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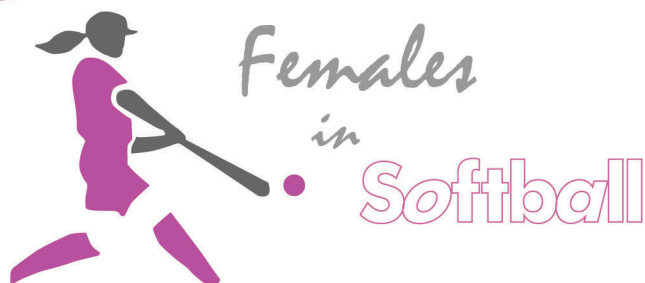
Your local softball club wants you to play softball this summer. If you want to play softball, make new friends, learn exciting new skills and have fun then contact your local club for more information on how to begin.

## Why play softball?

- Enjoy a fun game in the summer sun with your friends.
- Enjoy the rush of hitting, fielding and throwing the ball.
- Develop your hand eye skills to complement your winter sport.
- Lots of different positions to choose from.



sign up today



For further information contact:

Association:

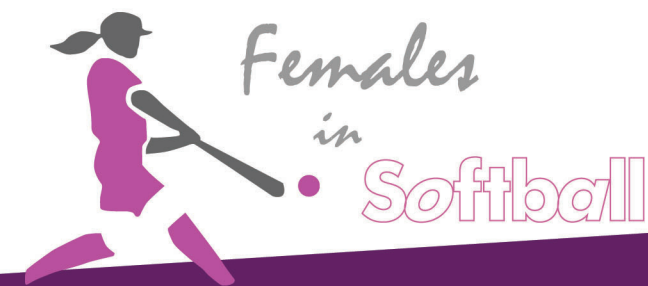
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[www.softball.org.nz](http://www.softball.org.nz)

your nearest softball club

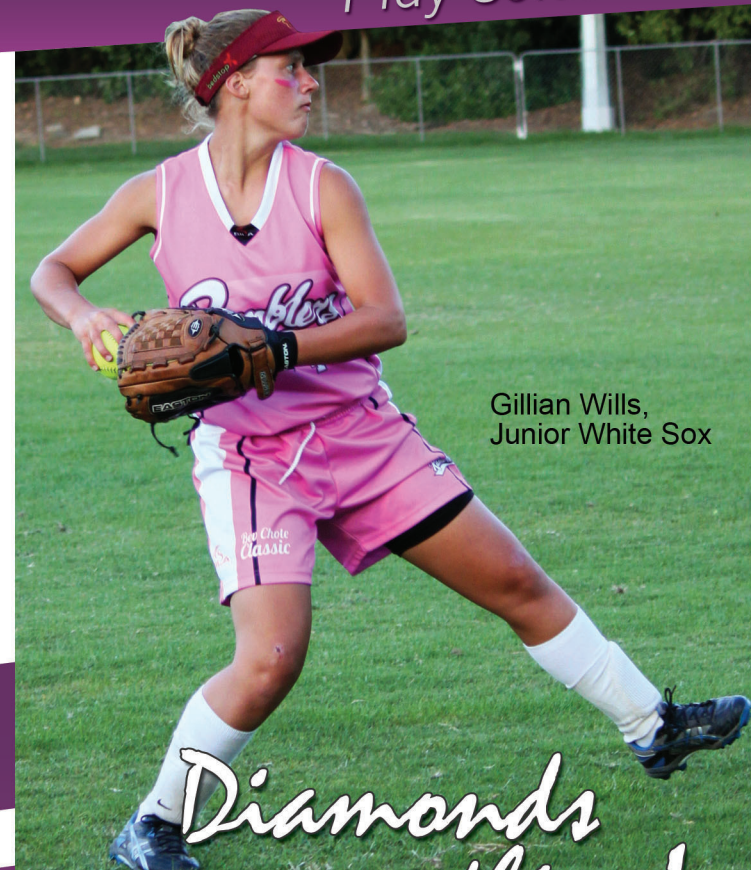
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Play Softball!



Gillian Wills,  
Junior White Sox

Diamonds  
are our thing!

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# Softball more than just a sport!

## Opportunities of softball

Softball is one of the few games girls can play most of their lives. It's a challenging game at the entry level, a fast & exciting game through the teenage years and a really fun game to play as an adult. The basic skills of running, throwing, catching and batting required for softball are skills that will come in handy throughout your life. And unlike other sports which involve costly equipment and facilities, softball is relatively inexpensive.

## Travel, play or study overseas

Softball provides many international opportunities for females around the globe. There are many choices to aspire to; pro leagues in Japan, USA, or Italy, gain a college degree in America or travel to world championships with the Junior White Sox or White Sox to name a few.

Junior White Sox



## Softball a global game

The Junior White Sox and White Sox have the opportunity to compete on the world stage every two years. Development teams play in Australia every year.

127 countries play Softball and the game is the most popular sport in the USA.

Our White Sox are the 4th most successful nation at the World Championships winning one gold (Taiwan, 1982), one silver and two bronze since the competition was initiated in 1965.



# A young girl with big dreams...

All my life I played softball in a small town in Lower Hutt. Now, I'm playing Division 1 Softball at the University of Delaware (UD), in the USA.

I am captain of the UD Softball Team, and a tour guide for the University. We train Monday through Saturday, and lift in the weight room 3 times a week. We have our own trainers, physio's, fields, batting cages and equipment etc.

We play 56+ games a season against the best teams in America. I'm also studying too. I have class during the day and study at night. Not only will I leave here with a Bachelors Degree in Human Services but also a masters in Child Education. I will also walk away with 6 years of experience playing and coaching softball in the best softball country in the world.

My dream is to train my mind to think and play like a champion. To be the best, you have to train and play with the best.

My experience in America has been the best experience I've had in my life. All the hard work, challenges and goals I have set are coming together as the years roll by.

Softball has given me the opportunity to live a life I never knew. I am so happy and blessed to be here.

Softball is my key to the world...

Lara Andrews

New Zealand  
**WHITE SOX**

