



**MALLARD CREEK OPTIMIST CLUB INFORMATION SHEET**  
**SPRING 2018 GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**



**REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY Saturday February 18, 2018**

- In person sign ups are:  
 Saturday, January 27th: Ridge Road Middle School (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)  
 Saturday, February 3rd: Ridge Road Middle School (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)  
 Wednesday February 7th: Academy Sports 8675 Concord Mills Blvd (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)  
 Thursday February 15th: Dick's Sporting Goods North Lake Mall (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Determine which division your child will play in and input on registration form at item #1. **Make up and availability of Softball divisions are subject to PARTICIPATION. The MCOC softball programs follow Little League Fast-pitch rules (as modified by local district for rec ball games).**

**Softball Divisions**

**MUST PLAY IN DIVISION STRICTLY BASED ON AGE**  
 2018 eligibility runs from 1/1/18 - 12/31/18 - division based on age as of January 1, 2018

AGE as of 1/1/2018 (birth year)				AGE as of 1/1/2018 (birth year)			
8U Coach Pitch	7-8 years old	(2009 & 2010)	\$185	12U Fast Pitch	11-12 years old	(2005 & 2006)	\$185
10U Fast Pitch	9-10 years old	(2007 & 2008)	\$185	16U Fast Pitch	13-16 years old	(2001,'02,'03,'04)	\$195
Rate Increases reflect expansion of regular season to 12 games for all age groups; 16U will also expand games to 1 hour 45 minutes							
Discounts Available: Sibling discount, MCOC member , re-using previous season's jersey							

**3) Important Dates**

Softball		
TBD	TBD	Mandatory Coaches Meeting (location to be determined)
SAT	Feb-24	Players Skills Day (see below)
MON	Feb-26	Practices may begin (**16U to start late March**)
SAT	Mar-24	8U, 10U, 12U Season to Begin (**16U to start early May**)
	Jun-02 - Jun-15	End of Season Tournament (**16U to end June 16 - June 23**)

**4) Skills Day Schedule: All are scheduled for MC Park field 2**

8U Coach/Fast Pitch	Feb-24	9:00 AM	MC2	12U Fast Pitch	Feb-24	11:00 AM	MC2
10U Fast Pitch	Feb-24	10:00 AM	MC2	16U Fast Pitch	TBD		

**5) Fan Gear: Available for pre-order only via online store at: <https://mco-softball17.itemorder.com/>**

**6) Game Days and Times:** We attempt to have the schedule spread evenly thru the season, but limits to field availability often limit the options

Games may be played on any weekday evening or any time on Saturday. Teams may play on multiple weekdays in a week & may play 2 on Saturday Teams may play on weekdays and Saturday in same week 8U/10U/12U plays 12 85 minute games; 16U plays 12 105 minute games - Additionally, all teams will participate in a post season playoff	8U and 10U weekday evening games will start at 6:30 p.m. 12U weekday evening games may start at 6:30 or 8:00 p.m. 16U weekday evening games will typically start 7-8 p.m.
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**7) We are always in need of volunteer coaches. Coaches must join MCOC to take advantages of the many benefits of being an Optimist Club Member within our club, the district and Optimist International. Coaches are also covered by our liability insurance policy and membership is a requirement to coach. Annual dues are \$85 for individuals. Background checks are performed and MCOC reserves the right to withhold coaching privileges based on these results or any other criteria deemed pertinent. Visit our website for additional information.**

**8) Concession Stand Opt-out Plan for 2018 Season:**  
 Many of you have busy schedules and do not have the time or energy to volunteer for the concession stand each year for each child. MCOC has created this opt-out plan so your name will be added to the "Requirement Fulfilled List". The team parent or coach will not ask you to volunteer for the stand. Cost of this Opt-out plan is \$50 to be paid at time of registration.

**9) The Mallard Creek Optimist Club (MCOC) provides a safe haven for children and complies with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to the protection of children. MCOC is required to and shall report to the appropriate authorities any suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or abandonment consistent with state and federal law**