



MAFSA

Summer 2026

Parent/Guardian and Player Meeting
U14, U16/U18

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Channel Parkway Complex Update!

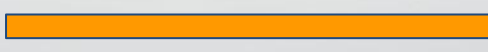


NEW LED SCOREBOARDS!

- **Different location - behind the outfield fences**
- **Controlled by volunteers with an app on their phone.**

Paper Towel Dispensers in the bathrooms

2026 Code of Conduct

- Mission
- Team Objective
- Team Goals
- Player Expectations
- Parent Expectations
- Coaches Expectations
- Drug, Alcohol, & Tobacco Policy
- Signatures 

I, the parent/guardian, acknowledge that I have seen and read the 2024 MAFSA Code of Conduct, including the MAFSA Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy. I hereby consent to abide by the expectations outlined in the Code of Conduct.

I, the parent/guardian, hereby give my consent for my daughter named on this form to participate in the Marshall Area Fastpitch Softball Association (MAFSA) Summer Softball program for the 2024 season. I know that participation in softball and related activities may result in serious injuries and that such injuries may occur even when protective equipment is used and I hereby waive, release, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless MAFSA, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and agents of MAFSA for any claim arising out of an injury to my child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause. I, the parent/guardian, hereby give permission for the child named on this form to be admitted into a hospital, treated by a physician, and receive emergency medical care for any injury incurred while playing, being transported to or from, or as a spectator at any activity with MAFSA.

I, the parent/guardian, give my consent to use my daughter's name, photo or other reference in public documents.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the player, acknowledge that I have seen and read the 2024 MAFSA Code of Conduct. I hereby consent to abide by the expectations outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Marshall Area Fastpitch Softball Association is committed to providing a safe environment for players without prejudice.

Purpose of Travel Softball

14s-18s - Athletes are building on their skills for future success and becoming more competitive. Players can expect to play a variety of positions, but more athletes will specialize in specific positions.

Regarding playing time – All players will be treated fairly, but equal playing time is not guaranteed

U14 & U16/18 *LEAGUE CHANGE*

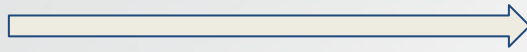
SOUTHERN STAR LEAGUE

- **Southern Star League**

- 14s and 16s/18s are switching to the Southern Star League
- **16/18s (HS)** Southern Star teams consist of teams in Southwest MN area: Sleepy Eye, Jackson, Worthington, Windom, etc.
- **14s Southern Star teams consist of same as above.**
- U10-U18 will have the same jerseys.
 - If you need a different size or didn't play last year, your jersey fee is included in registration fee. Keep jersey at the end of the season.
- Equipment Needs (Glove, Black Pants/Slider, Cleats, Helmet)
 - Games - wear own black softball pants
 - Practices - wear softball pants (do not have to be black) and t-shirt/appropriate tank top.

Travel Teams & Eligibility

Age Division



- The chart is showing the **YOUNGEST** team a player can play on. Players can **ALWAYS** play up a division if it's the better option (Director's discretion).

Key Note:

- *A player's age as of August 31, 2025, determines their age division for the entire 2026 season.*
 - *For example, if a child turns 9 on September 1, 2025, they were 8 on August 31, 2025, and would play in the 8U division for the 2026 season*

2026 USA Softball Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. The player's age and division is indicated on the right.

SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	AGE	DIVISION
2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	5	6U
2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	6	6U
2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	7	8U
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	8	8U
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	9	10U
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	10	10U
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	11	12U
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	12	12U
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	13	14U
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	14	14U
2009	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	15	16U
2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	16	16U
2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	17	18U
2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	18	18U

Tentative Summer Practice & Game Schedule

- Regular Practice Schedule
 - 14s = Start Date: May 18
 - 16s/18s = Start Date: Depending on HS Schedule
- Tentative Schedule - Check the website for final times
- Season goes through July
- Schedule may change depending on coach availability.

