

Tri Valley Softball League

<http://www.aybsonline.com/TVL>

Letter from the League

2010 Season

Prior to the start of the Tri Valley Spring Softball Season it is important to provide an overview of the league and to establish guidelines and expectations regarding everyone who participates. This letter should be shared with coaches, parents and players to ensure everyone adheres to the "spirit of the league".

Tri Valley Softball League (TVL): The purpose of the league shall be to establish and perpetuate a recreational softball league for girls. The organization is affiliated with the Amateur Softball Association (ASA). All players, without exception, shall be in grades 3rd through 8th and will play with the grade appropriate age group during the spring season. The league is a recreational league that consists of town-based teams from 6 towns (Ashland, Dover-Sherborn, Holliston, Medfield, Medway and Millis) all located within the Tri Valley area. We offer three different age groups, 3rd and 4th Grade (Minors), 5th and 6th Grade (Majors) and 7th and 8th Grade (Seniors). Players can "play up" within their town teams to field teams, address player absences and ensure scheduled games are played. No players are ever authorized to play down with a younger age group. The mission of the league is to attempt to provide an opportunity for any player to play softball during the season and participate in a recreational league setting.

The Spirit of the League: The league is a recreational league and the key areas of focus should include player development, an opportunity to understand and respect the rules of the game and a chance to expose players to a varied group of teams while providing a fun setting. The league expects all players, coaches and parents to respect the umpires, opposing players and coaches and always demonstrate exemplary conduct during all games. **The league will have zero tolerance for any inappropriate actions by coaches, parents and players during any Tri Valley Games.**

The Season: The season begins on April 12th and will be completed on June 17th. The league does not maintain team standings. Any team that has participated in the regular season will qualify for the playoffs. The playoffs are based on a random seeding (determined at the beginning of the season) of all teams and are a single elimination tournament. Please see the playoff schedule that is already posted on the [TVL website](http://www.aybsonline.com/TVL). All teams are strongly encouraged to play all of their games on the scheduled date. Fridays of each week should be used as a make-up day for all teams.

Rules: The Tri Valley League will adhere to all rules that are posted on the Tri Valley Softball League website at <http://www.aybsonline.com/TVL>. The rules can be found in the rules section and are specific to each age group. All coaches should have a copy of the rules at the field for all games and should ensure all players are aware of the rules specific to each age group. All rules not listed in the Tri Valley specific rules will abide by all rules and regulations as stated under GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL, 18 and under in the Amateur Softball (ASA) rule book. One rule that always seems to trip up players and parents is concerning jewelry. No jewelry can be worn during games including earrings and watches. ASA umpires have been instructed to strictly enforce the no jewelry rule.

Games and Schedules: Games and Schedules will be set for all age groups prior to the start of the season. Each age group has set evenings for their scheduled games – 3rd and 4th Grade (Minors) and 7th and 8th Grade (Seniors) play on Monday and Wednesday, while 5th and 6th Grade (Majors) play on Tuesday and Thursday. Coaches should always speak with the opposing coach and confirm times and locations prior to every game. All field directions are posted on the [league website](#).

Communication: Each town that is active in the TVL is represented by a town representative. The town representative should be the first point of contact for any questions, concerns or issues from their respective town. Players and parents should always work directly with their team coach. Coaches should always communicate with the town representative.

We hope that all of the players, coaches and parents have an enjoyable spring softball season. We look forward to seeing everyone on the softball fields and we encourage everyone to focus on ensuring all players have an enjoyable season and a positive experience. Please always remember it is ALWAYS about learning and developing a love for the game, respecting and understanding the rules, demonstrating good sportsmanship and having FUN!

Play Ball!