



Softball Players

How can I find extra league games (*midweek or weekend*) to play in?

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click “ringer settings” on the control panel home page, or select “My Profile” from your personalised “My Account” menu in the top-right corner.
- 3) Tick the checkbox next to “I would you like to be registered as a ringer”.
- 4) In the “Regions”, “Days” and “Positions” sections, tick the checkbox next to each region, day and position that you would be willing to play extra games on.

When team captains are short of players for a game, they will be able to search for people who have indicated they are willing to play extra games in their region. If the positions that you have selected match the positions they are looking for, you will appear in that list, and they will be able to contact you to ask after your availability. Note that emails or texts will be sent to you by the BSF on their behalf. They will not have access to your personal details.

The emails or texts that you receive will contain details of how you can contact the team captain who is short of players, and details of the fixture they are short for. It is then up to you to email or call them to let them know if you are available.

How do I update my availability for a fixture?

You will automatically receive email reminders for fixtures involving teams you play for. Within those emails are links that you can click to indicate whether you are available to participate. When you click on one of those links, your availability will be updated and your team captains will automatically receive an email informing them of your availability.

To update your availability for future fixtures, or to see a list of all the fixtures involving any of your teams, you can do the following:

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click “My Calendar” on the control panel home page, or select “My Calendar” from your personalised “My Account” menu in the top-right corner.
- 3) A list of all the fixtures and tournaments involving your teams will appear.
- 4) To update your availability for a fixture, just change the selected availability in the drop-down list next to the fixture.
- 5) As soon as you update your availability, your team captain will be informed via email of this update.



How do I register as an individual player for a tournament?

If you are keen to play in a particular tournament but your team is not entering, you can register as an individual player or “ringer” for that tournament. Team captains who are short of players can search a list of people who have registered as individuals, and may contact you to ask if you would be willing to join them. Note that emails or texts will be sent to you by the BSF on their behalf. They will not have access to your personal details.

To register as an individual for a tournament, do the following:

- 1) Go to the tournament details page for the tournament you want to enter. You can get there via the Events listings where all tournaments are listed.
- 2) Click “Register as a ringer for this tournament”.
- 3) If you have not already done so, log in.
- 4) Specify which grades you would be willing to play (if relevant).
- 5) Specify which positions you would be willing to play.
- 6) Click “Register as a ringer / Update ringer preferences”.

If you later decide that you no longer want to play in this tournament, you can follow the same process, but uncheck all the grades and positions you previously checked and then click “Update registration”.



Team Captains

To add players to your team...

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click “My Teams” either in the control panel home page, or by clicking “My Account” in the top right and selecting “My Teams” from the drop-down menu.
- 3) Click “Invite people to join this team or modify existing players”. A list of your current players will appear.
- 4) To invite a new player to join your team, click “Add Player”.
- 5) Enter their Role*, their first name, their last name, their email address and optionally their mobile number and their gender.
- 6) Click “Save”.

An email will be sent to the player informing them that you have invited them to join. They must confirm their email address via a link in the email in order to fully register on the BSF site.

If you enter the email address of someone who is already registered on the BSF, they will not appear in your list of players until they accept the invitation to join your team. An email will be sent to them asking them to confirm that they are willing to share their personal information with you, and once they confirm that they are, they will appear in your team list.

* The “Role” drop-down list contains three possible options:

- “Regular” – A standard rostered player. They will receive reminder emails containing availability request links for any fixtures or tournaments this team is involved in.
- “Organiser” – Organisers of a team can modify the team’s details, add players to the roster and also receive notifications when a member of their team updates their availability for a fixture.
- “Stand in” – Stand in players will not receive any reminder emails, and “stand in” should be selected if you simply want a convenient place to store contact information for people who play for you infrequently.

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To recruit players for your team...

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click "My teams" either in the control panel home page, or by clicking "My Account" in the top right and selecting "My Teams" from the drop-down menu.
- 3) Click "Find new players for this team".
- 4) Check the checkboxes next to the standard of players you are interested in recruiting.
- 5) Select the gender of players you are interested in recruiting.
- 6) Select the positions for which you are recruiting.
- 7) Click "Update Recruitment Settings".

When someone registers on the BSF website and indicates that they are of a playing standard and gender that you are looking to recruit, and are keen to play in the positions you indicate, you and any other organisers of this team will be receive an email containing their contact details. You can then get in touch to invite them to join your team.

To see your players' availabilities for fixtures and tournaments, to see your team's fixtures and umpiring duties, and to update results and stats...

