

Dyer Girls Softball
Year-Round Program Information
Approved by DGSL Board on 8/4/2020

The Dyer Girls Softball Year-Round Program is an extracurricular activity offered by Dyer Girls Softball League. It has nothing to do with Dyer Girls Softball League. However, as part of our mission not to hurt the local league: All players must continually participate in the IN-HOUSE league to qualify for the Year-Round Program. Failure to do so will result in immediate removal from the Program.

We work with the local league not to take players away. In return we get access to Dyer Girls Softball fields. As a result, it's been a win-win for both organizations.

The Dyer Girls Year-Round Program is entirely run by players fees, fundraisers and sponsorships.

The Year-Round age determination date is a player's age as of 12/31 of the current season.

The main goal of the Year-Round Program is to allow girls the opportunity to play more softball at a more competitive level. The girls that play on the Year-Round teams will be exposed to year-round practice time and games as well as higher levels of competition during games. As a result the younger players will most likely be better prepared for the All-Star season and the older players better prepared for High School and possibly beyond.

Another goal is to provide another option for players who might typically look to play at the full-time travel level. This way they can improve if they have a passion for softball, AND STILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY/PURSUE other sports or academics in the winter and early spring to become better well-rounded players or individuals. Also, it provides our parents with a cost-efficient alternative to full time travel softball which can cost approx. \$1,000-\$5,000.

Based on interest we will be fielding teams at the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U levels. As long as there are enough kids to field a team. Unfortunately depending on numbers, there may have to be cuts. The teams will be selected through open tryouts in August. Although talent level will be a major factor in selecting players, availability and commitment are just as important. All tryouts will be conducted through an evaluation process. 3 outside evaluators with no vested interest (immediate family members trying out) will conduct evaluations. After evaluations are submitted, averages will be generated. The DGSL All-Star Coordinator or a DGSL Board Member will ensure that the top two pitchers and catchers (catchers excluded from 8U) are in the top player list. Once pitchers and catchers are added, the top 12 players (including said pitchers and catchers) are selected for the team. If less than 12 players try out, the manager, once selected, will be responsible for recruiting the remaining players to roster a team.

After tryouts and the teams are picked, a manager will be selected. Managers will be selected by parents of players. Each interested manager should develop a proposal to present to parents to help with manager selection. Depending on the manager, there may be practices or games throughout the year.

The Year-Round Program season officially runs from approximately 9/1 through 7/31.

Although each Year-Round team is separate, they all operate as one program under the jurisdiction of the Year-Round Program coordinator (DGSL All-Star Coordinator). Each Year-Round Program manager must clear his or her schedule through the Year-Round Program coordinator. The DGSL All-Star Coordinator will schedule winter indoor practices for the Year-Round teams in June. They will also coordinate uniform/equipment orders for all teams and will be available to assist with tournament selection if needed. Year-Round Program games **MUST NOT** conflict with **IN-HOUSE GAMES**. Year-Round Program managers should also try to avoid practice conflicts as the best they can with **IN-HOUSE TEAMS**. The Year-Round Program coordinator will monitor to make sure Year-Round Program practices interferes minimally with practices for **IN-HOUSE PLAY**. Year-Round Program managers must also keep the coordinator updated on where/when they practice at all times.