



2026 P.L.A.Y.
Softball Parent
meeting

P.L.A.Y. MISSION STATEMENT

Prior Lake Athletics for Youth, serves the Prior Lake / Savage School District, to provide competitive yet fun athletic opportunities for kids. Our priority is safety, skills development, and the teaching of life lessons through sports.

Our program promotes the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, and integrity. We believe learning both success and failure through competition will benefit our future generations.

Players Play

Coaches Coach

Fans Cheer



Lakers Against Bullying #PLAB



Local Youth Sports Anti-bullying effort

- P.L.A.Y., PLHS, PLSHA, PL Soccer Club and PL Wrestling Club

All Travel softball players will be given a #PLAB bag tag and helmet sticker to wear all season long. When stickers are distributed, teams will be given a brief talk on bullying

- What is bullying?
- How to identify it
- What to do when you see it
- How do we prevent it

Is it bullying?

- When someone says or does something unintentionally and they do it once, that's **Rude**
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **Mean**
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, even when you tell them to stop or show them how upset you are, that's **Bullying**

As parents we need to you keep your eyes/ears open for that kind of talk—step in and stop it!

<https://www.playinfo.org/lakerathleticalliance>



Megan Peterson

Vice President of Positive Coaching
Alliance for PLAY



BETTER ATHLETES
BETTER PEOPLE

Positive Coaching Alliance-PCA

Key concepts for sports parents

- Triple Impact Competitor
- Helping your athlete through sports disappointment
- ROOTS of Honoring The Game
- Double-Goal Coach
- Supporting Athletes from the sidelines

Triple Impact Competitor

A Triple-Impact Competitor works on three levels:

1. Self

- a. Growth mindset
- b. Giving max effort
- c. Setting goals
- d. Improving one's mental game
- e. Being a 24- hour athlete

2. Teammates

- a. Support
- b. Being a team player
- c. Developing Empathy

3. The Game

- a. Guided by the ROOTS of Honoring the Game the athlete represents themselves as a positive athlete at school and in the community

Helping your Athlete through Sports Disappointment

- Lead with Empathy
- Move toward constructive reflection
- Focus on growth beyond the season
- Look at the bigger picture



ROOTS of Honoring the Game

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Teammates

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Self

Double Goal Coach

- Model and teach your players to Honor the Game
- Help players develop; it isn't just about the scoreboard
- Fill your players' emotional tanks
- Have positive conversations throughout the season- avoid the negative post game lectures
 - focus on "ELM" -Effort, Learning and bouncing back from Mistakes

Supporting Athletes from the Sideline

- Provide encouragement without direction
- Your Athlete will do better if it is their game
- Let the coaches give directions





“IF YOUR PASSION AS A PARENT IS GREATER THAN YOUR KID’S PASSION FOR WHAT THEY’RE DOING, IT’S NOT GOING TO END WELL.”

HALL OF FAME PITCHER | JOHN SMOLTZ

2026 Travel Softball Board

- **Tyler Chambers**—VP Softball
- **Sam Hoppe**—Travel Director
- **Steve Springer**—Assistant travel director
- **Tommy Thompson**—tryout coordinator
- **Brian Domagalski**—website & rostering
- **Jake Petricka**—Coach Development
- **Eva Hoppe**—Volunteer coordinator
- **Cody Chilson**—Equipment Manager
- **Kristi Nichols**—Concessions Manager
- **Krissy Hynes**—Assistant Tournament Director
- **Jaime Chilson**—Field Scheduling
- **Steve Hawks**—Tournament director
- **Shawn Maple**—PCA coordinator
- **OPEN**—Assistant concession manager
- **OPEN**—Secretary
- **OPEN**—Sponsorship Coordinator
- **OPEN**—Intro to fastpitch coordinator
- **OPEN**—Social Media



Communications

Travel Website—<https://www.playinfo.org/travelsoftball>

- All program related info can be found here
- Dates, notices, season timeline, teams etc

Facebook—Prior Lake Youth Softball

- Public notices going forward, quick reminders and notifications
- Turn notifications on!

Email—Registered Players Emails

- Updates, season details, registration reminders, league announcements
- Update your SE account if you want to add additional parents/emails



What is Travel Softball?

