



Oak Park Falcons

Mission Statement

Oak Park Falcons is an OPYBS-sponsored travel softball program that will provide an affordable, partial year participation alternative to year-round travel clubs for OPYBS softball players.

General Information

Falcons teams are a great alternative for players who want to play competitive travel softball, but who don't want to make a full-time, 40+ week per year commitment. Falcons teams are significantly less expensive than most travel programs, and do not involve long-distance travel or overnight stays. The Falcons travel softball program allows players flexibility in program commitment, while still offering access to competitive softball in the spring, summer and fall season as well as off season training opportunities.

Information for Fall 2019 & Spring 2020

- For the 2019/2020 season we expect to field teams at the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U levels. Tryouts for 16U and 14U will occur in July 2019. Tryouts for 12U and younger will occur in March/April 2020.
- Falcons will play no more than six (6) tournaments per spring season, unless teams are split in squads. Additional tournaments may be scheduled for fall participants
- Participation in the fall season for 16U is encouraged, for 14U and younger leagues the fall season is optional.
- The fall season will consist of fall league play (Melrose Park or Burr Ridge). 14U and 16U will likely participate in a fall weekend tournament/s.
- For 14U and 16U, Winter workouts are held from the end of the fall season until the high school season begins. 14U teams will practice through the Spring and may do 1-2 round robins or tournaments with non-high school players. The full Spring/Summer season begins when High School commitments end.
- Participation in preseason OPYBS-sponsored open gyms and clinics is encouraged.
- **16U tryouts are July 23rd, 7PM at Julian. 14U tryouts are July 30th, 6PM at Julian.** Tryout dates for 12U and younger will be announced in early 2020.
- Use the following link to register for 16U (2003 & 2004) and 14U (2005 & 2006)
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vCtuNVN0GaLGu7KSLQ_Bi6MeQNLIZjINS2ejmFMUttl/edit?usp=sharing
- Program fees for 2019 and 2020 have not been set, however in the past travel fees have varied between from \$250 for spring only season at the lower age levels, to a combined \$500 for full spring and fall travel seasons at 16U (House league fees of less than \$175 are not included for 14U and younger)



General Guidelines

- Players 14U and younger must play in OPYBS spring House League to be eligible.
- Tournament schedule is driven by the House League schedule. House League commitments and participation remain the priority.
- OPYBS will provide a subsidy to help defray the costs of participation.
- Age and squad levels will be determined from year to year based on interest.
- **Roster spots are offered based upon coach's selection after tryouts, and are not negotiable.**
- There shall be no required overnight travel.
- When possible selected tournaments will be within one hour and 30 minutes from Oak Park.
- When possible tournaments for any team will not be scheduled more than two weeks in a row.
- In most cases, tournaments selected will be over weekends – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- This is competitive tournament play. Players are not guaranteed a minimum number of innings per game.
- Participation in all practices and tournaments are highly encouraged and expected.

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