

# Planning for the Season

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## Purpose

The purpose of this resource is to guide your leadership team in being mindful of the time we are given before, during, and after the season to make the best of the softball ministry.



## Food for Thought

The start of a new season is undoubtedly an exciting time. As leaders you will have responsibility over not only the success of the team on the field, but the spiritual wellbeing of your team both on and off the field as well. Although the official softball season may only last for a few months, planning and preparation should occur year-round in order to ensure that the most is made of the season.

A great strategy for looking at the softball ministry holistically, integrating the ministry into other priorities of the church, and maintaining the goals, values, and vision of the ministry during the off-season is to create a calendar that showcases and tracks what activities need to occur when to support the busy summer months. Creating and following-up with a calendar of events demonstrates a commitment to the continuous improvement of your softball ministry, and a commitment to the continuous growth and development of team players.



## Guiding Passage

### PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



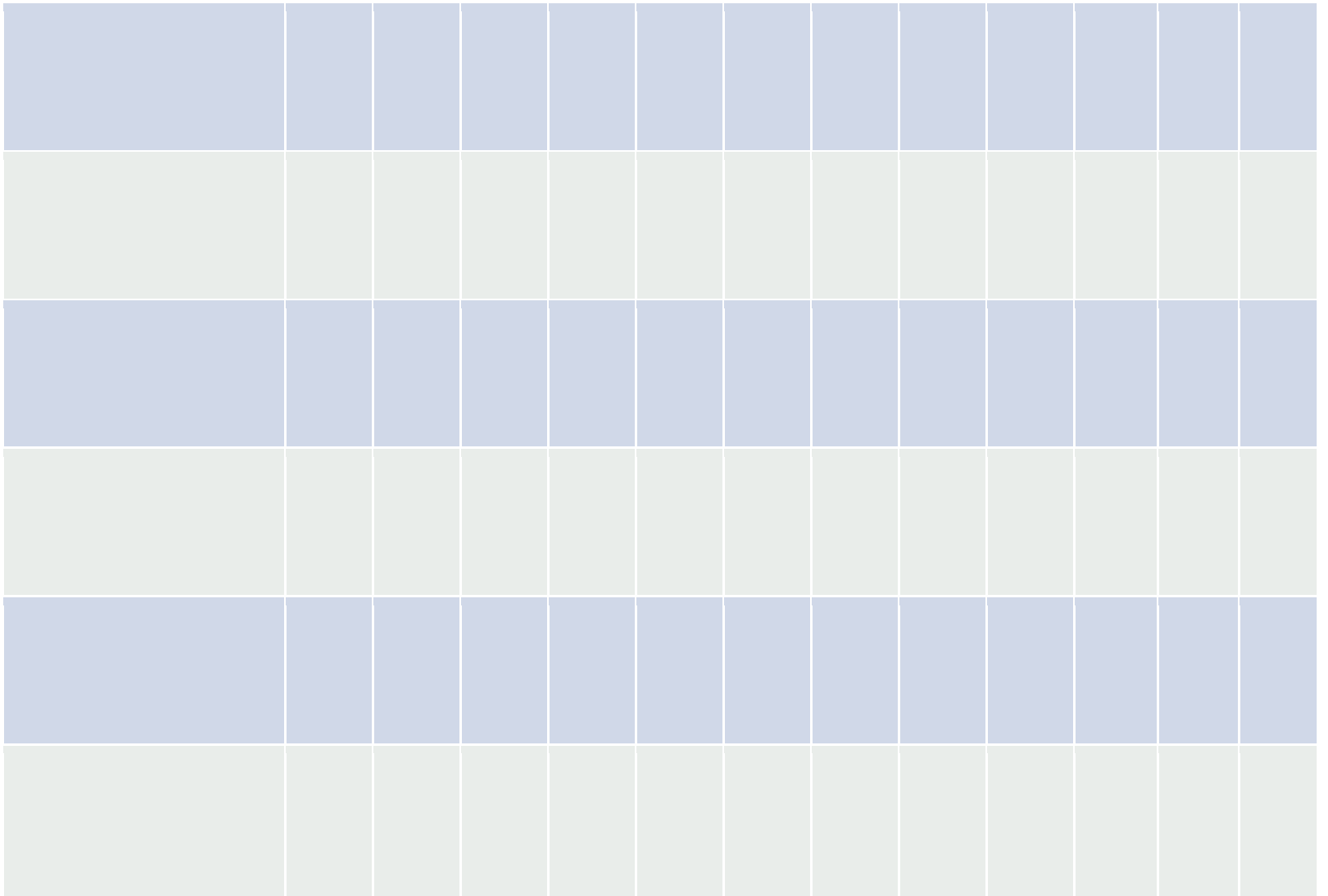
# Application

TOPIC	PRE-SEASON				SEASON*				POST-SEASON			
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>Brainstorming &amp; Planning</b> Set budget, overview of the year, initiatives, connect with pastors	X											
<b>Recruitment of Leaders</b> Ask leaders to consider serving in this ministry and to pray to see where God is leading, distribute role descriptions/expectations		X										
<b>Finalizing Leaders</b> Follow-up with leaders and place into effective leadership teams, balancing experience, skills, dynamics, personalities			X									
<b>Leadership Training</b> E.g. Umpiring, Softball Skills, Coaching, Planning Devos, Beginners training				X	X							
<b>Check-in with Leaders</b> E.g. Provide Support & Resources						X						
<b>Annual Church-wide Softball Day</b> Mid-season opportunity to							X					

invite the church together to enjoy the sport, Kids vs. Parents game, etc.												
<b>Year-End Celebration &amp; Feedback</b> Leadership Evaluations, Player Surveys, follow-up with leaders								X				
<b>Maintaining Relationships</b> Stay connected during the offseason, inviting teammates to other church events, ministries, etc.									X	X	X	X

*\*Prayer meetings between team leaders occur every month during the season*





All the best to you and your leadership team. It is our prayer that you would have a wonderful, meaningful, blessed, and fruitful season journeying together and experiencing more of God and his gift of community.