- Travel Softball is earned, players aren't just placed if there is space
- Significant step up from in-house
 - Higher expectations of time and commitment
 - Increase in level of speed, strength and competition
 - Playing other communities—Yes, you have to leave Prior Lake!
- Expect Full Commitment to Softball (Late April-End of July)
 - If you choose to play multiple sports in the Spring or Summer, or family has travel plans, In-House Softball may be a better option
 - Players who sign up for Travel Softball are expected to be at all practices, games, and tournaments
 - Teammates and program expect commitment to development
 - Should include work outside of regularly scheduled activity
 - Commitment to making most of practice time
 - Commitment to working with your coach



Registration Fee & Other Costs

- Registration Opened Jan. 5 & Closed Feb 2nd.
 - After Feb 2nd, a late fee for \$50 is added
 - Late Registration Closed Feb. 16th
 - Early registration sweepstakes closed on 1/16.
 - Why did we do this?

- Fees for 2026 remain the Same
 - 8U: \$307
 - 10U-14U \$407
 - Sport Fee: \$190.00-8u, \$290.00-10u-14u
 - Tryout Fee: \$47.00 (non-refundable)
 - Sport Facility Fee: \$20.00
 - Admin fee: \$27.00
 - Facility: \$3.00
 - Field Maintenance Fee: \$20.00



Equipment

- Glove
- Each player must have their own helmet with facemask
- Fielding mask
- Bats – **NOT** supplied by P.L.A.Y.
 - Bat Rule in 2024 remains the same
 - Must have an USA or ASA Bat stamp on bat
 - Bats that are only stamped USSSA are ILLEGAL (Easton Ghost Gold Bat)
- Cleats
 - Rubber or plastic molded cleats for 8u - 12u
 - Rubber or plastic molded or Metal cleats for 14u
- Catching gear supplied to each team as needed



Helmet—Required Standard

Helmets must solid White

- Popular brands include Rip-it and Evo Shield
- Navy or navy/white are grandfathered in



Season Overview



Season Overview

League play

- **10u-14u play in the “Big West League”**
 - All League games are 65 minute doubleheaders
 - 10u game nights are Tuesdays & Thursday
 - 12u games are Mondays & Wednesdays
 - 14u games are Tuesdays & Thursdays
 - Number of league games dependent on amount the team’s coach schedules, all league games completed before State Tournament
- **8u plays in the Metro League**
 - Game are Wednesday evenings
 - Doubleheaders last two weeks of the season (late June)
 - Game scheduling is completed by the Tri County League



Season Overview

- **League games begin:**
 - April 27th for 12U
 - April 28th for 10U
 - April 30th for 8U
 - May 19th for 14U—Or after the HS season is complete
- **League Qualifiers for State Tournament**
 - No 8U Qualifier
 - 10U / 12U: June 26th-28th
 - 14U: July 17th – 19th
 - Multi-Site locations
 - Based on # of teams in League
 - Double Elimination Tournament, must win 1 game to qualify for the State Tournament
 - Teams that play A level ball will automatically qualify for State



Season Overview

Weekend Invitational Tournaments

- Some tournaments will have the possibility of Friday evening games
- 8u will have 2-3 tournaments (typically 1 day events).
- 10u – 12u will have 3 tournaments, in addition to our own tournament
 - Paid for by the association
- 14u will have 3 tournaments.
- Teams are welcome to add a tourney – at cost to that team's families
 - Be mindful of adding a tourney
 - Excluding our own tournament weekends



Season Overview

State Tournaments:

- P.L.A.Y. Blackout Dates (July 1st – July 5th)
- Minnesota State Softball Tournament
- Gate Fees – covered by P.L.A.Y.
- 8U June 27th-28th
 - 8u automatically plays at State (2 day event), season ends after State
- 10U / 12U: July 10th-12th
- 14U: July 24th – 26th
- 10u – 14u must qualify to attend State Tournament (win 1 game at qualifier)
 - Multi-tiered, Multi-site locations
 - Typically 16 – 24 teams to a Tier, Tier 1 is the highest level of play
 - Based off finish within standings of League Play & finishing place at Tournament
 - Double Elimination Tournament



Season Overview

National Tournaments – Fees

- P.L.A.Y. pays for (1) National bid for qualifying teams
- Teams EARN bids for Nationals by finishing 1st or 2nd at Invitational Tournaments
- Team pays for Gate Fee
- Team pays for any additional costs (i.e. costumes, gift bags, trading pins, lanyards, yard signs)
- Teams should decide early if they are hoping to play at Nationals



National Tournament Options

NAFA Northern Nationals or Monsta Championship

NAFA

- 8U: July 17-19 Lexington MN
- 10U: July 16-19 Cottage Grove MN
- 12U: July 16-19 Eagan MN
- 14U: July 23-26 Prior Lake MN

