

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYERS

UMSA offers many opportunities for players to be involved in the sport of softball in addition to playing.

SPARTANS SELECT

UMSA is proud to continue our large Spartans Select program. Select is an additional team from house league with a greater commitment. There will be weekly practices and tournaments over a few weekends throughout the summer. All select players must fully commit to their house league team as well. Select costs will vary depending on number of players accepted on to a team and amount of tournaments entered. Unlike house league Spartans players play 'positional ball' and a more competitive game! All players must try out for the team. Previous Spartans are not guaranteed positions. **Check for indoor tryout dates online and please indicate on the front of the form your interest!** Spartans programs are for those born in 2005 and up. Similar to house league, volunteer coaches are a prerequisite before teams can be made. **Please indicate if you are interested on the front of your form.**

UMPING

UMSA offers our players the chance to become umpires and be involved in the game of softball in more ways. Umpires must be born in 2001 or earlier and complete mandatory training and evaluation through Softball Ontario. This is not a guaranteed position of continuing training over the season. Umpiring with UMSA can consist of weekly assignments (sometimes on rotation) as well as umpiring in the opening and closing weekends. Umpiring assignments are conducive with those playing weekly games and given a nominal fee. **Please indicate if you are interested in participating in the Softball Ontario Umpire Program on the front of your form. Please see website for details on clinic locations, dates and fees.**

PITCHING & SKILLS CLINICS

Once again this year, UMSA is pleased to offer Pitching clinics as well as Skills & Drills. These clinics are great to get ready for the season whether you want to learn or improve your skills. Pitching clinics are a wonderful opportunity to either learn how to pitch with instruction from qualified pitchers or improve your pitching with help from instructors. UMSA would like to develop the skill of pitching within the league for our players. Pitching skills are recommended for those in 5-Pitch and up. We hope that through offering clinics we can develop pitchers for each division. **Please complete a clinic form found on our website www.umsa.ca and submit with payment.**

MINI SPRING CAMP

Mini Spring Camp will be held on *Easter Monday, April 21st, from 9:00am-3:00pm at Mount Joy C.C. indoor field.* This is a chance for players to get back into the softball groove with a day full of planned activities. Children born in 2002-2006, will get a chance to work on batting, running, throwing, catching, fielding, etc. Our Mini Spring Camp once again will be run by our older member volunteers who have taken and taught a range of clinics as well as have played for many years. *The cost of the camp is \$55, please use a separate cheque payable to UMSA.* Non-registered players who would like to experience a softball camp can register at a cost of \$65. Lunch will be provided. **Please complete a Mini Spring Camp Registration Form found on our website www.umsa.ca and submit with payment.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

UMSA continues to work with their members in high school who are trying to complete their Community Service Hours. There are many positions throughout the year. **If interested send a request via email to umsa@rogers.com.**

INTERESTED IN ASSISTING A TEAM?

Are you a leader? Do you enjoy helping others and being part of a team? Players age 16 and up may apply to assist a younger aged team throughout the summer. Those interested must submit a letter of intention as well as attend the NCCP Learn to Coach Clinic on May 4th. Placement will be determined by UMSA board after all criteria has been met. This is a volunteer position! **Email umsa@rogers.com by April 21st if you are interested.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS

The majority of UMSA teams are coached by parent volunteers or members of the community that have taken clinics and meet other qualifications. To support parents and other member volunteers in the role of coaching UMSA hosts a variety of clinics to suit different levels and needs.

NCCP LEARN TO COACH CLINIC

This clinic is a part of the *National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)* under the community stream. The Learn to Coach clinic is recommended for beginner coaches and geared towards the Blast-Tball to Mite divisions. Register by completing a form from our website.

CONVENOR

UMSA requires a convenor for each division. They act as the liaison between the teams of that division and the board. Convenors attend meetings, deliver uniforms, schedules and extra equipment. Convenors also are a part of the Drafting Committee. No softball experience is necessary in this position. Please make note of your interest on the front of this Registration Form.

DRILLS & HITTING FOR COACHES

This clinic is given by UMSA. Learn how to create and implement drills for your players as well as teach the skill of hitting effectively. This clinic is recommended for those coaching Mite divisions and older or those who have previously taken coaching clinics. This clinic requires active participation. Register by completing a form from our website.

COACH & ASSISTANT COACH

UMSA strives to have 1 head coach and 2 assistants per team. The coach and assistants are encouraged to take one of the clinics offered especially if they have never coached softball before. Our volunteer coach and assistants work together as a team to create the weekly position sheet, batting order and take turns covering the team during each other's work and vacation absences. A parent is required to be at the diamond during all games and practices. This is a great opportunity to get involved actively with your child in community sport!