



Introducing WEST METRO THUNDER

A 14U+ Softball Program serving athletes from the Chaska & Chanassen communities

AGENDA

- Program Features & Benefits
- Coaching Philosophy
- Cost & Commitment
- Evaluations
- Next Steps



Goal:

Keep more CYSA and CAA players involved in the game of softball and allow them to develop in a competitive, fun, and cost-effective local program.

What we're all about...

1. Highly Competitive – challenge players & help them develop
2. Keep it Local – practice & play close-to-home
3. Great Value – a complete softball experience for less \$\$
4. Flexibility – designed for multi-sport / activity athletes



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Program Features:

- Teams: 14UA, 14UB, and 16U (# of teams at each level TBD)
- Fall (late Aug –Sept):
 - ~2 practices per week (Aug – Sept)
 - ~3 local Tournaments
- Winter:
 - Individual and team training opportunities
 - 1-2 dome tournaments
- Summer (late May – end of July)
 - Practices & Big West League (2-3 nights per week)
 - ~3 Tournaments + State Tournament



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Coaches

- Quality coaching is key to any program, and it will be a key differentiator of ours!
- Our ideal coach candidates...
 - Love the game, know the game, & are eager to teach it
 - Credible and relatable to our players
 - Organized and strong communicator
 - Committed to a positive experience for all
- We plan to have 1-2 paid, non-parent coaches per team
- We will supplement paid coaches with parent volunteers that meet the same criteria – offering the best of both!



Introducing one of our 14U Head Coaches:

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SUSIE TOLLEFSON

Chanhassen High School Softball



2025 AWARDS

- All-conference
- Best Baserunner
- All-State First Team
- All-Conference Academic
- All-State Academic
- Senior All Star Game

Star Tribune All-Minnesota Softball Team



Additional coaches will be finalized as # of teams are determined.



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Commitment:

Softball is a **team game**. We want players that are committed to their team, their teammates and their own development.

AND we are committed to supporting participation in multiple sports & activities.

That means players should...

- Plan to attend all Tournaments
- Participate in Fall / Off-season activities whenever possible – at least 80% of time. (will do our best to work around other H.S. sports)
- During the summer season, make softball the #1 priority activity.
- Proactively communicate unavoidable conflicts to coaches ASAP
- Understand that repeated absences may impact playing time



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Cost: \$1,525 per player

- Tryouts
- Fall Tournaments
- Winter Facility Access, Training, & Domeball
- Summer League & Tournaments
- Paid Coaches
- Uniforms
 - Jerseys x2
 - Pants x2
 - Socks & Belt
 - Helmet w/ Team Logo
 - Practice T-shirt



** \$500 non-refundable deposit will be collected to confirm roster spot. Remaining fees can be paid over multiple installments.



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Evaluations:

- July 22nd , Lake Ann Park, Chanhassen (email with details by 7/21)
- Evaluators: Independent 3rd party
- Check-in & Warm-up @ 5:30pm
- Skills evaluated
 - Infield
 - Outfield
 - Throw
 - Hit
 - Run
 - Pitch / Catch (optional)
- Additional 'Intangibles' (body language, hustle, teammate interactions, etc.) will also be considered

Contact softball-vp@chanstorm.com if you have questions or a conflict.

Note: uniform fittings will also be done during tryouts



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What's Next

- Registration closes @ 5pm on July 18th
- Tryout on July 22nd
- Roster spot offers start around August 1st
 - Players will have 24 hours to accept roster spot
 - Cuts are possible but will be avoided where possible
- Deposit is non-refundable once roster spot accepted
- Fall Ball Practices Start ~August 20th
- Fall Tournaments TBD



Contact softball-vp@chanstorm.com or president@cysafastpitch.com with questions