	16/18s	Notes:	14s
Sunday			
Monday	10:15AM - 11:45AM		
Tuesday	GAME NIGHT		6:30PM - 8:00PM
Wednesday	10:15AM - 11:45AM	Help Ump 10s	GAME NIGHT
Thursday		Help Ump 12s	6:30PM - 8:00PM
Friday			

Proposed Tournament Dates 14s

Tournament	Date	Location
<i>Behind the Mask</i>	<i>May 30-31</i>	<i>North Mankato, MN</i>
<i>Denny Redmond Tournament</i>	<i>June 20-21</i>	<i>Sioux Falls, SD</i>
<i>Premier Throwdown</i>	<i>June 26-28</i>	<i>Watertown, SD</i>
SW Slugfest	July 11-12	Marshall, MN
League Tourney/State Qualifier	July 18-19	St.Peter/Mankato, MN

- Player commitment is needed to finalize tournament selection
- Tournament Calendar – Fill out on Registration
- Calendar will be maintained on the MAFSA Website

Proposed Tournament Dates 16/18s

Tournament	Date	Location
<i>Peppers Showdown (C/Rec)</i>	<i>June 13-14</i>	<i>Mankato, MN</i>
<i>Denny Redmond Tournament (O/Rec)</i>	<i>June 20-21</i>	<i>Sioux Falls, SD</i>
<i>Premier Throwdown (B/C)</i>	<i>June 26-28</i>	<i>Watertown, SD</i>
Slugfest (B/C)	July 10-12	Marshall, MN
League Tourney/State Qualifier	July 18-19	St. Peter/Mankato, MN
<i>State (TBD)</i>	<i>July 25-26</i>	<i>TBD</i>

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Open Fields

- No additional fee, this is included in registration
- U14 = Tuesday & Thursdays from 8:00am - 8:50am
- U16/18 = Fridays from 9:00am - 10:00am

Evaluations

- 14s will be evaluated
- Sunday, March 1st from 5:30pm-7:00pm
 - @ Marshall Middle School
- We will **NOT** be cutting players. Evaluations are done to determine which team players will be put on.

Player Participation

- Once a roster is set, all players will be treated equal, and no distinction of Marshall or Non-Marshall player will be made. Playing time, will be decided by the team coach and will be based on player performance.** Playing time for travel teams will be fair but may not be equal.
- Playing time is based on:
 - Practice Attendance
 - Effort at Practice
 - Player Performance
 - Sportsmanship

Fees

U14 Travel Fee

- has jersey from last year = **\$300/player**
 - Needs jersey = **\$360/player**
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U16/18 Travel Fee

- Has jersey from last year = **\$300/player**
 - Needs jersey = **\$360/player**
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Raffle Ticket Fee - \$100/Player

