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U8

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U9

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U10

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U11 Navy

Head Coach - Kyle Kollmar, kollmar23@gmail.com

U11 Red

Head Coach - Dan Eichenberger, lkey83@gmail.com

U12

Head Coach - Ben Huffman, benjaminhuffman@gmail.com

U13

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U14

Head Coach - Jeremy Miller, jmrichfieldrage13@gmail.com

U15

Head Coach - Craig Hofer, craighofer@yahoo.com

U16 Navy

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U16 Red

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U10

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U12

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U14

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U16

Head Coach - Jeff Northern, jdub16@charter.net

U18

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RAGE/RAGE Fastpitch & RYBSA Coach Code of Conduct

- Shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the player and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- Shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct in all personal contact with RYBSA Board, players, umpires, and parents.
- Shall strive to instill the value of good sportsmanship in all his or her players and within the coaching staff.
- Shall understand and demonstrate positive coaching methods – how to balance discipline and fun, how to be generous with praise and how to correct athletes without being demeaning.
- Shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.
- Shall know organization rules (e.g., safety related, coach’s handbook) and will take the lead role in enforcing them.
- Shall manage his or her team in harmony with the philosophy and rules of joined League, as well as all tournaments entered.
- Shall protect coaches, families and players from bullying of any type and deal with it swiftly and decisively and will include the RYBSA Board if it continues after being addressed. Participation in bullying of any type is not tolerated.
- Shall master the fundamental rules of the game and shall teach them to his or her team members. The rules of baseball/softball are clear, and coaches need to pay reverence to them by never doing anything that would dishonor the game. The coach shall never seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- Shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators. Shall respect and support the umpires. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
- Shall meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach and umpire to set the correct tone for the event before and after the game.

Ignorance of the Code of Conduct and Coach’s Expectations are not valid excuses.

Coaches who fail to uphold the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary actions, such as removal or suspension of coaching privileges.

Name

Signature

Date



RAGE & RAGE Fastpitch Coaching Expectations

- Complete and pass a RYBSA Board arranged background check as soon as offered by the Board
- Read & sign off on the RAGE/RAGE Fastpitch Coach Code of Conduct
- Provide a safe and positive learning environment
 - Promote being positive and expect the same of all players on the team, practice what you preach
 - Treat all players with respect and instill respect in their teammates from day 1
- Work positively with coaching staff for benefit of the team
 - Meet with coaches to set up roles and expectations of the coaching staff BEFORE Team/Parent meeting and meet regularly as coaches to stay on the same page
 - Keep coach's communication open, any disagreements, discussions need to be addressed in house before escalating to the Board level
- Be a great communicator to your players and families
 - Set up Team/Parent meeting to introduce staff and season expectations
 - Go over Team Goals/Personal Goals/Parent & Player Goals
 - Make all aware and sign off on the Parent/Coach/Player Code of Conduct
 - Cover all equipment needs with the families
 - Make sure players/families are aware what the approved bats/cleats are for their age level
 - Communicate any cleat needs based on where the team will be playing (turf vs grass)
 - Encourage players to do additional training lessons and work on their craft outside of practice
 - Explain playing time and any different expectations between league and tournament play
 - Be very clear with families if you schedule tournaments possibly above your team's skill level
 - Clarify how you will communicate through the season outside of practice – e-mail/app/etc
 - Go over travel expectations
 - Absentee Policy
 - Give 48 hrs notice or more for team event changes and work with families

- Continuously improve your craft as a coach

Watch videos, talk with other coaches, attend RAGE lessons or coaching clinics

Be knowledgeable of the expectations of the age level you are coaching

Have an understanding of all field positions

- Establish support roles to help you

Team Parent/Manager and Parent assistance

Organizational Fundraiser support

- Uphold our Mission and Standards

RAGE – Respect, Accountability, Growth, Effort

Play by the Rules

Know the game

Support players on and off the field

Respect and support your multi-sport athletes

Focus on fundamentals

Support RAGE organizational fundraising efforts

Whether on or off the field, be aware you are representing our organization

Every action can be videoed and also misconstrued, be aware of this whenever you interact.

Defending actions after it is all over social media is difficult.

