



## Delta Girls Softball Association, Inc.

# Newsletter

### *February 2010*

Snow drifts fill the diamonds at the DGSA complex and temperatures have been near single digits. But that's not stopping the Delta Girls Softball Association from looking forward to warmer weather and another great softball season. It's not as far away as you might think, so come join us and get in on the fun.

### *Your DGSA Board:*

Your Board is comprised of 16 members each serving a two-year term. The following list shows your current Board members for the 2010 season.

Jon Bennett	396-9099	Kelly Bland	288-0517
Paul Folkner	717-5040	Mike Weaver	789-8633
Jim Fowler	284-9225	Rodney Brooks	
Lisa Renbarger	287-9103	Maurice Richardson	288-1386
Greg Roper	741-8106	Sherri Spay	
	288-5886		
Marc Thornburg	729-0344	Melissa Thornburg	286-9945
Linda Zimmerman	789-4111	Tammy Jones	
Rick Painter		Adam Ramsey	

Last fall, officers were elected to oversee general operational and financial responsibilities of the league. These officers are:

Mark Thornburg – President  
Linda Zimmerman – Secretary

Sherri Spay – Vice President  
Jim Fowler - Treasurer

Also, the following Board members will serve as League Liaisons for the 2010 season.

Jon Bennett – Coaches Pitch League

Mike Weaver – Rookie League

Rick Painter – Minor League

Maurice Richardson – Major League

These Liaisons are available to address any questions, concerns, or comments you wish to communicate to the Board. Please feel free to contact any of the appropriate League Liaisons or a board officer at your convenience.

**Registration for the 2010 season: The registration deadline is March 5, 2010.**

It is very important to have your registration forms turned in prior to this deadline. Late registrations cannot be guaranteed causing returning players to lose a roster position from the team they played on last year and will be placed in the draft.

Registration forms can be found on our website, [www.deltagirlssoftball.com](http://www.deltagirlssoftball.com).

Registrations may be returned via US mail or by attending one of two on-site registration sessions. There are two on-site registration sessions that will be held at the Royerton Elementary cafeteria. The first will be Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM to 8:00PM or Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM to 12 noon.

A player must register on or before March 5<sup>th</sup> in order to remain on the same team as last year. Players who register after the registration deadline of March 5<sup>th</sup> but before the player draft on March 16<sup>th</sup> will automatically be placed in the draft.

Registration forms received after the draft but before opening day will be placed on the next available team subject to available roster openings. Registration forms will not be accepted after opening day.

Registration forms may be mailed to DGSA Registration at P.O. Box 297, Muncie, Indiana 47308 and will be considered timely if postmarked no later than March 5, 2010. Please be sure to enclose a check, in the appropriate amount, along with your registration form(s).

**Ages for League Participation:**

The age determination date for placement in the various leagues continues to be January 1. This means players are eligible for league play during the 2010 season based upon their age on January 1, 2010. **The board has decided to overlap ages in Coaches Pitch and Rookie League this year, so the parents have the choice of which league to place their child.**

### 2010 Ages by League

Coaches Pitch	4-7	Minor	11-13
Rookie	7-10	Major	14-18

Out of concern for player safety and to help ensure proper skills development before moving to the next league, the Board strongly encourages players to register in the appropriate league according to their age on January 1, 2010. Those players who have a strong interest in moving to the next league before attaining the stated age will be required to complete a petition form along with their registration form. These forms may be obtained at the two on-site registration sessions or on-line. A parent/guardian of the player will be required to sign the petition form acknowledging that they understand and accept that the player in question may be playing with other girls that are bigger, faster, stronger, and who compete at a higher level. The petitioning player will also be required to participate in a skills test in order to be considered for approval into the league. All petitions will be subject to Board approval. Petitions to move a player to the next league more than one year early will not be accepted.

Players who are petitioning into a different league will be required to attend a separate skills assessment session on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (Minor: 6:00p, Major: 6:30p).

