



Softball Travel Team Program

Questions & Answers

Q: How old does my daughter have to be? When is the cutoff?

The player's age as of September 1st for the upcoming Fall, Spring and Summer tournament year will determine which team they are eligible to play on.

Q: How much does it cost to try out?

\$20 one-time tryout fee. They can come to as many tryouts as they would like. Players must register prior to the try out, either online or by calling us at 508-653-7673.

Q: When are tryouts held?

Tryouts for all teams are held in the Fall for the upcoming Tournament season. Please see our website for tryout dates.

Q: Who selects the team?

Frozen Ropes softball coaches and Frozen Ropes instructional staff will select the team collectively.

Q: When will players be notified?

Players will be notified soon after the last tryouts are held. There will be a team meeting once the team is selected with parents, players and coaches to discuss the team contract and code of conduct expected of all parties involved.

Q: How many players will be on each roster?

Our rosters typically consist of 11 to 14 players.

Q: Will my daughter have an advantage/disadvantage for training/not training at Frozen Ropes?

We do not play favoritism with regard to who makes the team and to playing time. We are searching for the best players and for those individuals who will give the team the best opportunity to compete.

Q: Will my daughter be guaranteed to play a certain position throughout the year?

Just because your daughter tries out as a pitcher does not mean that she will be considered a pitcher for the softball team. That goes for every other position as well. Those players who come in, train and work hard to earn that spot will be considered to play that position. Players may be placed in other positions throughout the tournaments as the coaches see fit.

Q: Will my daughter be guaranteed a certain amount of playing time?

We do not guarantee any specific amount of playing time. The best 9 for the game being played will play. Each player will be given a fair chance to earn playing time throughout the season. This is a decision made by the Head Coach and not up for debate.

Q: How much will the parent be involved when it comes to communicating about a coach's decision on playing time and game situations?

A parent will not be involved with communicating to a coach when it comes to a player's playing time. At this age and level, it should be the player who will communicate with the coach if they have any questions/concerns about the amount of time they are playing and game time decisions.

Q: What is the time commitment?

It is a full year commitment from when the Team Contract is signed in the Fall to when the last tournament is played in the Summer. They will utilize our professional training facility and instructors for team practices, group classes, individual lessons and individual practice time throughout the winter/spring/summer season. Players will be expected to attend all tournaments and team practices during the season.

Q: What will take priority between a player going away on vacation, playing for another team and having other commitments?

The Frozen Ropes softball team will take priority over everything during the IN-SEASON spring/summer schedule. Players are expected to show up for all tournaments and practices. Players are encouraged to play other sports during the off-season.

Q: When will the team practice?

Team practices will begin outdoors in September on Sundays (12U, 14U, 16U, 18U) and weekday evenings (12U, 14U, 16U, 18U) and will continue through the end of October. There are no team practices after Thanksgiving and through December. Indoor practices resume in January on Sundays (12U, 14U, 16U, 18U) and will continue into April. Outdoor practices are held on weekday nights and Sundays throughout the Spring. During high school softball season practices may be limited to weekends only. During tournament season practices are held on weekday evenings. The practice schedule is subject to change throughout the season.

Each player will also get private lessons that they can use throughout the winter workout season or during the actual Spring/Summer season. Each player will also receive a Membership, one session of classes and tunnel rentals that they can use at their discretion during their contract time with the team.

Q: Quality of play and how competitive?

The team will compete in a series of competitive tournaments with USA Softball, NSA (National Softball Association) as possible other softball organizations. Player development and teamwork are a top priority throughout the whole season.

Q: Where/When are the tournaments? How much travel?

The team will compete in a majority of local tournaments as well as some out of state tournaments. The final tournament schedule will be decided once they are posted by tournament hosts. Tournaments will be played in the Fall and during the months of late May, June and July. Tournament schedules are subject to change.

Q: When are the games played?

The games will be held on the weekends. There is the possibility of having a Friday night game and 2 games on Saturday or just 3 games on Saturday. After playing the first 3 games you are then placed into

a winning/losing bracket on Sunday where you could play 1 game or several. The actual game schedule is not sent out until about a week prior to the tournament. Tournament/game schedules may change due to the Weekend Tournament rules.

Q: What does it mean to be a Member at Frozen Ropes?

Included within the team package is a Membership for that player on the team. It is not a family membership. Each player gets tunnel rentals to use during their time on the team. Each player will also receive membership pricing on all other programs.

Q: Who do we contact to schedule lessons or rentals and how are they tracked?

Each player will have their own profile in our system. Within each profile the Frozen Ropes staff will be able to distinguish who is on the team and how many rentals and lessons each player has. When setting up a lesson or rental it is up to the player to call into Frozen Ropes and tell the staff member that they are looking to schedule a lesson/rental as part of the Travel Team.

Q: How long does the Season and Membership last?

Each season and player membership will begin the day the contract is signed and will last until the last tournament is played.

Q: Will there be fundraising opportunities?

We will consider fundraising opportunities throughout the season to help with the payment of the team.

Q: How is the team paid for? Are their installments?

The team will be paid for in several installments. The first installment will be due on the day the contract is signed.

Q: If I was on the team last year and already have a team bag, helmet etc. will my cost for the team be different?

If you already have some of the above items from a prior year and we decided to use the same equipment then your cost to the team will be adjusted.

Q: Are there other payment options? Could my daughter just pay for tournaments and not the Winter Workouts?

This is a Developmental team to prepare your daughter for competitive summer tournaments. This is a complete package.

Q: If my daughter is on the team does that mean she automatically makes it for the next season?

Just because a player is on the team that does not mean that they are guaranteed a spot on the roster each year. Coaches will determine which players are given an automatic roster position for the next season.