Read and follow the Coach's Handbook

- Attendance at the following

Uniform Fitting Day

Uniform Handout Day

Banner Picture Day

Coaches Meeting/Parent Meetings

Organizational Fundraiser Meetings

Tournaments/Games

80% of Games, 80% of practices



Team Budget

For the 2025 Season, each team will receive \$2,700 in their team budgets. This is meant to cover tournaments, league play, umpires, training for the season starting on January 1 of each year. Teams can also participate in the Big Games Squares Fundraiser in February that can give the team another \$500 toward their budget. **NOTE: U16 Baseball & U18 Fastpitch will have differing budgets due to their inability to play in the Free RAGE home tournaments.**

Any fall or winter tournaments before January 1, is considered offseason play and will not be covered by the team budget. It is imperative coaches work with teams and players to see if playing in the offseason is something the team and families would like to do and can cover financially. Due to the fact that this time frame is during the off-season, families/players have no obligation to attend, especially if they have another sport that they are in-season for. Team budgets are built by the RAGE fees of the players that year, leftover team budgets do not carry over season to season.

Registering for Tournaments

When you have identified a tournament that you would like to register your team for, there are several ways that you can go about registering – 1. Complete registration form and have the RAGE Treasurer send out the payment to the tournament OR 2. register and pay for the tournament and have the RAGE Treasurer reimburse whoever paid. Both options are addressed below.

To get reimbursement from the Treasurer, you will be provided a **link to submit all reimbursements** in the pre-season that you need to SAVE and use each time you need to be reimbursed. It will be a google form and fairly easy to navigate.

Treasurer sends payment for Tournament

Go to that tournament's website and complete the team registration form. You will either need to fill it out electronically on the tournament's website or complete a registration form by hand. This lets the tournament director know you want to register your team for their tournament and that payment will be mailed to them shortly thereafter. If you complete the registration form by hand, please scan the form or take a picture of the form and you can save it to send in with your reimbursement.

If you have completed the registration online then you will get an automatic response from the website that you have registered your team and payment must be made. This "receipt" of having completed the registration needs to be included in your reimbursement. If you completed the registration form by hand and have emailed it to the respective tournament director, then that registration form must be included in the reimbursement.

After the Treasurer checks you have the money in your team budget, they will send out the check in a timely fashion and document it on the Team Budget sheet. It is the Head Coaches responsibility to confirm that payment has been received by the respective tournament directors, please follow up with them about

a week after it was mailed. Tournaments fill up fast and confirmation of payment is essential to secure your spot.

Reimbursed fee of tournament by Treasurer

If you pay for a tournament with your own credit card and need reimbursement, then include all that information and documentation of your payment on the reimbursement link.

Team Budget

Head Coaches are encouraged to keep track of their team's budget. The Board also keeps track to ensure no teams use more than their allotted team budget.

Each Head Coach will be given a link to their team budget google document. This is what will show in real time what has been documented and paid and how much is left in the team budget. This document is only updated by the Treasurer and coaches only have viewing rights. It is up to you whether you share the link with your assistant coaches or someone in charge of finances of the team. Only if you have discrepancies between what you tracked and turned in and what the Treasurer has documented, should you need to contact the Treasurer. This document, once you have the link, will always be available to you.

If your team decides to enter tournaments or do other activities and your budget has been exhausted, then it will be the Head Coach's responsibility to have a conversation with the team families, to determine if they are willing to pay an equal portion of money to cover the remaining costs that exceed the budget. It is the Head Coach's responsibility to gather the needed money from each family if the team is playing outside their budget. The RYBSA Board does not get involved in collecting money for these situations.

Taking the time to get the Board the above required information on the tournaments you want to register for will make the payment process go smoothly and quickly. As a reminder our own RAGE Tournaments are FREE to you!



Please note

The only authorized RAGE and RAGE Fastpitch gear comes from the Spirit & Uniform Coordinators, the Spirit Wear Sale, or BSN Sideline Stores. Teams and/or individuals cannot create their own RAGE or RAGE Fastpitch gear or team wear, uniforms or anything with the RAGE or RAGE Fastpitch logo or RAGE/RAGE Fastpitch affiliation. Anything created outside the Spirit Wear, BSN Sideline Store, or what the organization provides through Spirit Wear & Uniform Coordinators will not be allowed to be worn, nor will the organization reimburse any funds used to purchase these items. IF you have any questions on this or Fall Ball gear, please contact the board, non-compliance will not be tolerated and this topic is also addressed in the parent handbook.

Coach's Gear

All RAGE and RAGE Fastpitch coaches in the Fall will get notified about Coach's Gear from the Uniform & Spirit Wear Coordinators. Each year the Board votes on the allowance every registered coach receives and then each coach gets a link to the website and a code to apply their discount code. You can order more than your allowance, and it will just ask you on the website to pay whatever is over your allowance.

