

## **U14 DIVISION - PREP VS DEVELOPMENTAL**

The idea of a prep division is for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players and high school players age 14 and under as of December 31 of the previous year. This is the same as prior years but provides a means to separate the players who have played multiple years and can be expected to focus, play well, and exhibit a competitive attitude.

The developmental division is for younger, inexperienced or first time players or coaches. If you have accomplished pitching you may want to play with the prep group as some in the developmental category have declared themselves "weak". We take that they are lacking in several of the skill categories. Regardless, both groups play ASA rules. Let us know where you fit as scheduling begins.

Here is an example. Our team has one high school U14 age eligible player. We have a number of wannabe pitchers and catchers. We have players of various size and abilities. Some haven't played before or haven't played for several years. Some love softball and want to be successful. So, we plan to play cross-over games between prep and developmental. We feel it is important to expose the players to all aspects of softball including winning and losing. They need to be reminded what competition is all about. The girls talked about getting their "butts" kicked By a team last year but still look forward to this year. 😊