Monsta

- 8U July 16-19 Shakopee MN
- 10U July 23-26 Bloomington MN
- 12U July 30-August 2 Shoreview MN
- 14U August 6-8 TBD

USA Selects: August 14-16 Andover MN



P.L.A.Y.
Code of
Conduct



P.L.A.Y Code of Conduct

Signed during the Registration Process

Please Remember:

Players **will** make mistakes

Coaches **will** make mistakes

Umpires **will** make mistakes

I will not use profanity or offensive language

I will not indulge in the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs while attending P.L.A.Y. events



P.L.A.Y. Code of Conduct

- If Issues / Concerns Arise During The Season:
 - **24 Hour Rule is in place**
 - Any issues are not to be addressed until 24 hours AFTER the issue occurs
 - Escalation Process:
 - Talk To The Head Coach
 - (8u-10U) Include player in discussion
 - (12U-14U) Player should lead discussion
 - Talk to the Travel Director, Sam Hoppe
 - Talk to VP of Softball, Tyler Chambers



P.L.A.Y. Code of Conduct

- Use of Technology
 - Statistic tracking apps have become widely popular
 - 2026 P.L.A.Y. Travel softball prohibits parents from using tracking apps for recording, displaying and tracking stats for any players other than their own
 - Streaming games you can show current strikes, balls, outs, field positions for current game only
 - Tracking batting average, strikeouts, hits and other individual performance statistics for other players is not allowed
 - If your team is using game changer, the settings must be set so that parents can only see their kids stats
- Coaches only can individually track players stats, paper or digital
- Pocket Radars
 - There really is no need to have these out at games



P.L.A.Y. Code of Conduct

Social Media can greatly contribute to positive sports environment

- Talk about effort and process
- Celebrate sportsmanship
- Ok to celebrate winning too – unless only focus
- Not recommended you post personal stats – “we not me”

Not the place to air grievances – respect people enough to speak with them directly about concerns

Teach players about social media footprints

- Make sure our players are not making fun of others about team, stats, etc.
- Your social media presence is how you represent your family and community

Players & usage of Social Media

- Make sure it reflects upon yourself & program positively



Tryouts
and Team
Formation



Volunteer Requirements

Volunteer requirements:

- 10 hours per player, capped at 14 per family
- Volunteer check submitted at tryouts for **\$500**
 - Checks are only cashed if you do not fulfill your hours. We DO NOT want to cash checks, we want your help!
- If you know you will not fulfill your hours, you can buyout for **\$400** up front. This money is used to hire workers to cover shifts
- Head coaches are exempt for the child they coach.
- Assistant coaches will be responsible for 5 hours for the child they coach

You have 3 opportunities to fulfill your volunteer hours

- **Shake the Lake**—May 1st-3rd
- **Rock The Ponds**—June 12th-14th
 - Volunteers needed for concession stand, grilling, field maintenance etc.
- **NAFA Nationals**—July 23-26th
 - 4 full days of volunteers needed
 - Concessions, grilling, field maintenance, golf cart drivers, floaters etc.

All tournament volunteer slots will be open for signups at once

- The time/date that we will send the signup for DIBS links will be publicized so all are aware and have similar access
- Please do not procrastinate!



Tryout check in

- Players are identified by a Tryout number
 - In order to receive your tryout number and participate in tryouts, each player will need to bring their volunteer deposit checks to the first night of tryouts
 - Families with more than one player will need to write separate checks for each player
- Check-in for tryouts on 3/4:
 - 8u & 10U: 4-5pm
 - 12U and 14U: 6-7pm
 - Bring your check and receive you number



Tryout Information

- **Tryouts are conducted by 3rd party, independent evaluators**
 - Evaluators will not know the players names, only their number
 - Only the evaluators will see the evaluation criteria and scores
- **Prior Lake High School Softball Players will be running the stations**
 - These players will have no input in nor see the evaluation criteria, forms or scoring
- **Tryout Committee Members will be inside the dome during tryouts**
 - They will have no input in scoring or evaluating
 - They will now involvement in running the tryout stations
- PLAY executive board member will also be observing tryouts
- There will be no Make-up tryout dates
- No parents will be allowed in the dome for tryouts



Tryout Details

8u – 14u

2 Day General Tryouts

Will be held at the Savage Sports Dome

Suggest going to both sessions but not required

General Tryout 1, Wednesday, March 4th

8u – 10u, 5pm – 7pm

12u – 14u, 7pm – 9pm

General Tryout 2, Sunday March 8th

8u – 10u, 12pm – 2:00pm

12u – 14u, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Catcher Tryout Day 12U/14U at 1pm, 10U at 12:00pm

Must attend at least one general tryout night, both are recommended.