Please make sure you pay attention to the dates this website is open so you can obtain some gear for the season. Once the site is closed all orders go through and you will be informed of the approximate shipping date. If you miss the dates or don't communicate with the Uniform & Spirit Wear Coordinators if you are having any trouble, you will miss out on the opportunity.

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear sales are a great opportunity for you and your RAGE families to get your RAGE gear! Our Spirit Wear sales are seasonal and have deadlines for ordering, and you will be informed by our Spirit Wear & Uniform Coordinators when the sales are active. Our organization has spirit wear sales in the Fall after Tryouts/before Christmas and then again in the Spring. All orders will be shipped to the organization and given to the Coaches to distribute to their teams. Spirit Wear in the fall is usually in conjunction with the Coach's Gear ordering and the orders are placed at the same time. It is easy to think they are one and the same, but please keep watch as they are different!

Sideline Store – BSN Sports

Our organization has an all year long Sideline Store with BSN Sports. Items with our logo are available whenever you need it, and a portion of the sales comes back to us. Throughout the year BSN does notify us of deals when they come through and we try to pass them on through social media as to not burden coaches with too many e-mails. Please make sure your families know about this opportunity. They carry Under Armor, Nike, Puma, North Face and many other brands. Please see the link below to shop!

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/wisconsin/richfield/richfield-rage?>

Marucci Locker Room

Our organization has connected with Marucci, and we are eligible to get some great discounts on baseball and softball gear by ordering directly from Marucci. These discounts are not provided at any retail stores.

Below is the welcome email we received from Marucci, and it includes how you can create an account to shop for and purchase the discounted Marucci Baseball and Softball Gear. Please remind your families this opportunity is available.

Welcome to your new custom Marucci Locker Room Store. To make it easier for you to get the necessary items you'll need for the upcoming season, we have set up this Marucci online store to get you great products and apparel in the most efficient way possible.

Marucci is pleased to provide you with an assortment of products for your arsenal at some unbelievable deals. This special promotion was set up specifically for the Richfield Rage.

Here is how you take advantage of Marucci special deals:

Go to: lockerroom.maruccisports.com

Enter the Code: **Coaches or Coordinators will relay this to families**

Once you have entered the online store, please click the Login on the Top Right to create an account. You will receive an email that will allow you to proceed with creating an account. Once you receive this then you need to simply follow the directions, order your desired items, pay, and wait for your products to arrive!

If the link doesn't work, please get in touch with our Uniform & Spirit Wear coordinators and they will make sure the link gets re-activated or they get you the new code.

All these opportunities and links are also posted at rybsawi.com by hovering over the "home" button, the drop down will appear with BSN Sideline Store, Marucci and the seasonal Spirit Wear site.



Coach's Meetings

At the beginning of the Practice season, we always have an all-RAGE Coaches Meeting. This meeting, usually at THOR, is to cover a number of topics to ensure we are all prepared for the upcoming season.

An overview of the topics usually covered in no particular order

- Board & Coordinators of RYBSA
- Committee needs
- Process for Tournament Registrations and Team Budget Update
- Scheduling of home games for League Play
- Scheduling of Umpires
- RAGE Tournaments (Baseball & Fastpitch)
 - Tournament Format discussion
 - Any rule changes
 - Field expectations & volunteering
- THOR Practice Times
- THOR Rules & Cleaning
- Equipment Needs for Teams / THOR
- Uniforms
- Important Upcoming Dates
- RAGE team Equipment
- Opportunities for extra training and resources
- Coach Background checks and Expectations
- Fundraisers
- Volunteer expectations

At these meetings the Board is open to any and all discussion on how to make RAGE the best we can be. These meetings are a great opportunity for brainstorming and sharing of ideas.

RYBSA Board Meetings

RAGE & RAGE Fastpitch are run by the Richfield Youth Baseball & Softball Association Board. The Board meets monthly and during these meetings are great opportunities for the coaches to bring things to the table and to familiarize themselves with the Board and Coordinators. The Board wants to know what can help our coaches and we can only know that if you tell us! Please access the Board Minutes on the website to keep up to date on what is going on.

The Board is always in need of volunteers. If you know of a parent that would be an asset in one small area of RYBSA please have them reach out to us!



Village of Richfield and RYBSA Board Heritage Park Responsibilities

If we receive rain at Heritage Park prior to 3 PM on Monday-Friday, the village will be informing the RYBSA Board of all Field Closures that are to happen for that afternoon/evening. The communication from the Village to our Board will happen by 3 PM during the weekdays.

