***How to Play Softball***

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First, you need to know the basics. A team is your group of people that you play softball with. Softball is an educational and fun thing to do in your free time, but first you must know how to play.

Next, when you are on a team there are a few rules, there can be no fighting or violence. If there is something, you should inform the coach right away, {the coach is the person who oversees your team and tells you what to do} he will talk to the person you are fighting with, and the coach will sort things out. You and your team work together to win softball games. There are 9 positions, 1st base, 3rd base, second {a person goes in between 1st and second base} shortstop {someone goes in between second base and third base}, left field {in between shortstop and third, but they are more behind them}, right field {in between 1st and second base, but they are more behind them}. The 2 main positions are pitcher and catcher, the pitcher pitches the ball in a circular motion. Then the catcher must catch it. There are different jobs for different positions, but they all work together.

Lastly, there are a few objects you need to play softball, a bat, glove, face mask, and a helmet. The bat is to hit the ball with, the glove is to catch the ball if it comes to you, the face mask is to protect your face just in case the ball hits you in the face when you try to catch the ball. The helmet is so that when you are trying to hit the ball with the bat it doesn’t hit your face. There is one more thing that you need when you play the position catcher. It’s called catcher’s gear; it protects you when you are trying to catch the ball that the pitcher pitched.

Softball is fun and educational and now that you know what to do try and find softball coaches or leagues {the type of age group you are in, tee-ball, double A, or triple A} you can play near you!