



2019 Cabrillo Crushers Fast Pitch Softball Travel Ball Tryouts

IMPORTANT DATES

TRYOUTS SATURDAY, APRIL 27th

***Make-ups April 28th**

TEAMS POSTED MAY 1st

REGISTRATION MAY 3rd

Tryouts will begin promptly at the time noted. Please arrive early to register and warm up.

Crushers is open to all Gals players. In order to be eligible to play for Crushers, a player MUST attend a tryout (you do not need to attend both).

Tryouts:

Saturday April 27th, Anna Jean Cummings Park

3pm-4:30:	8U Field A
	10U Field B
5pm-6:30:	14U Field A
	12U: Field B

Make Up Tryouts:

There will be a make-up tryout on Sunday April 28th. Anna Jean Cummings Park

10:30am-12:00pm:	8U Field A
	10U Field B
12:30pm-2:00:	14U Field A
	12U: Field B

****18U and 16U Crushers will be formed at a later date upon conclusion of the high school season****

What to bring:

A copy of the player's birth certificate

Softball gear

Contact Crushers Coordinator, Scott Niizawa (Scott.niizawa@gmail.com) with any questions.

There will be a mandatory player/coach meeting on May 3rd at Anna Jean Cummings Park for Registration, ASA photographs, uniform sizing, and coaches meetings.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is eligible to try out?

A. Anyone who played Cabrillo Gals girls softball in the Spring of 2019.

Q. When are tryouts?

A. Try-outs are April 27th, 2019. There will be a make-up tryout on April 28th. All players hoping to play Crushers MUST attend a tryout. We expect to field teams in the 8u, 10u, 12u, and 14u for age groups in 2019. Teams will be posted on the Crushers website on May 1st after 5:00pm.

Q. What is covered at a tryout?

A. Ground balls, throwing, fly balls, hitting, pitching and catching.

Q. Are tryouts the only basis of the selection process?

A. No. The basis of the selection process includes performance at the try out, observation of league play, past Crushers performance, coach recommendations, and player and their parents attitude.

Q. Will there be player cuts?

A. Each team will have 12-14 players per team. If more than 14 attend a tryout, there will be cuts.

Q. What is the cost of the travel ball season?

A. It ranges from \$350 to 500 a player. These costs are estimates and will vary by team. Travel costs will be additional and vary depending on where the tournaments are played.

Q. How long is the travel ball season?

A. The first tournament is usually over Memorial Day weekend ending the last week of July.

Q. What commitment is expected of me?

A. Full commitment of practices and tournaments. It is the coach's expectation that family vacations will be taken after the tournament season is over. If your daughter is playing another comp sport, she may have to choose between the two if schedules conflict.

Q. How are the teams selected?

A. The teams are selected by the coaching staff with approval from the Crusher Coordinator of the particular age group. Each age group will have independent evaluators at tryouts, not responsible for picking teams.

Q. How is travel ball different from league?

A. First, full commitment to practices and tournaments is expected. Second, only the players in the field bat, and playing time is earned (there may be some exception to this in 8U depending on the tournament). Your daughter will be playing among the top athletes within your age group and each team member is expected to step to the next level. In this atmosphere, your daughter will grow as a player and it will be evident in her level of play the following year.

Q. Who do we compete against

- “B” ball is an organization that pulls girls from within their own league and the player must already be registered in the league.
- “C” ball is primarily the same as “B” ball, but is the second team for a league in a given age group. “C” teams usually compete against other “C” level teams and often play a more limited schedule than the league’s “B” team

Q. Where do you typically play?

A. Most tournaments are within the bay area, with each team usually scheduling at least one overnight tournament. Overnight tournaments have been in locations such as Sunnyvale, Napa, Tahoe, Morro Bay, etc.

Q. What is a typical tournament like?

A. Saturday is “pool” play. Typically each team plays three games that “seed” the teams for Sunday (championship play). Who we play and at what time we play on Sunday is determined by this seeding. Sunday is usually single elimination and will vary from one to four games.

Q. What is a typical practice schedule?

A. In May the player’s commitment to their league team comes first for practices and games. Crushers practice will be fit in where possible. In May there will also be practices on Sundays. Once Gals league is over the Crushers teams will generally practice on Tues., Wed., Thursday, Friday and a weekend day, but the final practice schedule is determined by the coaches at each age group.

Q. What are the benefits of travel ball?

A. A tournament will usually result in 5 or 6 games a weekend. In addition to the number of games your daughter will play, she will be with experienced coaches who continually work on mechanics, coverages and strategic play. In this atmosphere, your daughter will no doubt perform at a higher level, which will be evident in her level of play the following

year.

Q. What if we have a vacation already planned?

A. Please list this on the application and discuss with the appropriate head coach prior to commitment.