***Madison Softball League Frequently Asked Questions***

Madison Softball League Website: [www.madisonsoftballleague.com](http://www.madisonsoftballleague.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/madisonsoftball1/>

**Who are the Board of Directors?**

* Shawn Neil – President
* Lindsay Dollar – Vice President and Uniform Manager
* Chris McDonald - Treasurer
* Matt Dermody - League Scheduler
* Robert Patterson - Equipment Manager and Website Administrator
* Sarah Swain - Sponsorship Coordinator
* Courtney Smith - Player Development Liaison

**What are the playing rules of the league?**

* United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA)
  + <http://www.allamericanyouthsports.org/rulebook/>
* Madison Softball League Modified Rules
  + <https://www.madisonsoftballleague.com/portals/3118/docs/madison_softball_league_rules.docx>

**What equipment do I need?**

* During the Spring Season the league provides Jersey, Pants and socks. In the Fall Season the league provides jersey and socks.
* The following items are needed to play softball
  + Batting Helmet (with full face mask and chin strap)
  + Fielder's glove
  + Fielder's mask
  + Bat
  + Cleats
    - NO steel cleats allowed

**When are practice and games played?**

* Practices
  + Practices are coordinated with the league scheduler by the head coach.
  + Practices are usually on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday with possible make up practices on Friday or Sunday afternoons.
    - 6U and 8U practices are held from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.
    - 10U and 12/14U practices are held 7:00 – 8:30 PM.
* Games
  + Games schedules are created by the league scheduler.
  + Games are played evenings during the week.
  + Game times follow the same timing as practices during the Spring.

**What level should my child sign up for?**

* Madison Softball League allows players from ages 4-14
  + Divisions
    - Girls 6U (Birth Year 2015 and younger)
    - Girls 8U (Birth Year 2013-2014)
    - Girls 10U (Birth Year 2011-2012)
    - Girls 12/14U (Birth Year 2007-2010)
* Players can play in a higher division, subject to minimum age requirements for each division, but cannot play in a lower division which they are not age eligible
* A player’s age on December 31, of the previous sanction year (which ends on an August date immediately after the second full weekend in August to be specifically determined annually) determines the age classification in which the player is eligible to participate. For example, a player who turns 11 on December 30th, 2022 must play 11U or older in the USSSA 2023 event year which will begin on August 17, 2022.