

SEACOMBE SOFTBALL CLUB INC.

PLAYER BOOKLET



The Seacombe Softball Club welcomes you, and trust that your association with the club will be an enjoyable and a rewarding experience.

The information included in this booklet will answer many of the questions that new members have, as well as provide everyone with an understanding of the work, effort, commitment and finance required to run a sporting club of this size.

Seacombe Softball Club prides itself on being a friendly, co-operative Club providing the opportunity for both the elite and social player to develop their game. The Club has grown markedly over the past few seasons under the guidance of a very willing volunteer group and with continued support from players, parents and friends it will continue to grow and provide the opportunity for personal and club development.

Team, Committee and Coach Naming and Registration Day

Before the season commences Naming and Registration Day is held. The purpose of this day is to provide our members with points of contact, calendar of events and up-date our members with any new changes within the Club or Association. Players must complete an online registration form prior to the first game of the season.

Awards

At the conclusion of the season, a presentation night for players and supporters is held to recognise achievements, present team awards and thank members of the club who have helped throughout the year.

- All U11 and U13 players receive a memento for playing with the club
- All other grades have 3 trophies supplied per team. All financial players are eligible for team trophies
- Each season there are 4 perpetual trophies awarded for excellent service to the Club. They are the: Marg Morley, Burrridge, Strapps and Holme Awards.

Club responsibilities to the S.A. Softball Association

Each season, every club has to supply the following personnel to assist with the running of the Association:

- Plate and Base Umpires for senior games - on a roster basis
- Plate and Base Umpires for junior games - depending on home and away team
- Grounds Duty - on a rostered basis to put out and bring in bases, and general clean up
- Working Bees - to help maintain and upgrade playing diamonds at West Beach and our home grounds.

Fundraising

It is essential to conduct a number of fundraisers throughout the season to keep player fees down, purchase new equipment, provide training for officials/players and provide funds for the running costs of the Club. The Club aims to run 2 major fundraisers throughout the season.

Softball SA Headquarters

Facilities are provided for players and spectators at Softball Headquarters - Barratt Reserve, located at West Beach. Facilities include 3 international diamonds, 15 outer diamonds with bases, as well as licensed bar. Adequate parking is available near all playing areas.

Games

- Venue:** Softball Headquarters - Barratt Reserve
West Beach Road, West Beach SA. Phone: 08 8353 6766
- Season:** Season begins the weekend after Oct long weekend and runs to the end of March, with a break from the week before Christmas extending well into January.
- Times:** U11, U13 and U17 play at 12:00pm & U15 play at 2:00pm

Senior teams play in the afternoon 2:00pm, 4:00pm and 6:00pm, depending on the draw set by the Association. Programmed Wednesday and Saturday evening games are for A Grade only.

All players are encouraged to visit the Adelaide Competition Website - <http://adelaide.softball.org.au/> to establish game time and diamond for each week.

Match Cancellation

Junior Grade games will be cancelled if the forecasted temperature at 7am on Saturday is to be 38 degrees or above and 40 degrees or above for Seniors. Please check the Weather Zone website - <http://www.weatherzone.com.au/sa/adelaide/west-beach> to establish if games are cancelled. In the case of wet weather, please proceed to West Beach as the game may go ahead.

Warm up

Players are required to meet one hour prior to game time for adequate warm up.

Bench allocation

The first named team in the program takes the third base and the second named team takes first base. The first named team fields first and is responsible for providing the match card & balls.

Age eligibility for juniors

Age eligibility in juniors require that players shall be under the maximum age as of the 31st December of the current playing season. Players who turn ten before the end of the playing season are eligible to play in the U13's. Players are permitted to play in a higher grade or senior team, provided they have the required skills.

Team Personnel

The club endeavours to provide 2 coaches, manager and scorer for each team and limits playing members to 12 or less, to provide maximum participation.

