

# SPRING 2023 AJAA REC. SOFTBALL COACHING HANDBOOK



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#### WELCOME MESSAGE



Thank you to all the Coaches, Coordinators, Commissioners and other volunteers that make Afali's Spring Recreational Softball program a wonderful experience for our youth! The difference you make and the impact you have is critical in the development of these young players. You are greatly appreciated!

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#### AJAA - AT A GLANCE

1963-2023

#### Our History

AJAA has created childhood memories for youth athletes since 1963! The organization started as a baseball organization and has grown to offer our community 21 sports programs, making it the largest youth sports organization in Hendricks County. Our members and partners have grown to approximately 20% of the Avon community. Join us in celebrating 60 years of growth and we look forward to what the future holds for this amazing organization!

#### Ow Mission

At the Avon Junior Athletic Association there's a sport for everyone. AJAA provides outstanding opportunities for Avon community youth to develop physically while encouraging growth in teamwork, effort, sportsmanship and character by offering a diverse and high-quality athletic programming and instruction through a single organization.



### MEET THE TEAM



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AJAA serves over 3700 participants each year. In order to best serve all of our AJAA members (players, parents, coaches, and volunteers), please utilize the following chain of command for any questions or concerns.

#### Chain of Communication Parents > Coach > League Coordinator > Commissioner > AJAA Staff

- Parents should first communicate directly with their child's coach.
- If a concern needs escalated, contact the player's League Coordinator.
- If the concern still needs escalated, please contact the appropriate League Commissioner.
- If assistance is still needed, please contact AJAA Staff at admin@ajaaonline.org. We're here to help!

You may also reference the particular sport program page on www.ajaaonline.org, which will have a current list of Committee Members with corresponding contact information.

#### REC. SOFTBALL LEADERSHIP TEAM

**6U Division Coordinator** 

To Be Announced

**8U Division Coordinator** 

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**10U Division Coordinator** 

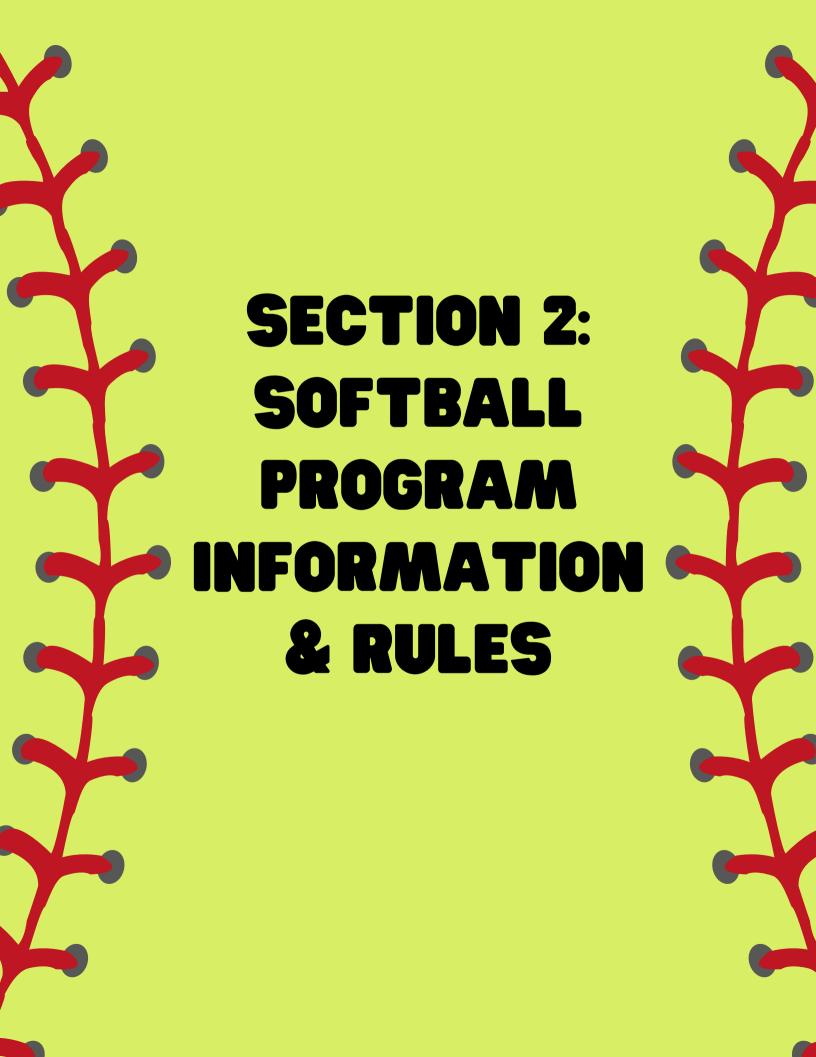
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January 6, 2023	Registration opens with Early Bird Pricing (pricing good through Jan. 31).
February 1, 2023	Registration still available through Feb. 27th.
February 27, 2023	Registration closes for 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U
March 5, 2023	Mandatory Coaches Meeting (All Head Coaches & Assistant Coaches) 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Cedar Elementary Gymnasium
March 12, 2023	Evaluations for 8U through 18U divisions. Location updated to D-Bat, 7508  Beechwood Centre Rd. STE. 700, Avon   10:00am - 1:30pm (6U Division does not have evaluations)
March 16, 2023	Drafts for 8U (6:00pm-7:00pm), 10U (7:00pm-8:00pm), 12U (8:00pm-9:00pm) at the AJAA Clubhouse. 13-18U Draft: Date TBD.
April 2, 2023	Field Clean-Up Day   12:00pm-4:00pm @ AJAA Fields
Week of April 3, 2023	Practices begin for 6U, 8U, 10U & 12U Divisions
Week of April 17, 2023	Games are tentatively scheduled to begin for 6U, 8U, 10U & 12U Divisions
Week of May 1, 2023	Practices are tentatively scheduled to begin for 13-18U Division
Week of May 15, 2023	Games are tentatively scheduled to begin for 13-18U Division
Week of May 19, 2023	Tournaments are tentatively scheduled to begin for the 13-18U Division.
Week of May 29, 2023	Tournaments are tentatively scheduled to begin for 8U, 10U, & 12U Divisions.