What happens if my player doesn't attend the 2nd day of tryouts?

10u – 14u Pitching Tryouts

- Will be held at the Savage Sports Dome
- Tuesday, March 3rd
 - 4pm – 7pm
 - Please email a time that works best for that evening
 - Exact times for everyone will be communicated by Monday March 2nd



Pitching and Catching Tryouts

Dedication to developing pitching & Catching

- **Pitcher & catcher selection form**
 - Required to be filled out completely and handed in before any tryouts take place
 - Have the conversation with you player before hand
 - No calls post tryouts to determine if the want to p/c or play at a higher level

Form states:

1. I would like to PITCH/CATCH on the **highest possible team based on my specialty position ranking**. I understand that I may have been placed on a higher team based on overall General player tryout rankings but I am choosing to either pitch or catch.
2. I would like to PLAY on the **highest-level team based on my overall player ranking**. I understand that this means that I may not receive any innings at the specialty position that I tried out for.

Being placed as a pitcher/catcher is not a season long guarantee. Players will be rewarded for working hard and developing.



NEW—Team Genius



TEAMGENIUS

Tryout Scoring App

- Used by ALL PLAY travel Sports
- Easy input of all tryout results
- Instant player rankings after tryouts

Process:

- Upon check in, players photo is taken
- Players photo and assigned tryout number will be the only indicators evaluators see
- Only assigned evaluators can score



Tryout Process

Players (8u – 14u) will each go through hitting, fielding, running stations

- (1) Station of Front toss (from approx. 12-15 feet)
- (2) Stations of machine pitch—age-appropriate speeds
- Players should swing at all pitches
 - Evaluators will call out bad pitches and disregard – “no pitch!”
 - Will make sure all players have enough valid swings to evaluate ability
- (1) Station of hitting (exit velocity)
- (1) Station of infield grounders (players at Short stop throwing to 1st)
- (1) Station of Fly balls
- (1) Station measuring throwing velocity
- (1) Station of timed running
 - 20 yard dash (home to 1st timing)
 - Ran twice each night of tryouts
- Players are always being evaluated on effort, hustle, & throwing
 - Players are always in control of their attitude & effort! It is the two things that coaches don't make a good impression!



Projected Teams per age

- 8U – 3 team
- 10U – 4 teams
- 12U – 4 teams
- 13U – 1 team
- 14U – 1 team

The level(s) these teams will play at will be dependent on tryout scores

Ideal number of players per age/level

8U: 12-13 Players

10U/12U A: 11-12 Players

10U/12U B: 11-12 Players

10U/12U C: 12-13 Players

13U: 12 Players

14U: 12-13 Players



Team Selection Process

- Once tryouts are completed, all data is imported into our ranking spread sheet
- Tryout Scores / Previous Year Coach Evaluations
 - 8u, 100% Tryout Score
 - 10U – 14U, 70% Tryout Score / 30% Coach Evaluation Score
- Players will be ranked in order at each age level

10U – 14U:

- Previous year coach evaluation score will be used. Coaches' evaluations of their child will not be used.
- Players will receive a composite score which is composed of their tryout score and a multiplier from their previous years coaching evaluation. (Algorithm created by Mike Murray former S/S VP also used by P.L.A.Y. Baseball)
- Allows the committee and coaches to put together the most competitive team possible and also allows for the player to be put in the position to succeed for the season
- Helps to eliminate player misplacement on too high or too low a team



Team Selection Process

- The number of teams at each level are not finalized until after tryouts are complete, and scores are tabulated
- Head coaches are not selected until tryouts are complete and players are ranked
- Private meeting 4 person evaluation committee + plus head coaches forming each team
 - Committee Members are: VP, Travel Director, Tryout Coordinator, executive board representative
- Coach is handed their locked zone players
 - These will include pitchers and catcher
 - No choice to change these players
- Coach is handed their selection zone only, they do not see any other players
 - They can only choose from this zone
 - Each player's mechanical evals are listed along with any comments from evaluators



A Team Selection

Picking the A Team:

- Head coach is identified
- Players 1 – 4 lock
- Pitchers and catchers locked if not in the top 4
- Head coach is given their locked players and their selection zone players
 - Coach selects their next 3-8 players from their selection zone
- **Coaches must justify reasoning of selections to the committee**



B Team Selection

B team selections will follow the same format with a goal of selecting 2 B teams. They could be Unbalance B1/B2 or 2 balanced teams. Committee will decide based of the composite scores of which is the best way to go at each age level.

