

Raptors

SOFTBALL CLUB JUNIOR INFORMATION



RAPTORS SOFTBALL CLUB



WHO ARE WE

Raptors softball club was established in 2022 by a group of passionate players of the game. We are proud to offer a positive, friendly and fun club environment for all lovers of softball and team sports.

We may be a young club but we come with a multitude of experience, passion and skills.

Raptors softball Club are committed to growing softball in the north of Adelaide and are a welcoming space for both new players and seasoned veterans of the game.

Our junior and women's teams play as part of the Central Districts Softball Association and our men's team will be a part of the Northern Areas Men's Softball Association which both play at the Playford and Districts Softball Association grounds in Elizabeth South. We offer a child-safe and positive environment for all our members.

If you have any questions or would like to come and join in on our fun and unique brand of softball then please email us at raptorssoftballclub@gmail.com.

We hope you will join us as a future teammate.

Go Raptors!



Association

The Raptors softball club play junior and women's softball as part of the Central Districts Softball Association in the North of Adelaide, at Ridley Road, Elizabeth South, a stone's throw from Elizabeth Shopping Centre.

Training

We train at the Parafield Gardens Soccer Club located on Bradman Road, Parafield Gardens. We have a pre-season training period and then we train on a week night as day light savings commences. Coaches will keep you updated with training days and times.

Games

Games for junior players are played on Saturdays mornings from October to April. We play at Ridley Reserve in Elizabeth South.

Volunteering

From time to time we will ask that parents volunteer their time to help with fundraising events, umpiring and canteen duties. Volunteering is an important part of how our club can grow and thrive. We ask that all people participating in our club dedicate some time to volunteering to help secure our club's growth and success.



Fundraising

It is through fundraising that we can keep club fees low, buy equipment and thrive as a club. We have several different fundraising opportunities during the season and we encourage all of our members to participate in these. There are incentives for players and officials who participate in these initiatives and hit targets which include fees discounts and free uniform and merchandise items.

Uniform

For our tee-ball players and under 12's you may choose to hire a uniform top if there is one available or you can purchase your own.

To hire a uniform top it will cost \$25 and \$15 will be refunded to you on the return of your uniform at the end of the season. We ask that you care for your uniform and return it in good condition. Alternatively, you can purchase your child's own uniform top at the start of the season when registering. We will advise you of the exact cost to purchase at the beginning of the season but as an estimate, it is roughly \$35. We ask that you purchase navy blue shorts for your child to play in as they do not need to wear club uniform pants or shorts in teeball or under 12's. We also have team socks available or regular white socks are also fine.

For under 14's and under 16's we ask that you are in full club uniform which is a club playing top, pants or shorts, socks and hat or visor. Many of our under 14's and 16's also choose to play in senior grades and it is for this reason we ask that all of our juniors in these grades have a full uniform.



Example of tee-ball and under 12's uniform above and example of full club uniform below. Please note that for under 14's and above that pants and shorts will have added detail and need to be ordered through the club or Emmsee. Plain blue shorts or pants are not the correct club uniform in these grades.





Team Building

During the season and off-season, we aim to have team-building outings and events. These include dinners, movie nights, bowling etc. We think it is important that we model mateship as part of our team values and these events help to foster that.

Fees

For your child to play tee ball in the 23/24 season your club fees will be:

Tee-ball	\$120
Under 12's	\$160
under 14's	\$195
Under 16's	\$195

This fee covers your club fees and our team nomination costs to the Central Districts Softball Association where our junior teams play.

There is also an insurance fee payment that you *MUST* pay to Softball South Australia before they can take the diamond. We will send you a link so that you can complete the online registration and pay the insurance fee directly.

When you register to play with us you pay a \$20 non refundable registration deposit for tee-ball and a \$50 non-refundable deposit for other junior grades towards your fees and then the balance of your fees is invoiced and needs to be paid before the commencement of games in October. Payment plans are also possible and can be organised with the clubs treasurer.



Fees

Uniform and merchandise payments need to be made at the time of order. If you are hiring a uniform then a hire fee will be added to your invoice which needs to be paid before the first game, please be aware there are limited sizes so you need to organise this early in the season.

Our Club has also registered to be a part of the Sports Vouchers program which allows families to access a \$100 government payment to help pay for sports participation for school-aged children. We are awaiting confirmation to be added to the program.

If we are successful and your child has not previously used their sports voucher that calendar year we will be able to apply for your child's voucher towards your fees. This may be a refund towards fees paid.

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