



Softball Tryout Information

Shelby Youth Ball offers competitive play at two different softball levels:

- **Upper Level:** Skilled and experienced players. Teams are selected through tryouts. Teams play league games during week and play in tournaments most weekends during June and July
- **NOTE:** *A strong commitment by players as well as their parents is required to participate at the Upper Level. This includes attending practices regularly and on time and being available to attend most, if not all, of the scheduled games and tournaments during the season. In addition, extra out-of-the-pocket expenses can be expected, especially when traveling out of the area for tournaments.*

TRYOUT WARM-UPS

Sunday, April 11, 2010: 1:00 - 5:00 pm at Hillview Fields (Shelby Fields)

- Warm-ups are designed to familiarize players with the Tryout Process.
- Players INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT SHOULD attend the warm-up session.
- Players NOT INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to attend the warm-ups even if they don't meet the age requirements, don't want to tryout, or don't want to be placed on an Upper team.

TRYOUTS

Saturday, April 17, 2010: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at Central High School

10U 8:00 - 9:15
12U 9:30 - 11:00
14U 11:15 - 1:00

AND

**Sunday, April 18, 2010: 12:00 - 5:00 pm at Hillview Fields (Shelby Fields) or
Central High School in case of rain**

10U 12:00 - 1:15
12U 1:30 - 3:00
14U 3:15 - 5:00

****Note:** *A \$20 Tournament Team Fee will be charged to each player if they make one of the "traveling" softball teams to offset rising expenses associated with these teams.*

TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

- Players need to be AT LEAST 9 years old on or before January 1, 2010 to tryout for the 10 & Under team.
- **Players will be graded in 3 different categories including: hitting/bunting, in-fielding and outfielding. The pitching station will be optional and will not count as part of the player's overall tryout score. The pitching station will only determine the top 2 pitcher's for each team.**
- At the beginning of tryouts, players will be separated into groups. Instructions will be given to players at each grading station before the grading begins.
- Players need to pay attention and follow the directions given.
- Graders will be judging a player's ability to follow directions, their behavior during tryouts, how the player interacts with other players, as well as the player's specific softball skills.
- Regardless of weather conditions, please show up at the designated locations for the tryouts. Every effort will be made to run the tryouts.
- All tryout sessions must be attended in order to be eligible for an Upper Team.
- Tryout results will be posted at the Hillview Fields, Shelby Town Hall, and the SYB website www.shelbyball.org , the same evening, after tryouts are completed. The results will be posted by the players' tryout numbers on the website.
- A coach will contact players selected for Upper Teams and notify them of the date, time and location of the Upper Team Coach/Parent/Player Meeting they are required to attend.
NOTE: No parent or guardian of any player trying out for the Upper Teams will be allowed to participate in grading or selection of the players for the team their child is trying out for.

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE

- A player **MUST BE REGISTERED** with Shelby Youth Ball AND a Tryout Registration Form must be on file before the first tryout session.
- Tryout dates and the number of Upper Team for the season are set by the Tryout Committee prior to the published registration dates.
- The number of teams can change based on tryout results.
- Every attempt should be made to attend the scheduled tryout sessions, however, if there is an unavoidable circumstance that prevents a player from attending the scheduled tryouts, a petition can be made to request a separate tryout for this player.
- The written petition would need to include the following: the player's name, telephone number, birthdate, and SPECIFIC reason why the player cannot attend the scheduled tryouts.
NOTE: The petition must be received at the Shelby Town Hall by April 2, 2010 and the player is responsible for contacting a Softball Tryout Committee member below to confirm the status of the petition.
- Every effort will be made to honor the petition. However, there may be a possibility that one CANNOT be re-scheduled due to grader availability, field availability and/or weather conditions.

SOFTBALL TRYOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- For additional softball tryout information or questions, please contact: Joe Rox at 738-2392, boxorox@gmail.com or Doug Ramsey at 788-6726, djramsey@charter.net