- **1 high level (B1) / 1 Lower level (B2) :**
 - Head coach is identified
 - Pitchers and catchers will be placed
 - Top 4 remaining players will be locked on the B1 team.
 - B1 coach will see their selection zone to fill in the remaining 4-8 players
 - Once the B1 team is complete, the B2 team will follow the same process
- **2 Balanced Teams:**
 - Coaches will be identified
 - Pitchers and catchers will be placed
 - Top 4 remaining locked players will be split between the two teams
 - Both coaches will alternate selecting players from the lock zone until their team are filled

Once the B teams are completed, we will move on to the c teams

- If there are multiple C teams at a give level, they will be made balanced teams



Team Selection

- **Players are selected based on what they bring to a team**
 - 'Higher ranked' does not mean a better fit for a team
 - Catcher, pitchers, fielding based on the teams needs or gaps drives selections

- **Player/Family attitude, behavior etc...often drive coaches' decisions**
 - Remember your actions at the field can reflect on your player
 - Don't create a reason situation where a coach has to debate picking a player because the parents come with!



Posting Teams

- Team will be rostered on the SE App.
 - We can no longer roster them on the Softball Website
- Teams will be selected starting on Thursday March 6th
- Teams will tentatively be posted by Wednesday, March 12th barring any setbacks (lack of coaches to coach teams)
- The focus on the integrity of the team selection process is at the core of P.L.A.Y. Travel Softball

Have questions about the results?

- Wait until **24 hours** after teams have been posted!
 - Anything received prior to 24 hours will be deleted
 - No profanity/no aggression or threats—please be respectful
 - All emails received will be shared at the next monthly board meeting
 - No “cutting down” other players



Coaching Requirements

Coaching Applications must be filled out online (annually)

- PLAY home page and click on the “2026 Spring / Summer coaching application” link
 - **Indicating that you want to coach on player registration is not the same as completing the coaches application**

Background Check (every 2 years)

Concussion Awareness Certificate (every 2 years)

Sexual Abuse & Safe Sport Act Understanding (1-hour video + quiz)

PCA Training is a Mandatory Requirement for ALL Coaches – Head and Assistants

- Annually

Other Key Events / Dates

- Big West Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th Medina Ballroom



Coach Selection

Head Coaches are selected based on where the coach's child ranks – their child must be eligible to make the team (in either locked or selection zone)

- Must have met all Coaching Requirements to be eligible to be a Head Coach
- Head Coaching roles do not necessarily carry over from the previous year - selected each year
- *Again in 2026* – we are in need of coaches in order to support the amount of teams we will have. Please consider helping make this upcoming season a success.
 - Ideally, we would like 3 – 4 coaches per team.
 - Head Coach candidates will be determined by the evaluation committee
 - After teams are selected the Head Coach chooses a max of three Assistant Coaches – They must meet all Coaching Requirements
 - Other parents/volunteers may help during practices if meets requirements



Coaching Resource

■ **Jake Petricka**—Coach Development

- Help develop our coaches' corner section on the website
- work with coaches on planning effective practice play
- Develop 'Laker Progressions' that each team will use
 - Throwing progression
 - Fielding dailies
 - Hitting progression
- Laker Progressions will help ensure all players have the same baseline skill set as they move through the program
- Jake is a resource that coaches can turn to for questions and advice throughout the season

Pre Season coaches meeting

- Sunday March 15th 2-4pm
- Prior Lake High school
- This meeting will also include your PCA requirement for the year



Playing Time Chart

Age	LEAGUE GAME DEFENSE	LEAGUE GAME BATTING LINEUP	TOURNAMENT PLAY DEFENSE	TOURNAMENT PLAY BATTING LINEUP
8U	No player will sit twice before every player has sat once. Rotating players evenly through all positions.	Continuous batting lineup , start the next game where the last game left off.	No player will sit twice before every player has sat once. Rotating players evenly through all positions.	Continuous batting lineup, start the next game where the last game left off.
10U	No player will sit twice before every player has sat once. Excluding the active pitcher & catcher for that game.	Continuous batting lineup , start the next game where the last game left off.	A: Coach's discretion B & C: No player will sit twice before every player has sat once. Excluding the active pitcher & catcher for that game.	Coach's Discretion
12U	No player will sit twice before every player has sat once. Excluding the active pitcher & catcher for that game.	Continuous batting lineup , start the next game where the last game left off.	A: Coach's discretion B & C: No player will sit twice before every player has sat once. Excluding the active pitcher & catcher for that game.	Coach's Discretion
14U	No player will sit twice before every player has sat once. Excluding the active pitcher & catcher for that game.	Continuous batting lineup , start the next game where the last game left off.	A: Coach's discretion B & C: No player will sit twice before every player has sat once. Excluding the active pitcher & catcher for that game.	Coach's Discretion

