

# **Viewpoint Senior Softball Program**

## **General**

Softball is a major activity at the Viewpoint RV and Golf Resort. At present we have ten men's teams and one lady's team participating in league and tournament play. Additional "In-Park" groups (one for men and one for ladies) provide additional recreation opportunities.

Our goal is to provide an enjoyable softball experience for anyone interested, regardless of experience or skill level.

The softball program is supervised by the Viewpoint Senior Softball Association (VPSSA). A Board of Directors is elected each year. Each team has a manager and coach, and there are numerous appointed positions filled by players, wives and other interested volunteers.

## **Getting Started**

If you are just arriving, or newly interested, place your name on the sign-up sheet posted at the ball field or contact any of the VPSSA officers. You will initially be contacted and interviewed by the Selection Process Administrator, who will assist in guiding you to the appropriate level in the system. Feel free to enjoy the ball field and to join in any of the general practices.

## **Facilities**

Our Desert Jewel softball field is the finest resort facility in the area, with a scenic setting and well maintained playing surface. The softball clubhouse features scorekeeping and public address facilities, meeting and storage areas and a fully equipped concession kitchen. The VPSSA shares maintenance duties with resort management.

## **Activities**

Early in the season there are general practices and informal games. Players band together to participate in fall leagues and tournaments. During the heart of the season (Jan to mid-March) park teams participate in one or more of the several senior softball leagues in the vicinity. Each weekend a tournament is held here at Viewpoint. Our concession stand is open and softball is a popular spectator activity.

Two major social events are held annually, the Softball Benefit and Softball Season Wrap-up Event. Each team also has its own social calendar.

## **Selection Process**

New players are subject to a selection process which in general gives first option for selection to the higher ranked teams. The intent is to connect players with teams of compatible skill level. At present, men's teams are categorized as follows:

Division I - Amigos

Division II - Chaparrals, Diablos, and Viewers

Division III - Bandidos (age group 70+), Comancheros, and Hombres

Division IV - Desperados, Falcons, and Saguaros

As noted, one team has a minimum age of 70.

The lady's team, the Gems, is open to any interested female player over age 50. (One player may be 46-49)

The minimum age for Viewpoint events is 50, but rules for the leagues in which most of the teams play require a minimum age of 55.

Additionally, men's and ladies In-Park groups provide the opportunity for less structured recreational activity, and allow practice, training and a forum for league team managers to observe and evaluate new players.

## **Volunteers**

The senior softball program is operated entirely by volunteers. Participants should plan on participating fully, both on and off the field. Our funding depends predominantly upon concession stand volunteers. Umpiring, scorekeeping, timekeeping, field maintenance and public address are all provided by volunteers, both players, spouses and park volunteers. Teams are tasked to organize tournaments and social events.

A list of key contacts is available on the Viewpoint Softball Website ([viewpointsoftball.com](http://viewpointsoftball.com)). If you have any questions, contact the Selection Process Committee or any of the VPSSA officers.