



## 2015 LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL COACHES CLINIC

**DATES:** The Clinic will be conducted in two sessions:

- I) 24-26 July, prior to 2015 Little League Softball Europe & Africa Regional Tournament.
- II) 27-28 July, during 2015 Little League Softball Europe & Africa Regional Tournament (optional).

Participants may choose to attend the first session only (24-26 July) or both (24-28 July).

**LOCATION:** Little League Regional Center – Al. Majej Ligi 1, Kutno, Poland

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**FEE:** Free. Little League Softball will cover all costs for registered participants (housing, meals, clinic materials).

**REGISTRATION:** Via Registration Form (attached) by **July 10, 2015**. Number of participants is limited.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Participants must be 18 or older. All coaching skill levels are welcomed. Coaches do not have to be associated with Little League in order to participate.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Mark Cooke

Mark Cooke enters his 24th year as head coach of the Winthrop University softball team.

Cooke, a 1989 graduate of USC Spartanburg, has turned the Lady Eagle softball program into a nationally competitive team. With back-to-back Big South Conference Championships in 2007 and 2008, Cooke and his staff turned in two of the best seasons in school history.

In 2007 he guided the team to a co-championship of the regular season with Liberty, a conference tournament championship and the school's first ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. In 2008, the team followed up with another regular season championship with a 14-1 record in the league, another conference tournament championship and NCAA Regional.

From 2007-09, Cooke's teams posted 90 total wins that included victories over Georgia Tech, #18 Oregon State, Auburn, North Carolina State, Rutgers, Virginia Tech, Jacksonville State and Santa Clara.

In his career he's compiled over 600 victories and has a career record of 695-645-3. Cooke surpassed 650 wins in 2009 when the Lady Eagles won 9-3 at Coastal Carolina on April, 25. In his 21 seasons at Winthrop he's compiled a record of 583-567-3. He led the Lady Eagles Big South Championships in 1990, 1991, 2007 and 2008. The team has finished runner-up five times (2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2010).

The 25-year veteran head coach has been named the Big South Conference Coach of the Year in 2005, 2007 and 2008.

He reached the 400-career win mark with a semi-final victory over Coastal Carolina in the 2002 conference tournament. In 2005 he reached his 500th victory at home against Furman on April, 21. Cooke coached his 1,000th career game in a 4-3 victory over Birmingham-Southern in the Big South Conference Tournament on May 12, 2006.

In 2008, Cooke surpassed the 600 win mark. The Lady Eagles swept Vermont on Mar. 12 to give Cooke his 600th win.

Prior to his arrival at Winthrop in the dual role of head volleyball and softball coach, Cooke served a brief stint as an assistant at Spartanburg Methodist before taking over the head coaching reins of the USCS softball team. In three seasons at USC Spartanburg, Cooke compiled an 84-49 record with all of his teams finishing no lower than third place in the NAIA District 6.

On two occasions, Cooke's teams enjoyed rankings in the Top 20. Cooke then spent a year as an assistant coach at Northeast Louisiana University.

After seven years as Lady Eagle volleyball coach, he turned over those duties to concentrate on softball.

Over the course of his career as head softball coach he's produced nine 30-plus win seasons, 89 All-Big South selections, 49 All-Tournament selections, six BSC tournament MVPs, 11 All-Region selections, five Big South Players of the Year, four Big South Scholar Athletes of the Year, three Big South Rookies of the Year, an NFCA All-American, and two First Team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America selections.

Cooke has played fast-pitch extensively over the years. Since he began playing in 1981, he has been a member of teams that have captured eight state titles and four regional crowns.

## **SCHEDULE:**

### **FIRST SESSION:**

<b>Friday, July 24</b>	All day	Arrivals
	19:00	Dinner, meet n' greet
<b>Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30	Breakfast
	9:00–12:00	Classroom Instruction
	12:00	Lunch
	1:00–16:00+	Field work/skills/drills
	18:00	Dinner
<b>Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30	Breakfast
	9:00–12:00	Classroom Instruction
	12:00	Lunch
	1:00–16:00+	Field work/skills/drills
	18:00	Dinner

**SECOND SESSION (optional):**

<b>Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00	Breakfast
	10:00-12:00	Tournament game instructions/practice/drills
	12:00	Lunch
	13:00-16:00	Tournament games instructions/practice/drills
	18:00	Dinner
<b>Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00	Breakfast
	10:00-12:00	Tournament game instructions/practice/drills
	12:00	Lunch
	13:00-16:00	Tournament games instructions/practice/drills
	18:00	Dinner
<b>Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00	Breakfast
		Departures

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### REGISTRATION FORM

- Please return this form to the Little League Office in Kutno, Poland by e-mail: [Europe@littleleague.org](mailto:Europe@littleleague.org) and CC to [secretary@europeansoftball.org](mailto:secretary@europeansoftball.org), or by fax +48(24) 254 4571, or mail to Little League Baseball and Softball, Al. Małej Ligi 1, 99-300 Kutno, Poland **by July 10, 2015.**
- Registration forms will be accepted on first come, first served basis.
- Little League Softball will provide housing at Little League dormitories and meals according to the clinic schedule.
- By signing this form, I confirm that I am 18 or older.

#### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your name: .....

Address: .....

Tel.: .....E-mail: .....

I plan to attend (please check one):  First session (24-26 July)  Both sessions (24-28 July)

Date and time of your arrival to Kutno:.....

Date and time of your departure from Kutno: .....

Years of experience as softball coach:.....

What are your greatest needs for clinic instruction: .....

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Your signature:.....

Date:.....

**Please note that you will receive more information about the clinic together with confirmation of your participation from the Little League office in Kutno, Poland.**