- *ALL MAFSA players are required to sell 10 raffle tickets.*

Optional Fee - Volunteer Buyout = \$150/Player

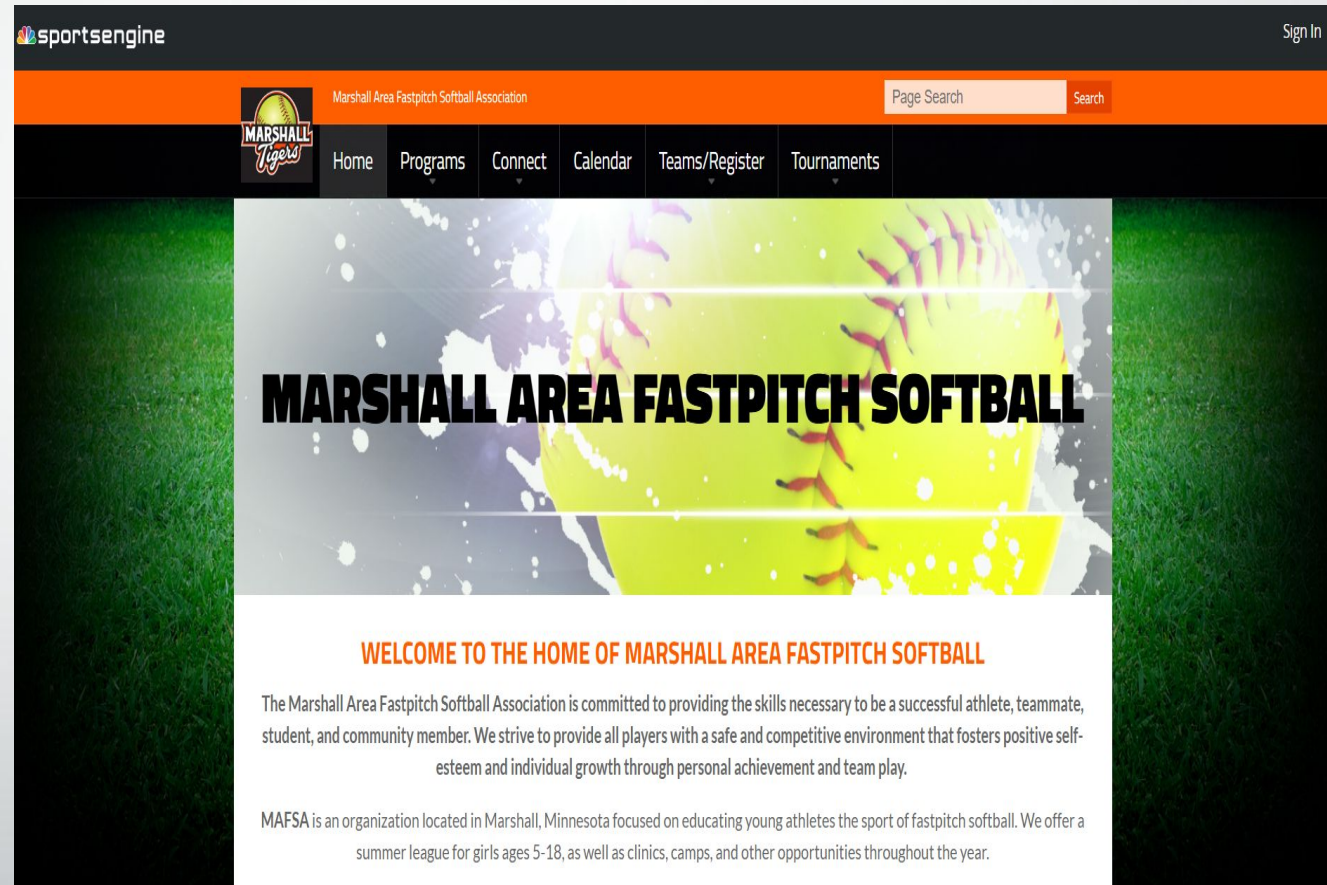
Volunteers

- Coaches / Parent Reps – covers your volunteer requirements
 - Parent Reps – Team Communication – Press to the Paper.
- **2 Work Sessions – 4 Hours – Per Player**
 - Concessions Stand at Home Games @ CPC
 - Home Tournament –
 - Field Maintenance
 - Gate
 - Concessions @ CPC
- We will use Sign-Up Genius this year.
 - Sign up for a time you are available to work.
 - If you do not sign up, a time will be chosen for you.
- \$150 - Volunteer Buyout – Available on Registration

