



School Clinic Program

WELCOME!

Softball ACT is the peak organisation for Softball in the Australian Capital Territory.

We currently have over 1000 registered members, and we are hoping to significantly grow our numbers each year – it's an enjoyable sport with a fantastic community!

It's our aim to meaningfully engage with schools across the ACT, and through tailored programs, to incorporate them into the wider Softball ACT community.

We provide coaching clinics for all levels of player - we have HEAPS of options – and within this proposal you'll find a starting point for any kind of development opportunity that you might like to incorporate into your PE curriculum.

All of our coaches are highly skilled with years of experience as players and as coaches. Every coach has a Working with Vulnerable People's check and Softball Level 1 Coaching accreditation but most of all – they're enthusiastic!

We appreciate the opportunity to provide the below proposal, and look forward to discussing it with you at an appropriate time.



Michael Sydney
Operations Coordinator



Who is Softball ACT?

We are passionate individuals.

We are professionals, participants, volunteers, and supporters – we are a representation of the community of Canberra.

We are aligned and focused.

We are constantly critiquing our governance and structure to ensure we operate professionally and successfully.

We are our junior base.

We are pouring resourcing into providing ACT Physical Education Departments with coaching clinic programs in addition to any support from junior clubs to provide pathways for future and current players.

We are innovative and alert.

We have restructured our sport to ensure that we are a modern option for participants – we are throwing out the rule book on how we've always done things.

Our Organisation

Members

Softball ACT has almost 1200 members, which represents a growth of 18% over the last two years. We expect large-scale growth over the next 5 years.

Clubs

We have 20 clubs across our junior and senior grades, including a strong south Canberra core of clubs with a long history of competition that need our support.

Competitions

We have junior, womens, mens and social competitions running throughout the year – we provide a myriad of options for all skills and abilities.

Facilities

Softball ACT holds grounds across Canberra – we are well established and always looking at growth opportunities.

Staff

Our staff have experience in governance, management, events, high performance and participation development, coaching and officiating – we know our stuff.

Volunteers

We have a dedicated core of volunteers without which our sport could not survive.

The heart and soul of Softball.



Junior Softball School Clinics



Commitment to Schools

Softball ACT is seeking to engage Canberra schools as a priority with our coaching delivery for students to learn softball skills, games for different levels and the sport of softball.



Junior Coaching

Softball ACT offers entry-level coaching courses for students and teachers– focused on *how the game should be played* rather than a hard and fast tactical rule set – we want to teach students how to coach the skills of softball and the sport to other younger players.



Equipment & Facilities

Softball ACT will provide all the necessary equipment in order to train and play softball at all levels. Players will have the option to purchase entry level equipment if needed. Softball ACT also offers the use of the International Hawker Softball Facility for coaching clinics, training and games.



Junior Skills Videos

We will utilise our members skills and backgrounds to create a suite of basic skills videos that can be accessed by all of our members via our website. This would take the form of a series of 20-30 second videos explaining a skill and then demonstrating it – ie. How to field a ground ball properly.



Our Coaches

All of Softball ACT coaches have WWVP checks, are Level 1 accredited and have been engaged specifically to address the needs of the group they are coaching, whether that it is providing skills, game experience, coaching skills or other sessions aimed at meeting curriculum points.

All of our packages are
Sporting Schools-eligible!

Head to

<https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/funding>
to see how you can get involved!



Coaching Clinic Packages

What do we offer?

4 Session Package

- 4 sessions delivered at your School.
- 10-25 students / group
- A coach for all sessions at your school (with teacher supervision).
- Flexible delivery options – before, during or after school hours!

\$400*

6 Session Package

- 6 sessions delivered at your School.
- 10-25 students / group
- A coach for all sessions at your school (with teacher supervision).
- Flexible delivery options – before, during or after school hours!

\$530*

Excursion Package

- 4-6 sessions delivered at Softball ACT (Hawker International Softball Centre).
- 10-25 students / group
- A coach for all sessions at your school (with teacher supervision).
- All sessions delivered at times convenient to your schedule!
- Transport to facility and teacher supervision costs can be covered by Sporting Schools funding!

Negotiated

* plus GST

Process



Steps	Responsibility
1. Request funding for a Softball program through the Sporting Schools portal: (https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/funding) OR 2. Contact us directly about how we can be involved – Softball ACT has a budget for targeted outcomes, so we may be able to assist if your school doesn't have the funds and can't secure the government grant!	Teacher/School
3. If you're program is funded by Sporting Schools, we are notified once it's all approved – we'll be in touch! If you're looking for non-Sporting Schools involvement, drop us an email and we'll get back in touch with you at an appropriate time!	Softball ACT



Next Steps?

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our proposal over the past several pages.

We hope to hear from you shortly about the contents of this proposal, and are happy to discuss any of the contents.

Operations Coordinator Michael Sydney can be contacted at operations@act.softball.org.au or on 0466 333 188 at any time.