Playing Time Philosophy

- League games are for player development
- Tournament Games – Lakers play to win (coaches should seek opportunities to build positional depth for state)
- Players play where coaches believe the TEAM will have the most success
- Coaches are encouraged to play players in both the infield & outfield
 - Coaches will take into consideration player interest & abilities





Uniforms

Uniform Packages

Uniform vendor: Custom Apparel (CA Gear)

- **Must Order online directly from CA once rosters are posted**
 - A Link will be provided at the age level page, as well as emailed
 - **Store will Open the day teams are posted and Close Sunday 3/20**

Uniform Packages

- Includes two jerseys, socks, pants, belts
- For returning players, there will be a package with just the 2 new jerseys
- Package *includes* high quality Mizuno pants. Gold, navy, & white belts. Navy, gold, & white nylon blend sport socks
 - Can order more than one pair of pants or socks if desired
 - Ability to order individual pieces as well for players that already own the complete uniform
- Player must also have navy undershirt(s), long sleeve for cold weather or short sleeve if they desire
 - NO WHITE, GOLD, OR OTHER CLASHING COLORED UNDERSHIRTS
 - We want a UNIFORM TEAM look



Jersey Pricing for 2026

- Single Jersey (tank): \$45
- Package pricing (2 tank jerseys): \$78
- Sleeved Jersey: \$60
 - 10U-14U
- Package pricing available as well
- Each player/family is responsible for ordering their uniforms
 - A link will be sent out and posted on the website when teams are released
- Fan gear will also be available at the same time



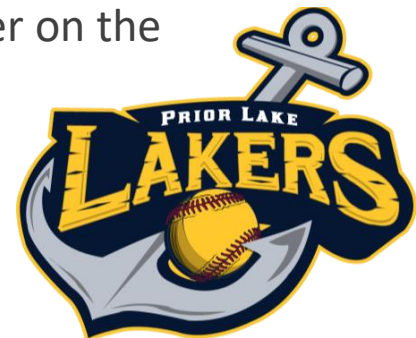
2026 OPTIONAL UNIFORM PIECES



2026 Uniform Game Day Standards

Our Goal with uniform standards is to have all of the girls looking like one team

- **Helmets**—Must be White! (Navy or Navy/white are grandfathered in for existing players) , no exceptions
 - Helmet decals will be handed out for girls with approved helmets
 - Helmet decals are required to be worn by all players
- **Undershirts**—Visible undershirts (long or short sleeve) must be navy
 - Performance undershirts will be available in the team store when ordering uniforms
 - You can buy Navy undershirts wherever you would like!
- **Cold Weather**—if it cold, players may wear a jacket or sweatshirt as long as it has their number on the back.
 - The other option would be to wear a navy undershirt



Hosted
Tournaments



2026 Prior Lake Tournament Schedule

- **Shake the Lake:** May 1-3rd
 - 10U and 12U A/B tournament
 - 40 teams total
- **Rock The Ponds** June 12-14th
 - 10U and 12U C ONLY
 - 36 teams Total
- **14U NAFA Nationals:** July 23-26th
 - 140 Teams from 7 states
 - Exciting, high-level softball
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Volunteer Hours



These Three tournaments are our only fundraisers for the entire season!

Championship Rings

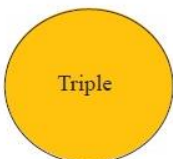


Sponsorship Opportunities



OPPORTUNITY Cost: \$500 per field (\$750 total for both tournaments)

- Two (2) Available
- Tournament/Bracket sponsors
- Championship Game field Sponsors
- Larger logo on t-shirts
- Prominent logo placement on all social media platforms and Website
- All items included in Home run, Triple, Double and Single

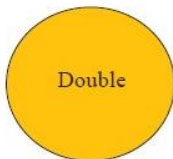


OPPORTUNITY Cost: \$400 perfield (\$600 total for both Tournaments)

