

Raptors

SOFTBALL CLUB

JUNIOR INFORMATION



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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 have a pre-season training period on Sunday mornings. This is often at Ridley reserve before we move to our usual training grounds.

When daylight savings begins we train on Tuesday nights at 5pm for juniors at the Parafield Gardens Soccer Club located on Bradman Road, Parafield Gardens. 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.

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.



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 have the option to purchase a top for your child or you may like to organise a loan top for a small fee. This must be returned otherwise you will be billed for a replacement which is \$45.

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 \$45. 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, blue pants or shorts, socks and hat. 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. If your child is playing in two teams that have different uniforms such as under 12's and under 14's we will supply you with an additional loan top so that you do not need to purchase an additional uniform until they are no longer able to play in both grades.



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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 or Greatrex. Plain blue shorts or pants are not the correct club uniform in these grades.





Fees

We want to make our junior fee structure as clear as possible. Depending on your child's age group, registration may involve two separate payments:

1. Softball South Australia (SSA) registration/insurance

This fee is paid directly to Softball South Australia through our online registration portal.

2. Raptors Softball Club fees

These fees are paid directly to the club and help cover the costs of putting your child's team on the diamond each week.

This season's Fees Structure is:

Tee-Ball - \$125

Includes the applicable SSA Home Run Heroes fee.
No separate SSA insurance payment required.

Under 12 - \$175

Includes the applicable SSA Home Run Heroes fee.
No separate SSA insurance payment required.

Under 14 - \$215 club fee + \$114.35 SSA fee

The \$114.35 SSA registration/insurance fee is paid separately and directly to Softball South Australia through our club portal.

Under 16 - \$215 club fee + \$114.35 SSA fee

The \$114.35 SSA registration/insurance fee is paid separately and directly to Softball South Australia through our club portal.

Our Club is also registered as part of the Sports Vouchers program which currently allows eligible families to access a \$100 - \$200 government payment to help pay for sports participation for school-aged children.



Fees cont...

Your registration/insurance fee must be paid before the player can take the diamond.

We will provide families with a link to our registration portal, where you can register your child and pay this fee directly to Softball South Australia.

What do your Raptors club fees cover?

Your club fees help cover the costs associated with running our junior teams, including:

- Team nomination fees paid to the Central Districts Softball Association
- Match balls and other game-day equipment
- Scorebooks and team resources
- Other costs associated with running our junior program

We work hard to keep junior softball affordable while ensuring our teams have everything they need for the season.

Payment plans for Raptors club fees are available and can be arranged with the Club Treasurer.

We appreciate club fees being paid in full before the commencement of the season wherever possible. If using a payment plan, payments can be spread through until January, but all club fees must be paid in full before games recommence after the Christmas break.

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 also provides fundraising options for individuals to help with paying their fees. Please speak to us if you would like to take advantage of this.

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