

Sunnyvale Shockwave Informational



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About Shockwave

- Sunnyvale Girls Softball League's competitive summer travel ball program.
- Features age-specific teams formed from All-Star players.
- Teams assembled the last weekend of April.
- Competes from Memorial Day weekend through early August.
- Extension of recreational league, focusing exclusively on tournament play.
- Offers skilled players the opportunity to compete at a higher level.

Who is Eligible?



WELCOME

Any player participating in SGSL's spring recreational season is welcome to try out for a Shockwave team.



NOT ELIGIBLE

Players who are on an independent (non-rec affiliated) team after March 1st, 2026, are not eligible. This includes "A" Ball or other competitive programs not affiliated with a recreational league.



What are the different levels?

USA Softball A-Ball represents the highest, most competitive level of travel ball, featuring elite players often aspiring to play in college, with extensive, regional/national travel. In contrast, B/C-level teams (or B/C) represent recreational, local, or developing travel teams, often with less travel, fewer practice commitments, and a focus on skill development or local competition.

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How are teams formed

Shockwave teams are selected from our spring recreational All-Star players. Head coaches have full discretion in choosing their rosters. Teams are built based on the 2026 USA Softball age eligibility chart, which uses the player's age as of August 31, 2025. Eligible birth years are as follows:

- 8U will include players born in 2017 and 2018
- 10U includes 2015 and 2016
- 12U includes 2013 and 2014
- 14U includes 2011 and 2012



What is the time commitment



Practices are typically held two to three times per week for two hours. Teams participate in about three to five weekend tournaments throughout the summer, which usually span both Saturday and Sunday. Some tournaments may begin on Friday evenings. On off weekends, team, or friendly games, depending on the coach's schedule.



Tournaments are held throughout the Bay Area, in cities like San Jose, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Burlingame, Santa Cruz, Vacaville, and Pleasanton. Older teams that qualify may travel to out-of-town events, such as in Sacramento or Lake Tahoe.



While full availability is encouraged, occasional conflicts will not automatically disqualify a player from being selected. However, consistent absences may impact team placement.

Tournaments



4-Game Guarantee: Most tournaments assure at least four games.



Weekend Format: Typically 3 pool play games on Saturday, followed by a single-elimination bracket on Sunday.



Sunday Play: Depending on performance, teams may play 1 to 4 games on Sunday.



Shockwave Costs

The total cost for the **Summer Shockwave** season is between \$650-\$800, depending on team size and the number of tournaments the team participates in. This fee includes two uniforms (jersey and socks), tournament entry fees, field permits, and insurance for both players and coaches.

Regardless of tournament attendance, the full registration fee will be charged. This ensures that all team and league costs can be covered, including those that remain fixed whether or not a player attends every event. Shockwave payments will be invoiced to families via TeamSnap once total cost are determined.

Fall Shockwave tends to cost less due to fewer scheduled tournaments, and uniforms from the summer season are reused, which helps keep expenses down.

How do we compare to other travel organizations

Shockwave offers a grassroots, affordable pathway for families seeking a more competitive softball experience. Designed as a bridge between recreational play and “A” level travel teams. Shockwave provides high-quality development and tournament competition—without the \$2,000–\$3,000 seasonal cost often seen in traditional travel programs. With smaller rosters, dedicated field access, and dedicated coaches, players receive focused instruction in a supportive, team-centered environment.

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SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Emphasis on a supportive, team-centered environment for growth.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULES

8U



6/5-6/7-Rally in the Valley (Wait)

6/13-14 Twister Classic

6/26-28 NorCals

7/17-19 PHBA Field of Dream

10U



5/30-5/31: Summer Slam

6/13-14: BowNet June

6/26-28 NorCals

7/4-5 4th of July Del Holson Firecracker

7/18 Bat Wars

7/25-26 Easton Classic

12U



6/12-14: Redwood City Jams

6/26-28: Nor Cals

7/10-12 Blast by the Bay

7/24-26 State Line Showdown
(Nevada)

Questions



We're happy to answer any questions you may have.