- Six (6) fields are available for sponsorship
- Sponsor's logo appears on sign at the field, on the tournament website, as well as mentions on various social media platforms
- Sponsor's name appears on brackets and official results board each time the field listed.
- All items included in Triple and Double Packages

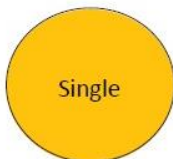
REQUIREMENTS

- Reserve ASAP (field sponsorships sell out quickly)
- Art must be provided by March 20, 2020 (please supply art as full-color, 300 dpi, jpg/logo)



OPPORTUNITY Cost: \$300 (\$450 total for both tournaments)


- Sixteen (16) t-shirt sponsor opportunities are available
- Sponsor's one-color logo appears on the back of 100+ staff as well as Sportsmanship Winner t-shirts
- Sponsor's logo appears on the tournament website as well as receive social media mentions
- Sponsors logo appears in coaches pre tournament packet



OPPORTUNITY Cost: \$150 (\$225 total for both tournaments)

- Unlimited General Sponsorship Opportunities are available
- Sponsors logo appears on tournament website
- Sponsor Logos will be also appear on signs on fences around fields along with social media posts/call-outs

2024 SPONSORSHIP FORM





TYPE OF SPONSORSHIP

<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Slam	\$ 1,500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Run	\$ 900.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Triple	\$ 650.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Double	\$ 450.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	\$ _____

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Paid Date _____

Check # _____

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Email a scan or picture of the completed form to: softballtournament@playinfo.org
2. Mail checks (with a copy of this form) to:
P.L.A.Y. Sports
Attn: Pam Koopman (Softball)
PO Box 599
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Make checks payable to: P.L.A.Y. Sports

The undersigned authorizes sponsorship of the 2024 Prior Lake Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments as specified above.

Print Name _____ Date _____ Signature _____

Email this completed form to softballtournament@playinfo.org

PAYMENT

- Checks are made payable to P.L.A.Y. Sports
- All sponsors and advertisers must complete this sponsorship form.

TOURNAMENT QUESTIONS: Steve Hawks, softballtournament@playinfo.org
SPONSOR QUESTIONS: Tyler Chambers, vpsoftball@playinfo.org



Volunteer Requirements

Volunteer requirements:

- 10 hours per player, capped at 14 per family
- Volunteer check submitted at tryouts for **\$500**
 - Checks are only cashed if you do not fulfill your hours. We DO NOT want to cash checks, we want your help!
- If you know you will not fulfill your hours, you can buyout for **\$400** up front. This money is used to hire works to cover shifts
- Head coaches are exempt for the child they coach.
- Assistant coaches will be responsible for 5 hours for the child they coach

You have 3 opportunities to fulfill your volunteer hours

- **Shake the Lake**—May 1st-3rd
- **Rock The Ponds**—June 12th-14th
 - Volunteers needed for concession stand, grilling, field maintenance etc.
- **NAFA Nationals**—July 23-26th
 - 4 full days of volunteers needed
 - Concessions, grilling, field maintenance, golf cart drivers, floaters etc.

All tournament volunteer slots will be open for signups at once

- The time/date that we will send the signup for DIBS links will be publicized so all are aware and have similar access
- Please do not procrastinate!



Fall Ball and
Beyond



Fall Ball Options

- **Traditional Fall ball**

- Brief one day fall tryouts
- 5 week season, with state tournament
- Games on the weekend
- 1-2 practices per week

- **Intro to Fast pitch**

- Twice a week for 5 weeks
- Introduction to skills (Hitting, throwing, running, Pitching & Catching)
- 55 kids our first year!
- We would like to hire someone to run this program in 2026—Paid Position!



MN Softball Age eligibility

MN Softball is changing the Age cut off to September 1st

- This means some girls may not move up in the fall that traditionally would
- They are doing this to align teams with their grade levels better
- PLAY will be following this new cut off, players will not be allowed to play up, even if their teammates/friends are moving up

- NEW in 2025!
 - USSSA followed this age cut off as well!



Upcoming
events and
opportunities



Give softball a try FREE clinic

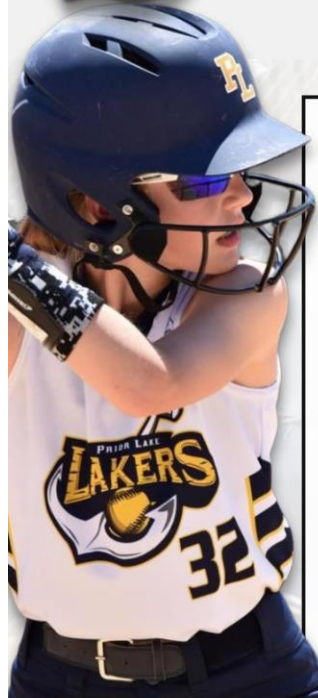
Please spread the word about this!