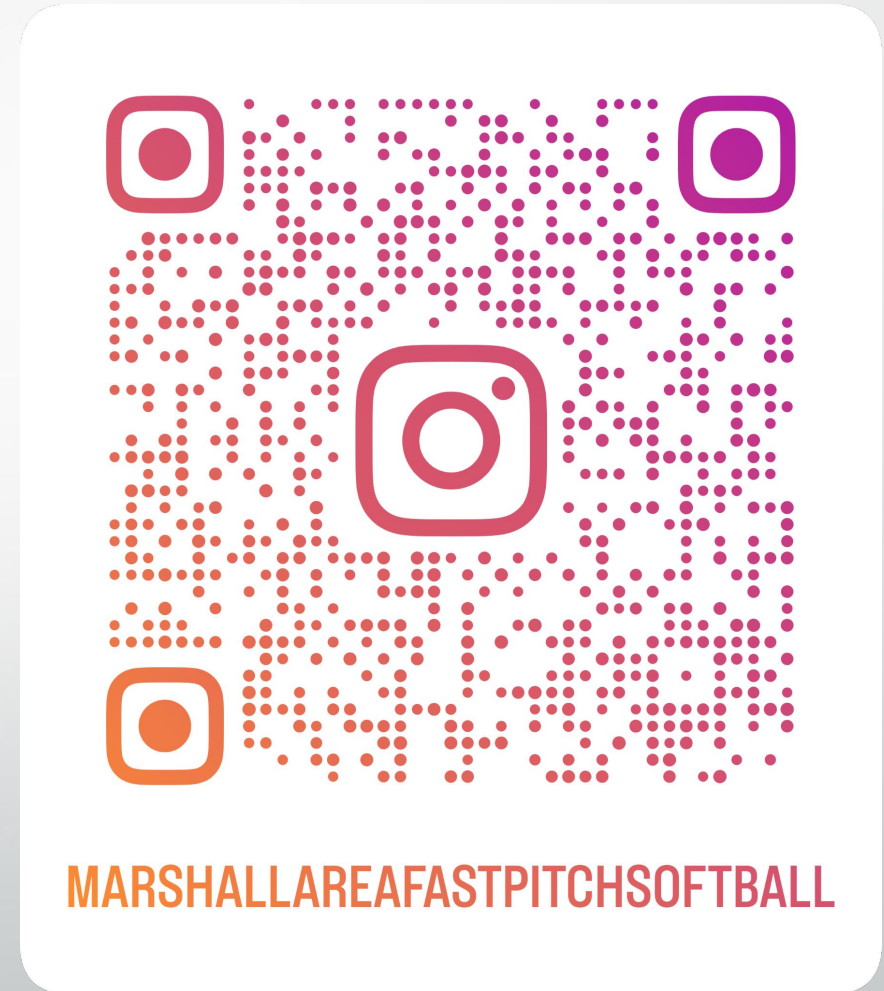
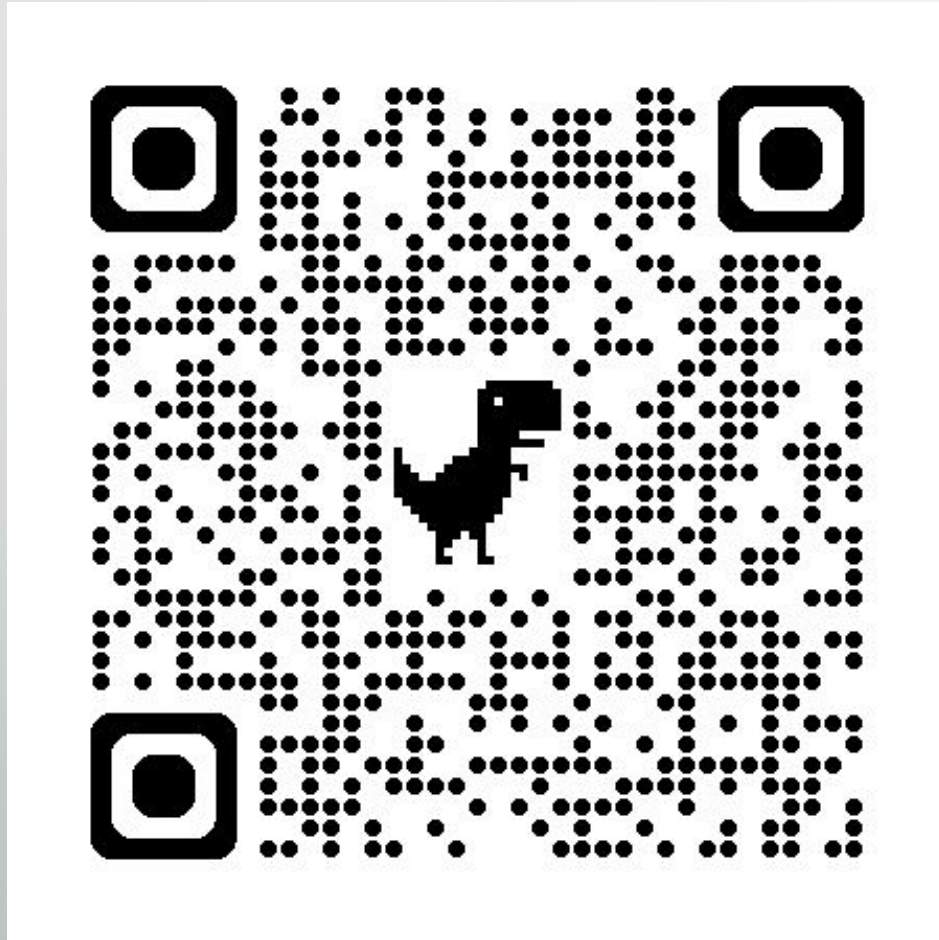
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[Marshall Area Fastpitch Softball Website](http://marshallareafastpitch.com)

