



What is Livermore SMOKE?

SMOKE is LGSA's travel ball program.

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SMOKE's travel ball teams play in competitive weekend tournaments. They are B and/or C level. Tournaments typically have 3 games on a Saturday which determine seeding for single or double elimination games on Sunday. Some SMOKE teams only play a Summer season or a Fall season. Our "A" teams are a different category. They are year round and called Smoke Fastpitch.

How are the teams formed?

SMOKE holds tryouts to form its travel ball teams in the 8U, 10U, 12U and possibly older age groups. This year tryouts will be May 1 and May 7, 2021. Only one date is required.

What is the timeline?

We typically conduct tryouts in Spring to form the summer travel teams. These teams will start practicing immediately to prepare for summer tournaments. They will play several tournaments during June and July.

What is the tournament schedule?

The manager of each team selects the tournaments in which they intend to participate. The SMOKE teams in the various age groups usually try to coordinate their schedules to attend the same tournaments but that's not always the case.

Who can participate?

Players must have participated in LGSA's Spring 2021 recreational season in order to play for a SMOKE summer team. (Playing high school softball is also acceptable for 14U players.)

What are the age requirements?

SMOKE intends to form at least one team in 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14u. The age groups are

- 8U - 8 & under - Players who are 8 years old (or younger) as of January 1, 2021
- 10U - 10 & under - Players who are 10 years old (or younger) as of January 1, 2021
- 12U - 12 & under - Players who are 12 years old (or younger) as of January 1, 2021
- 14u- 14 & under- Players who are 14 years old (or younger) as of January 1, 2021

Players in LGSA's 7U division are welcome to try out for the SMOKE 8U division, and players in LGSA's 9U division are welcome to try out for the SMOKE 10U division.

What costs are involved?

With respect to finances, each SMOKE team operates independently. Expenses such as practice field rentals, tournament fees, and uniforms are split among the players. Typically costs are about \$300-600 per player on average. It all depends on the team's plans. Most tournaments are played within driving distance of Livermore, however the team may decide to play in a location requiring lodging. Families should expect additional expenses for meals, lodging, etc. Teams often use fundraisers to offset some of these costs.

Where can I get more information?

You can contact our travel ball coordinator: travelball@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org