

SGSA
2025 Spring/Summer
Season Information

Philosophy:

The Shakopee Girls Softball Association (SGSA) is dedicated to providing a fun and inclusive environment where young girls can learn and develop their softball skills. Our focus is on fostering teamwork, sportsmanship, and confidence, all while creating lasting memories through the love of the game. We aim to inspire young athletes to grow both on and off the field, ensuring every player feels supported and valued.

Communication:

Please download the Crossbar app on your phone, if not completed already. This is where you'll get much of your team communication, including your team's schedule.

We ask parents to RSVP to all practices and games so that coaches can plan accordingly. If you already know that your daughter will be gone for one of the game days, please let your coach know soon as possible so that subs can be found, if needed.

Practices:

Practices for our 10U & older teams begin shortly after teams are announced in mid-March and will be twice a week until league games begin in April. 8U begins practicing in April. The practice schedule & location will be posted on Crossbar once teams are finalized and fields are confirmed. The practice duration is typically 1 hour for 8U and 1.5-2 hours for 10U/12U/14U, depending on daylight.

Please have your players dressed in full gear (cleats, softball pants, socks, belt and t-shirt/jersey) for all practices. Players are expected to be dressed and ready at least 5 minutes before the scheduled practice time starts. We understand that there are schedule conflicts and unexpected delays, but please do your best to have your daughter at the field on time.

If there are any weather cancellations, notification will be sent as early as possible. Excessive heat warnings will be on a case-by-case scenario. If teams were to practice in an excessive heat warning, it would be in shorts, adjusted practice time, and include additional water/shade breaks every 15 minutes (attendance optional).

Games:

There are two games (back-to-back) held on Wednesdays for 12U; Thursdays for 10U & 14U. 8U plays one game on Wednesday evenings.

Schedule Outlook 8U/12U: WEDNESDAY GAMES

12U Big West League Games Start: April 28
8U Metro Area League Games Start: April 30
12U State Qualifiers: June 28-29
8U State Tournament: June 28-29
12U State Tournament: July 12-13 (*must qualify*)
12U NAFA Nationals: July 17-20 (*must qualify*)
8U Monsta Nationals: July 24-27
12U Monsta Nationals: July 31-August 3 (*must qualify*)

Schedule Outlook 10U/14U: THURSDAY GAMES

10U Big West League Games Start: April 29
14U Big West League Games Start: May 20
10U State Qualifiers: June 28-29
10U State Tournament: July 12-13 (*must qualify*)
14U State Qualifiers: July 19-20
14U State Tournament: July 26-27 (*must qualify*)
10U Monsta Nationals: July 17-20 (*must qualify*)
14U Monsta Nationals: July 31-August 3 (*must qualify*)

Volunteering (formerly DIBS):

SGSA families are required to volunteer for 8 hours (either four 2-hour shifts or two 4-hour shifts) at the fundraising tournaments (Father's Day, 8U Monsta, etc.) for a total of 8 hours per player (max of 12 hours per family). The travel volunteer fee is \$500.00 per family.

Being a hosting site helps the SGSA program raise money to minimize registration and clinic fees, buy new equipment, make fields and complex improvements. Below are the big ticket items from 2024.

<u>2024 Big Ticket Expenses</u>	<u>2024 Big Ticket Income Sources</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NW field payments in 2024: \$19,114.70<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Hentges \$9,729.70 & \$9,385.00)• Biffs \$2,780.98• Umpires: FDT: \$8,200 Spr/Sum \$8,065.00• Big West fees: \$4,620• Facilities for 2024: \$4,530.46• Tax Preparation: \$3,500• Sams Club/Concessions: \$9,187.29• Rain Insurance: \$1,356• Tournaments are \$300-500/team /tourney<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Total gate fees: \$1,000 state; \$200 nationals• Jerseys: \$7,800• Player Insurance ASA: \$1,260	<p>FDT: ~\$24,000; State 10U ~ \$5,000; 8U Nationals ~ \$10,000</p> <p>Sponsorship: \$6,625</p> <p>Raffle: \$16,500</p> <p>Rain out insurance payout: \$7,000</p>

Equipment:

All players will be required to own a glove, softball cleats, fielders mask, batting helmet (red, white or black), and black softball pants. It is highly recommended for players to own their own bat that best suits your daughter's size.

Jerseys, red belts, and red socks will be provided to players before the first week of games.

If you do not own these items, please let us know -- SGSA has a free equipment exchange donated by past and current families.

Player/Parent Code of Conduct:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events. SGSA reserves the right to dismiss at any time a player, coach, parent or spectator who, by their conduct, creates significant problems for the team or disrupts practices or games. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct includes (but are not limited to): fighting, foul language, derogatory acts, disparaging or insulting remarks to or about opposing players, officials, coaches or spectators.