Training

Training Venue: Happy Valley Sports Park
Taylor Road West, Aberfoyle Park 5159
Pre season: August – Reynella East College, Reynella
Club Training: Tuesday – Aberfoyle Sports Park, Aberfoyle Park

Training Emphasis

Junior skills development involve – individual / team development, basic knowledge of rules and tactics.

Senior skills development involve – specific training, game tactics, development and rule knowledge.

Attendance

It's the responsibility of each player to provide their own transport. If unable to attend, players must notify the coaches. Players must be punctual. Parents are asked to remain at all training and games with their child.

Team Grading

Teams are selected according to the player's ability, age and dedication. Players are encouraged at every opportunity to advance within the club.

Interchange of players

Coaches are encouraged to rotate players to give equal diamond time. However, players must earn this right by attending training, training well, being punctual, and striving to be the best they can be.

Equipment

Players are encouraged to purchase their own uniform, helmet, cleats and glove. The club provides all other equipment. The use of mouth guards is highly recommended. Players wearing sunglasses do so at their own risk, it is encouraged they wear shatter proof & UV resistant.

Clearances

Players wishing to join Seacombe must be financial with previous club before seeking a clearance. Players seeking clearances must do this through the club's clearance officer.

Carnivals

Labour Day Carnival

The Labour Day Carnival is held one week prior to the season proper. Players from SA and interstate are involved in this event. It provides all players (especially new ones), a good chance to put their skills into action in order to build on their game knowledge and teamwork.

State Junior Championships

Held February each year, at various locations throughout SA. Seacombe aims to enter an U13 and U15 team. It gives teams a chance to play against local and combined teams from the country.

Waverley

Seacombe aims to take our juniors to Victoria over the Easter period to compete against teams from other states. Parents are responsible for travel, accommodation and food for their child whilst interstate.

Club Finance

SSA Registration Fees vary depending upon the age of the players and what division each team is entered. Softball SA individual player registration fees are paid at the time of online registration. Player fees payable to the Club are due by the 3rd round unless a payment plan has been negotiated with the club treasurer. Although the Association provides a basic insurance cover for each registered player through its fee structure, the Management Committee of the Seacombe Softball Club strongly suggests that each player has their own private insurance.

Member Protection Policy and Codes of Conduct

These policies are circulated to all officials, players, spectators and coaches. They emphasise Seacombe's commitment to developing skilled players in an environment that promotes equality, fair play, teamwork and the enjoyment of the game in a safe and threat free environment. Please read and understand your MPP and Codes of Conduct to ensure you, your team mates, your coach and officials are all able to enjoy softball together. They can be located on our website.

Uniform

Club Colours	Black and yellow
Club Emblem	Tiger
Shorts	Black
Pants	Black with yellow pin stripe (U17, A & B Grade)
Top	Black - with tiger emblem, number, club name and surname
Undershirt	Black or white
Sliders:	Black or white
Cap	Black with tiger logo embroidery
Visor	Black with tiger logo embroidery (U15 & above)
Bucket Hat	Black with tiger logo embroidery (required for U11)
Socks	Yellow
Jacket	Black and Yellow
Juniors, C & D	Short sleeve shirt
A & B Grade	Sleeveless shirt

For information regarding the purchase of uniforms, please see the Club Uniform Officer. All players must be in full uniform by the third game. We encourage all players and officials to wear sun smart clothing, apparel and sunscreen. We encourage adults to set a good example.

Coaches, umpires and scorers

Coaches, umpires and scores are always in demand. If you are interested in learning to become an official, please contact the club secretary. To help volunteers develop the expertise required, appropriate courses are held over the year by the association.

Websites of interest

Seacombe Softball Club - <http://seacombe.softball.org.au/>
South Australian Softball Association - <http://www.sa.softball.org.au/>
Adelaide Competition - <http://adelaide.softball.org.au/>
Softball Australia - <http://softball.org.au/>
Play by the rules - <http://www.playbytherules.net.au/>
Weather Zone - <http://www.weatherzone.com.au/sa/adelaide/west-beach>

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