#### **Player Draft:**

Players in the Coaches Pitch League will be placed on the teams without a tryout.

Rookie, Minor, and Major Leagues rosters will be filled by an “open draft”. Open draft means that the selecting coach will know the identity of the player being drafted. All players participating in the “open draft” will be expected to participate in the skills test before the draft, or the player will be placed in a blind Supplemental Draft.

Players new to a league, or choosing not to return to the same team, are expected to participate in at least one session of the leagues’ draft skills to give coaches an opportunity to assess a player’s skill level. These skills tests will be held on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> (Rookie: 5:30pm, Minor: 6:30pm, Major: 7:30pm).

Draft Date for Coaches – Monday March 16

#### **Concession Stand Assistance:**

DGSA will continue to subsidize the Concession stand with a ten dollar fee on the registration form. On the registration, the parent/guardian will indicate whether he/she will volunteer to work in the concession stand for the ninety minute period (one period for each player the parent/guardian is registering). **The parent/guardian will then be**

**responsible for contacting a board member to set up concession work schedule.** This fee will be returned once the volunteer commitment has been fulfilled by the parent/guardian.

### **Corporate Sponsors:**

If you or someone you know represents an organization interested in becoming a corporate sponsor of DGSA, please submit that information to a Board member. All corporate sponsors from 2009 are being contacted in hopes they will return as a corporate sponsor for 2010, but we always welcome new sponsors!

### **Fundraiser:**

In addition to registration fees and corporate sponsor support, we will again sponsor a candy sale as a fundraiser to help defray some of the costs of the Association. Each player must either participate in the candy sale or “buy-out” of the sale by paying an additional fee along with their registration fee. Late registrations, received after March 5<sup>th</sup>, will not have the fundraiser option and will be required to do the buy-out since the candy must be ordered in time to be distributed to all players/teams. **Buy-out of \$20.00 is due at registration. If you choose to participate in fundraiser the \$40.00 fee is due at registration. You in turn would sell the candy to recoup your \$40.00.** Candy will be ordered for all girls not selecting the buy-out option at the time of registration.

### **Coaches:**

We will soon be contacting our coaching staff from last year to determine which coaches are eligible and interested in coaching again this year. If you are a parent/guardian of a girl registering in DGSA, and are interested in coaching, please contact a Board member and/or indicate this interest on the player’s registration form. Also, those who will be coaching our 2010 season, there will be a coaches meeting on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss all dates, rules changes, and other important information.

### **2010 Calendar:**

It is our desire to begin Major League play within a few weeks of Opening Day depending on Delta High School’s schedule. We will also try to conclude our Coaches Pitch, Rookie, and Minor league seasons before Independence Day. Tentative dates for our primary activities are noted below. This schedule is based upon an estimate of the number of teams in each league and may need to be adjusted once the actual number of players in each league is determined by our registration process. Please tentatively mark your calendars for these important dates.

February 24	On-site registration at Royerton Elementary cafeteria 6pm to 8pm
February 27	On-site registration at Royerton Elementary cafeteria 9am to 12p
March 5	Registration deadline via mail or hand delivery to a Board member
March 09	Petition Up skills test: Minor 6:00pm, Major 6:30pm
March 10 & 11	League player skills tests: Rookie 5:30 pm, Minor 6:30 pm, and Major 7:30pm
March 16	Player draft (RK 5:30, MN 6:30, and MJ 7:30 pm)
April 10	Coaches meeting, and Field Cleanup! 9:30am at Royerton cafeteria
April 10	DGSA Field Cleanup, practice may begin following the cleanup
April ?	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual DGSA Golf Outing – More information to follow
May 1	Opening Day - Coaches Pitch, Rookie, and Minor league play begins.
May 15	Super Saturday – Coaches Pitch, Rookie, Minor games, Major League play begins
	Hit, Run & Throw (4-10 years old) and Pictures
June 26	Closing Day