We had 50+ players last year, we want more this year!!



GIVE SOFTBALL A TRY FREE CLINIC

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH - SAVAGE DOME



The Prior Lake High School Girls Softball Program is thrilled to host a FREE "Give Softball A Try" Clinic for girls in grades Pre K - 8th Grade at the Savage Sports Center Dome!

This clinic will be led by Prior Lake High School Coaches and Players, giving athletes a chance to learn the fundamentals of softball in a fun, supportive environment!

- Gloves, balls, and equipment will be provided - no other equipment needed!
- All players must complete registration - see the QR code below.
- This clinic is completely FREE!!

Parents and family members are welcome to stay and watch! We can't wait to see you there! 🍌



GIVE SOFTBALL A TRY CLINIC INFO

Ages: Pre K - 8th Grade
Date: Sunday, March 15th
Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Savage Sports Center
Cost: FREE



Please contact vpsoftball@playinfo.org with any questions.

Coaching Clinic

- Sunday, April 12th 9am-1pm
- Strike Zone Sports in Eagan
- PLAY softball will cover the cost for the first 25 coaches to sign up
- We want at least 1 coach from every team to attend



SZS **SOLD OUT LAST YEAR!**

COACHING CLINIC

presented by SZS STAFF



DETAILS

- 📅 Sunday, April 12, 2026
- 🕒 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 📍 Strike Zone Sports, Eagan

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ HITTING, PITCHING, CATCHING, FIELDING, THROWING
- ✓ LEARN FROM OUR TEAM OF EXPERT COACHES
- ✓ YOUTH, TRAVEL & HS COACHES WELCOME!

[REGISTER NOW](#) ➔



This clinic equips youth coaches with the tools, drills, and strategies to build better players and stronger teams.

Twins Camp

- June 29-July 1
- Girls softball only!
- Includes a full uniform
- Includes tickets to a game
- 36 girls already registered!



TWINS 3-DAY SOFTBALL CAMP!

This 3-Day camp is the perfect blend of terrific instruction and an unforgettable Twins experience.



PRIOR LAKE JUNE 29- JULY 1

THE PONDS

AGES 6-14

Camps are open to Softball players ages 6 to 14. This camp runs Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The price for the 3-Day camp is \$260. Join us!



- 18 hours of Professional Twins Instruction
- MLB Quality Uniform
- 4 Twins Tickets*
- Optional Ballpark Trip to Target Field
- Twins Skills Competition with Champions Day at Target Field*

\$25 Discount: Use code PL25 when registering.

Register at [TWINS.COM/TRAINING](https://twins.com/training)

*Subject to change depending on MLB Protocols

2026 PLHS Summer Camp

Registration details coming soon!

PLAY & PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL LAKERS SOFTBALL **YOUTH SUMMER CLINIC** POWERED BY: **CATALYST SOFTBALL**

CLINIC DESCRIPTION

The 2026 Lakers Youth Summer Clinic powered by Catalyst Softball Academy is designed to provide young softball players in the PLAY program with an opportunity to compete and develop in a fun, fast-paced environment!

This is a three-day clinic that focuses on the areas of throwing mechanics, fielding, hitting, pitching/catching, and baserunning. Players will participate in drill work and competitions.

FREE T-SHIRT INCLUDED!

COACHING STAFF

Led by the Prior Lake High School Softball Staff, this clinic will be assisted by Lakers Softball current players, alumni, and former & current collegiate softball athletes & coaches from the Catalyst Softball Academy instruction team.

CLINIC SCHEDULE

JULY 15, 16, & 17

COST: \$85

PRE-K - 4TH GRADE:

- 9 AM - 11 AM

5TH - 8TH GRADE:

- 11 AM - 1 PM

DAGGIT FIELD & JV FIELD
Prior Lake High School Softball Fields

REGISTER HERE

SCAN ME



Minnesota Twins FREE tickets

- We have 100 Free tickets
 - First come first serve
- Opening day Friday April 3rd
- Game starts at 3:10pm
- During Spring break
- First 10,000 Fans get a free beanie



Scheels 20% off Coupon

- February 28-March 8th
- Eden Prairie Scheels only or online
- 20% off all softball related gear



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