



School of Excellence Academy Information Sheet

Mission of the SOEA

To improve players who display talent, potential, dedication and commitment to the sport and would like to strive towards an extremely high level of the game.

Vision

To build strong clubs around the programme and increase the strength of schools softball which will raise the standard of school sport played weekly within term 3.

Player Values

- Hard Work
- Commitment
- Display teamwork
- Dedication to strength and conditioning programmes

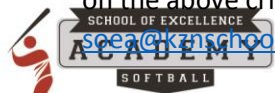
Cost and Structure

A membership will cover a player from April to July of each year. The membership will allow each player to attend all regional practises which are held monthly. We will cover a minimum of 5 trainings per 'season'. Payment will be taken at the time of registration which is compulsory to be done at the first session on 31 March 2019 at Queensmead. Should you wish to pay via EFT a proof of payment is to accompany the registration form found on the Downloads page. [\(To download the registration form click here\)](#)

2019 Costing = R250 per player which includes a training t-shirt (received at the 2nd SOEA session on 7 April as long as the registration fee has been paid) and a cap upon registration. Strength and conditioning programme with Megan Steyn our biokineticist. Other apparel will be available to buy throughout the SOEA academy season starting from 5 May – all of this is non compulsory. Each player will be required to bring their own glove and catchers to bring their own kit.

Banking details are: KZN Schools Softball Association, FNB, Davenport Branch – 22 02 26, Account number: 50780069222 Reference; SOEA/Players name/Age eg: SOEA J.Smith,13 and email proof of payment to treasurer@kznschoolssoftball.co.za

Dress Code: White sumi's and black tshirts until you receive your SOEA practise shirt. Black socks and black softball belt. If you are a previous KZN player you should have all of this. If the player has been invited to attend SOEA based on the above criteria, they will be required to purchase the required items and Tara Olivier on soea@kznschoolssoftball.co.za can assist you.



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During the off season (April to July) all players will follow an extensive and progressive programme designed to improve each player's softball ability. The SOEA academy will be led by provincial player and coach Malcolm Jenner who started the School of Excellence in Cape Town many years ago. Malcolm is assisted by the SOEA administrator Tara Olivier.

The academy is split into 3 age groups for boys and girls: u13, u15 and u17. It is important that each player is in the age category that they will trialling for in August this year. The academy will run from April to the end of June each year and each player will be encouraged to participate in our Junior Bolt outdoor and indoor league held.

Only players with knowledge of softball and those who have played schools league or club softball and/or baseball can be considered as some knowledge of the game has to be known.

Training Dates and Times for all age groups at Queensmead unless notified otherwise:

The academy is reliant on strong participation by our volunteer coaches whom have a huge amount of experience. Our coaches are as follows:

Pitching specialists: Malcolm Jenner, Grant Olivier, Ronelle Buitendag. Both Ronelle and Grant have represented South Africa at the World Championships.

Catching specialists: Tanya Price-Carr, Mark Olivier, Mark Edwards and Nicole Williams – All 4 catching specialists have represented South Africa.

Infield specialists: Anthony Carr, Glen Morris, Mark Olivier – All three of these guys have represented South Africa at more than 2 World Championships. Glen Morris played baseball and Softball for South Africa.

Hitting specialists: Paul Whitfield, Anthony Carr, and Grant Olivier

Base Running specialists: Tanya Price-Carr

Outfield specialists: Anthony Carr and Derek Nyland

Each age group will be facilitated by one of our most experienced coaches who in turn will also train our development coaches. Our various age groups - coaching staff will be announced by end April.

Whilst coaching and player improvement is vital to the level which we continue to strive toward's as a province, it is of utmost importance that we continue to improve our officials. Umpires are solely responsible in ensuring games are ethically followed by all participating teams and parents. Scoring is of utmost importance to understand our stats – where we have started and where we are striving to get too. We will announce our technical team by the end of April 2019.



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Upcoming: We will choose a travel team in the u13, u15 and u17 age group, who will go to Holland in June 2020. The travel team will be chosen amongst all those who attend SOEA during 2019 and / or 2020. New players will be invited to our 2020 SOEA based on KZN Selections for the tournament in December 2019. If we do not have enough players to represent a strong age group, we will not take that age group. SOEA is about players personal bests (PB's) and the Holland trip is a cultural and development experience to enhance their talent, ability and potential.



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