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click "My Calendar" either in the control panel home page, or by clicking "My Account" in the top right and selecting "My Calendar" from the drop-down menu.
- 3) You will see a list of upcoming fixtures.
- 4) To update the location/date or umpires of a fixture, click on the date of the fixture in the list.
- 5) Update the fixture's details accordingly and click "Save".
- 6) To enter the results of a fixture click "Enter Results". Enter the results in the popup window that appears and the click "Save".
- 7) To enter stats for a fixture, click "Enter Results" (or click on the result itself if one has already been added), then click "Statistics". Enter the stats and then click "Save".
- 8) To update your availability for a fixture, change the availability drop-down list next to the fixture from "Unknown" to "Available" or "Unavailable". Note that when you do this, any other organisers of your team will be sent an email telling them of your updated availability.

You can see a summary of the availabilities of the rest of your team by looking at the summary table in the "Team Availabilities" column. Green cells indicate *available* players, red *unavailable* and blank *unknown*. Hover over each cell to see the name of the player.

You can also click on the team availabilities summary table to view a larger list of your team's availabilities. From that page you can also search for and contact players who might be able to fill in for you if your team is short.



League Managers

To update the text on your league's details page...

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click "My leagues and tournaments" on the control panel home page, or click "My Account" in the top right and then select "My Competitions".
- 3) Click "League Settings".
- 4) Change the description text to whatever you would like.
- 5) Click "Update".

On this page you can also modify how many points are allocated for a win, loss and a draw in your league, and specify whether teams can update results, stats and dates locations of fixtures (which they can do by default). Note that whenever a fixture is updated, a record of who updated what and when is created.

To recruit players for your league...

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click "My leagues and tournaments" on the control panel home page, or click "My Account" in the top right and then select "My Competitions".
- 3) Click "Registration and Online Payment Settings".
- 4) Under "Recruitment Settings" change "Are you recruiting players for this league?" from "No" to "Yes".
- 5) Indicate which standards of players you are interested in recruiting.
- 6) Enter a comma separated list of all the email addresses to which you would like an email to be sent when someone registers on the BSF site who says that they match the playing standard you indicated above, and who is keen to play in your region.
- 7) Click "Update".

When someone registers on the BSF site, they indicate their playing standard and where they are interested in playing. If they match your playing standard criteria and are keen to play in your region, an email will be sent to all the email addresses you listed in step 5 above. You can then contact them to put them in touch with teams in your area or to run development nights.

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To manage the structure of your league (i.e., manage which teams play in which divisions, add new teams, etc.)...

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click “My leagues and tournaments” on the control panel home page, or click “My Account” in the top right and then select “My Competitions”.
- 3) Click “Divisions/Teams”.
- 4) The league structure as it was last year will appear. You can:
 - a. Move teams between divisions by dragging them and dropping them.
 - b. Reorder divisions by dragging and dropping them above or below one another.
 - c. Create a new division by clicking “Add a new division” and filling in the information accordingly.
 - d. Create a new team by clicking “Add a new team” and filling in the information accordingly.
 - e. View the players associated to a team by clicking “Players” next to the team name.

To add/modify fixtures or apply bonus or penalty points to teams...

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click “My leagues and tournaments” on the control panel home page, or click “My Account” in the top right and then select “My Competitions”.
- 3) Click “Fixtures/Results and Standings”.
- 4) If applicable, change the division drop-down to the division for which you would like to add a fixture.
- 5) Click “Add Fixture” to add a fixture manually, and then fill in the information accordingly.
- 6) Click “Upload fixtures from a file” to upload fixtures from an Excel spreadsheet, and then follow the instructions that appear.
- 7) Click “Standings” to view the current standings for a division and to allocate bonus points or apply penalties.

To contact players in your league

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click “My leagues and tournaments” on the control panel home page, or click “My Account” in the top right and then select “My Competitions”.
- 3) Click “Contact League Members”.
- 4) Specify which divisions or teams you want to send the email to.
- 5) Specify whether you want to send the email to everyone or team organisers only.
- 6) Enter the Subject and Body of your message.
- 7) Click “Send”.

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To automatically Tweet any results entered in your league

- 1) Log in.
- 2) Click "My leagues and tournaments" on the control panel home page, or click "My Account" in the top right and then select "My Competitions".
- 3) Click "Export/Share Data".
- 4) To automatically tweet results you must first have signed up for a [Twitter](#) account, and you must now allow the BSF (and Spawtz) to post messages to that account on your behalf. To do so, click "Authorise Twitter Account".
- 5) You will be redirected to Twitter, where you will be asked to confirm that you are happy for Spawtz to post messages on your behalf.
- 6) Follow Twitter's instructions, and you will then be redirected back to the BSF site when you have authorized your account.
- 7) Now, a Twitter icon will appear below the fixtures, results and standings pages for your league. Players can click on that link to start following your Twitter account and therefore receive automatic updates when a result is posted.