- Calendar
- Contact information
- Team Pages
- Registration
- Coaches' Corner
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 - Facebook
 - Instagram



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Communication Tool - Stack App

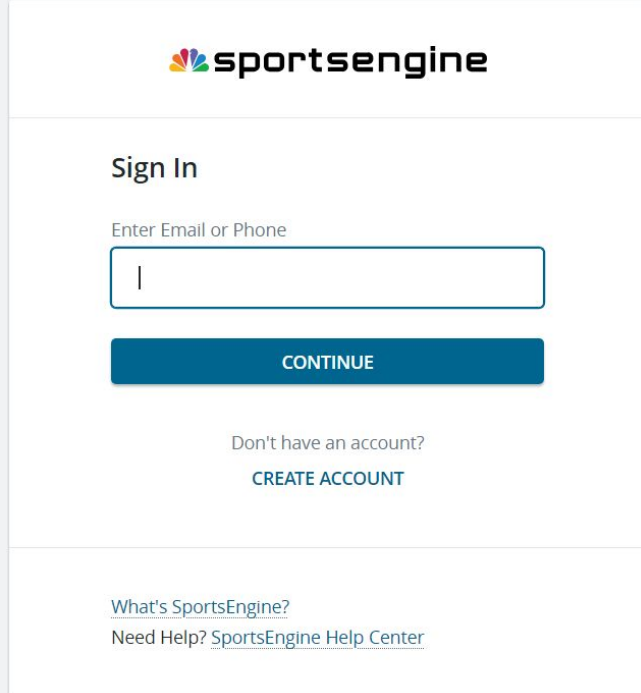
Stack Team App

- MAFSA 10s 2026
- MAFSA 12s 2026
- MAFSA 14s 2026
- MAFSA 16/18s 2026



Registration

- Registration
 - Opens = January 26th, 2026
 - Closes = March 1st, 2026
- Login or Create an Account
 - www.marshallareafastpitch.com
 - Hover over **Teams/Register**
 - Click on **Registration**
 - Scroll down, click on **Summer Registration Page**
- All payments will be made online this year



The screenshot shows the SportsEngine website's sign-in and registration interface. At the top, the SportsEngine logo is displayed. Below it, the "Sign In" section features a text input field labeled "Enter Email or Phone" and a blue "CONTINUE" button. Underneath, there is a link for "Don't have an account?" leading to a "CREATE ACCOUNT" button. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: "What's SportsEngine?" and "Need Help? SportsEngine Help Center".

**Apparel
Store**



Questions