When our Board receives the notification that fields are closed for the evening, the Board will immediately update our Website (<https://www.rybsawi.com/>) with this information. At the bottom of the Home Page on our Website, there is a section for **Field Status**. That is where we will post if the fields are open or closed for the evening if we received rain prior to 3PM on Weekdays. See the below screenshot.

HERITAGE PARK		UPDATED: MAR 30, 2021 @ 8:40 AM
Field #1	Open	Parking lot located off of Hillside Road
Field #2	Open	Parking lot located off of Hillside Road
Field #3	Open	Parking lot located off of Hillside Road
Field #4	Open	Parking lot located off of Hubertus Road (west of the fire station).
Field #5	Open	Parking lot located off of Hubertus Road (west of the fire station).
Field #6	Open	Parking lot located off of Hubertus Road (west of the fire station).
Field #7	Open	Parking lot located off of Hubertus Road (Village Hall parking lot).

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VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD →
Village of Wisconsin
WISCONSIN STATE YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE →
Wisconsin State Youth Baseball League
MAJORS YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE →
Majors Youth Baseball League

This will be the ONLY type of communication from the Board to the organization on field closures, unless there are issues with the website and we cannot update it and then we will also e-mail. Please inform your coaching staff to check the website if they are uncertain of a field closure being determined by the village. Please also share this with your families.

Emails, texts, and phone calls to our Scheduling Coordinator and/or Board will not trigger a faster decision by the village. We have asked the village to make the field closure decision as late in the afternoon as possible, to give us the best opportunity to have the fields open, especially if we received rain the night before or the morning of. The fields at Heritage Park do dry quickly after the rain has stopped, so the decision at 3PM provides us the best opportunity to have the fields open for that evening.

RYBSA Board and Coaches Responsibilities – AFTER 3PM

If we receive rain after 3PM on Weekdays or on the Weekend, then the RYBSA Board will do their best to update the website with any Field Closures. As you know, a majority of our Board are also coaches in the organization, so if a majority of the Board has away games on an evening or a tournament on the weekend and we receive rain after 3PM on a weekday or during a weekend, it could be possible that the website does not get updated with Field Closures.

In this circumstance, it will likely happen that you, the coaches, will need to determine if the field is in good enough condition for practice or a game, especially if we get rain closer to or during games / practices.

What You Need to Know

1. All of the fields at Heritage Park have a Clay Base layer. This clay layer helps with water runoff and ultimately helps keep the field in good condition after each use and after rain as it is very hard and durable base.
2. The fields are top dressed with a Diamond Mix. The Diamond Mix is the very small gravel mix on top of the clay base and is what is dragged by the village or hand raked by coaches to make the playing surface level.

The biggest concern to the Village of Richfield and the RYBSA Board is any damage caused to the Clay Base. If the Clay Base is damaged due to teams or individuals using the fields when they are too wet, then the cost to repair the Clay Base is HIGH. This is due to the cost of materials to repair the Clay Base and it is a labor intensive process to make the repairs.

If any damage to the Clay Base is caused by RYBSA Teams (Rec and/or Rage), then our organization will be billed by the Village of Richfield for those repairs.

That being said, if you know the fields are too wet to use, then please DON'T use them. If a Coach is found to be responsible for using the field for a practice or game when the field is too wet and there is damage that has to be addressed, then the board will be addressing the coach to see how these repairs will be paid for, which could include digging into your team budget. THIS is your warning to not damage the fields at Heritage Park. In the end they are not OUR fields, we are being allowed and paying to use them.

Good Rules of Thumb

1. The fields can handle some rain and still be a playable surface without damaging the clay base. If the rain continues, then be sure to monitor the situation.
2. If you see standing water on the fields and the fields are obviously very wet, they shouldn't be used at all.
3. Another clear indication that the fields are too wet to be used is when you walk on the infield, and the field feels spongy and/or water can be seen around the outside of your foot when you take steps. If you are making distinctive impressions in the field by walking on it, then it is too wet for use.

If you have any questions about this, then please let the Scheduling & Village Liaison Coordinator or Scott Walworth, Director of RAGE & RAGE Fastpitch know.

Our hope is that these procedures and guidelines will help you and your teams know when to not use the fields and result in fields that are well taken care of and usable all summer long for the entire organization and the teams that visit Heritage Park.

Fundraisers

The RAGE organization does at least two fundraisers a year to either help the teams and/or help the organization. For these fundraisers we expect all teams to participate and do their best to support it. We also will have fundraiser nights in cooperation with local businesses to look out for as well!

