



It is that time of the year again with the 2009-10 softball/modified softball/tee-ball season scheduled to start at the beginning of Term 4. The 2008-09 season proved to be a wonderful experience for all schools in the Gungahlin area and I am sure new players will be eager to join returning players, parents and coaches for another fun and exciting season.

You will be invited to attend general meetings for the club. Note that the club's **Annual General Meeting** is to be held on **Wednesday, 28th October 2009 starting at 7:30 pm** at the Gungahlin Lakes Community and Golf Club, downstairs in the Sports Bar. Please assist us in supporting all club activities this year.

[Online registrations](#) or [printed registration forms](#) should be forwarded to PO Box 446 GUNGAHLIN ACT 2912 by Friday 7th September 2007. The GLSC committee will finalise teams and submit them to the Central Canberra Softball Association (CCSA) to develop the season's draw. Enquiries should be directed to Peter Davie on 6255 5952 or Darren Burt on 6255 6232.

The following outlines some of the key elements of this year's competition.

Season Dates

The Saturday morning competition is expected to run for around 14 weeks. It starts on Saturday 17 October 2009 and runs through to March 2010. There will be a break for the Christmas holidays with the last game prior to the break on Saturday 19 December. The first game back after the holidays is expected to be Saturday 6 February 2010.

Location

Games are held at the North Canberra Softball Association grounds on Diamantina Crescent in Kaleen. Games are expected to start at either 8:30am, 9:45am or 11:00am. Team's start times will vary each week (excepting *Home Run* which will always be held at 8:30am). Games are one hour in duration.

Grades and Team Composition

Children will play in one of five grades, depending on their age.

- **Home Run (formerly Diamond Ball)** is for players who were born in 2004 or later. *Home Run* is a skills programme. At the end of the season each player will receive a small trophy or medallion.
- **Junior Tee-ball** is for children born in 2002 or 2003. No competition table is kept and a trophy is presented at the end of the season to all players.
- **Senior Tee-ball** is for children born in 2000 or 2001. No competition table is kept and a trophy is presented at the end of the season to all players.

- **Modified Softball** is for children born in 1999 and provides an intermediate step in developing skills prior to starting in the softball competition. A competition table is kept and a trophy is presented at the end of the season to the 1st and 2nd placed teams.
- **Primary Softball** is for children born in 1997 or 1998. A competition table is kept and a trophy is presented at the end of the season to the 1st and 2nd placed teams.
- **High School Softball** is for children born in 1996 or earlier. A competition table is kept and a trophy is presented at the end of the season to the 1st and 2nd placed teams.

Gungahlin Lakes Softball Club also plans to hold a presentation day for players on the Sunday after the last game of the season.

Children with appropriate skills can play in an older age group. Children may be allowed play in a younger age group, in special circumstances.

To gain a range of skills and experience, coaches will be encouraged to play children in a variety of positions.

All teams from the Gungahlin area form the Gungahlin Lakes Softball Club. This allows us to include players from schools that do not have sufficient players nominated. All efforts will be made to keep schools together, although this may not be possible where there are insufficient players for a full team. If your child wishes to play with a friend they need to indicate this on the registration form and we will endeavour to take this into account when teams are chosen.

A team will consist of 11 or 12 players; nine players occupy the fielding positions on the Diamond. All teams are mixed.

With the exception of **Home Run**, teams have weekly practice sessions; your child's coach will contact you regarding timing and locations.

Fees and Registration Details

An individual player registration form must be completed by each player ([online registrations](#) can cover multiple players).

Registration fees for the 2009-10 season are \$130.00 per player (with the exception of **Home Run** which is \$65). If a family has more than two children playing in the competition the third and additional players only pay \$120.00 each (however, the first two players must pay \$130.00 each). Players playing in other competitions (Saturday Afternoon Fastpitch or Men's League) are eligible for a \$35 rebate.

Umpiring fees are included in the registration fees. Umpires are organised by CCSA, if your child is playing Modified Softball or Softball, they may also umpire. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in umpiring this season.

All players must wear a club cap, caps can be purchased for \$15, continuing players obviously can wear last seasons cap. Players will be provided with a club uniform which is to be returned to the coach or manager after the last game of the season. Tee-ball players should wear navy shorts, modified softball and higher grades will wear nicks or playing pants. Nicks are loaned to players, however playing socks are to be purchased at a cost of \$10 per pair.

All equipment will be provided except fielding gloves and personal safety equipment. No player

will be permitted to play without a fielding glove (mouthguards are up to parental discretion).

All fees must be submitted with the registration form. Cheques are payable to Gungahlin Lakes Softball Club (or GLSC). **PLEASE NOTE: NO PAY, NO PLAY.**

Coaching, Umpiring and Scoring

Each team is to provide a coach. In addition, except for Diamond Ball, each team must provide a scorer for each game. Each team is encouraged to have a manager to assist the coach in co-ordinating game day activities.

If there is sufficient interest, GLSC will conduct clinics on coaching, scoring or umpiring.

