



2016 LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL COACHES CLINIC

DATES: The Clinic will be conducted in two sessions:

- I) 22-24 July, prior to 2016 Little League Softball Europe & Africa Regional Tournament.
- II) 25-27 July, during 2016 Little League Softball Europe & Africa Regional Tournament (optional).

Participants may choose to attend the first session only (22-24 July) or both (22-27 July).

LOCATION: Little League Regional Center – Al. Majej Ligi 1, Kutno, Poland

Tel. +48(24) 254 4569, e-mail: europa@littleleague.org

FEE: Free. Little League Softball will cover all costs for registered participants (housing, meals, clinic materials).

REGISTRATION: Via Registration Form (attached) by **July 1, 2016**. Number of participants is limited.

REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be 18 or older. All coaching skill levels are welcomed. Coaches do not have to be associated with Little League in order to participate.

INSTRUCTORS: Mark Cooke and Jim Clift

Coach Cooke:

Mark Cooke enters his 27th year as head coach of the Winthrop University softball team.

Cooke, a 1989 graduate of USC Spartanburg, has turned the Lady Eagle softball program into a nationally competitive team. With back-to-back Big South Conference Championships in 2007 and 2008, Cooke and his staff turned in two of the best seasons in school history.

In 2007 he guided the team to a co-championship of the regular season with Liberty, a conference tournament championship and the school's first ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. In 2008, the team followed up with another regular season championship with a 14-1 record in the league, another conference tournament championship and NCAA Regional.

In his career he's compiled over 750 victories and has a career record of 766-741-3. He led the Lady Eagles Big South Championships in 1990, 1991, 2007 and 2008. The team has finished runner-up five times (2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2010, and 2013). The 25-year veteran head coach has been named the Big South Conference Coach of the Year in 2005, 2007 and 2008.

Prior to his arrival at Winthrop in the dual role of head volleyball and softball coach, Cooke served a brief stint as an assistant at Spartanburg Methodist before taking over the head coaching reins of the USCS softball team. In three seasons at USC Spartanburg, Cooke compiled an 84-49 record with all of his teams finishing no lower than third place in the NAIA District 6.

Over the course of his career as head softball coach he's produced nine 30-plus win seasons, 89 All-Big South selections, 49 All-Tournament selections, six BSC tournament MVPs, 11 All-Region selections, five Big South Players of the Year, four Big South Scholar Athletes of the Year, three Big South Rookies of the Year, an NFCA All-American, and two First Team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America selections.

Cooke has played fast-pitch extensively over the years. Since he began playing in 1981, he has been a member of teams that have captured eight state titles and four regional crowns.

Coach Clift:

Jim Clift begins his fifth season as the head coach of Western Carolina softball. He became the third head coach in Western Carolina softball history, taking over in the summer of 2011.

Prior to taking over the head coaching position, he spent two seasons as the assistant coach for the Catamount softball team. In 2013, Clift led the Catamounts to its first win in the Southern Conference tournament since 2007. In 2012, Clift led the team to its best overall record since 2007 and highest seed in the Southern Conference, a sixth seed, also since 2007. Over the past seven seasons, he has helped guide many players to All-Region, Conference, Tournament, and Academic honors.

Clift began his softball coaching career in 1997 and has coached at every level including summer softball, high school, and college. Clift has coached over 30 teams in his softball coaching career. Clift was a 26-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department. While on the SDPD, Clift was on SWAT for 23 years, the last 20 of which he was a member of the full-time hostage rescue unit, the Special Response Team (SRT).

As a member of SRT, Clift served as a lead SWAT instructor for over 20 years. A 1992 graduate of San Diego State University in Sociology and Public Administration, Clift went on to earn his Master's Degree from the Texas Woman's University in Kinesiology in 2007. He also received his 4-star Master Coach Certification from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) in 2006.

SCHEDULE:

FIRST SESSION:

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| Friday, July 22 | All day | Arrivals |
| | 19:00 | Dinner, meet n' greet |
| Saturday, July 23 | 8:30 | Breakfast |
| | 9:00–12:00 | Classroom Instruction |
| | 12:00 | Lunch |
| | 1:00–16:00+ | Field work/skills/drills |
| | 18:00 | Dinner |
| Sunday, July 24 | 8:30 | Breakfast |
| | 9:00–12:00 | Classroom Instruction |
| | 12:00 | Lunch |
| | 1:00–16:00+ | Field work/skills/drills |
| | 18:00 | Dinner |

SECOND SESSION (optional):

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| Monday, July 25 | 9:00 | Breakfast |
| | 10:00-12:00 | Tournament game instructions/practice/drills |
| | 12:00 | Lunch |
| | 13:00-16:00 | Tournament games instructions/practice/drills |
| | 18:00 | Dinner |
| Tuesday, July 26 | 9:00 | Breakfast |
| | 10:00-12:00 | Tournament game instructions/practice/drills |
| | 12:00 | Lunch |
| | 13:00-16:00 | Tournament games instructions/practice/drills |
| | 18:00 | Dinner |
| Wednesday, July 27 | 9:00 | Breakfast |
| | | Departures |

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REGISTRATION FORM

- Please return this form to the Little League Office in Kutno, Poland by e-mail: Europe@littleleague.org , or by fax +48(24) 254 4571, or mail to Little League Baseball and Softball, Al. Majej Ligi 1, 99-300 Kutno, Poland **by July 1, 2016.**
- Registration forms will be accepted on first come, first served basis.
- Little League Softball will provide housing at Little League dormitories and meals according to the clinic schedule.
- By signing this form, I confirm that I am 18 or older.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your name:

Address:

Tel.: E-mail:

I plan to attend (please check one): First session (22-24 July) Both sessions (22-27 July)

Date and time of your arrival to Kutno:.....

Date and time of your departure from Kutno:

Years of experience as softball coach:.....

What are your greatest needs for clinic instruction:

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Your signature:.....

Date:.....

Please note that you will receive more information about the clinic together with confirmation of your participation from the Little League office in Kutno, Poland.