 1hr 30 min max each
- Patched Umpires

Juniors Division

Juniors Division is designed for players between 13-18 years old as of Jan. 1st, 2014. We continue to build upon basic fundamentals such as:

- Standard Babe Ruth rules apply
- Advanced situational & positional play
- Player pitch only-43' mound; Roster batting
- Team rosters created through a Coaches Draft System
- 3 outs ends inning, 5 run Mercy Rule, last inning unlimited runs
- Score is kept; play-offs apply; participation award at end of season
- 2-3 events per week (mix practices & games); 1hr 30 min max each
- Patched Umpire