For our 2025 season we have two that we usually do that you can be prepared for, including

Big Game Squares

This fundraiser gives every team 50 squares to sell for the “Big Game” in football that occurs in February. If teams sell all 50 squares on their board, they get an extra \$500 towards their team budget for that season. Any amount of squares sold under 50, the profit will be split half/half with Rage after winning payouts are made. With the make-up of most teams this means each player is responsible for the sale of 4-5 tickets. More information comes out on this in December.

RAGE Raffle

This fundraiser is to benefit the organization and is meant to help with equipment, THOR and field maintenance and improvements which is not included in the player’s RAGE Fee. We encourage every player to sell at least ten \$20 raffle tickets. The drawing for the raffle prizes is usually done at our Summer Slam/Summer Bash tournament in late June. More information comes out on this in April.

Below are graphics from the previous years fundraisers



Team Fundraisers

We understand teams may have a big goal to play somewhere special or have a unique team experience that would require extra buy-in from families. Individual team fundraisers may be an option.

Team Head Coaches must present the potential fundraiser to the Board in person at a Board meeting to obtain approval BEFORE doing anything else.

Approval is REQUIRED and it makes sure of the following

1. Communications to their team and parents are clear in all aspects of the fundraiser – who is taking care of the money, what they are fundraising for, expectations and results. Everyone must be on the same page – coaches, families and the board
2. Commitment of team to participate fully in the RAGE organizational fundraisers
3. Fundraisers are fair to all participants

Fundraisers may be altered to make sure they adhere to the above.

Sponsorships

Individual teams may not seek sponsorships of their individual teams. All sponsorships that are obtained are done by the Board and are for the Richfield Youth Baseball & Softball Association as a whole.

Master Schedule

The organization maintains a Master Schedule for practices at THOR and practices and games at Heritage Park. This schedule is visible to all coaches via a link given in the off seasons. It is IMPERATIVE that you consult the master schedule for every practice and game. There are times where Richfield Soccer has a tournament, RYBSA or other entities may need to schedule games and the fields are just not going to be available. The fields are the property of the Village of Richfield, and even though we are the main occupant of the fields we still work with the Village and other groups for usage.

Indoor Practice Schedule - THOR

Practice Schedule at THOR will be discussed in Fall and a procedure for picking practice times will be put forth to the Coaches by the Scheduling Coordinator and the Board.

Coaches will need to schedule a weekday practice and a weekend practice time slot.

If your team will not be using your assigned time slot, you must inform the Scheduling Coordinator so they can open the time slot for other teams to take the opportunity.

Outdoor Practice/Game Schedule – Heritage Park

During the end of the THOR indoor season the Heritage Park schedule will be discussed with the coaches by the Scheduling Coordinator and the Board. Sometimes coaches just choose to keep their THOR time slot. There is a greater chance of getting the day/time slot that you would like due to the amount of fields available.

The organization pays for every practice and every game on the schedule whether the team shows up or not. If you are not going to be using your scheduled Heritage Park time you must inform the Scheduling Coordinator so they can take it off the schedule. Doing this ensures other teams can pick up the slot to use or if nobody picks up the slot that RYBSA will not be charged for time not used and for a game, the village won't use time preparing the field for a game. Your practice day is also expected to be the day that you schedule your home league games as you will already be booked for the field since that is your time slot.

Open Scheduling

Work with the Scheduling Coordinator on any practice and games that you want to have outside your already scheduled time slot. Especially during winter season, there are limited spots at THOR so we ask that teams do not always vie for the open spots and allow other teams to have opportunities too. SHARE.

Heritage Park Batting Cages & Field 7

The Batting Cages at Heritage Park are for the public. Our organization does NOT have priority at the batting cages. So again please SHARE within our organization, with other organizations and with the public.

Field 7 at Heritage Park is not for the use of Richfield Youth Baseball & Softball and the RAGE Program. This field is for the Richfield Rockets Baseball organization to utilize. We only are allowed on that field TWO times in the 2025 season and that is for the weekends of our tournaments. If you see the field is empty, it is still NOT available for use.





RAGE Picture Day

Before the Spring Season starts there will be a **RAGE Picture Day**. Coaches will be given a schedule for the teams to have their pictures taken at certain times all on one day.

The pictures will be individual pictures of each player. The pictures of each player, for each team, will be combined for a team photo that will go on a Team Banner. This Team Banner will be something that should be hung on the back of your dugout for home and away games to show off your team and our sponsors. The RAGE fees cover the cost for the Team Banner for the Dugouts.

The individual teams are to determine which uniform their team will be wearing for the picture and are responsible for making sure communication of that uniform goes out to the team.

All families will also have the option to purchase the individual pictures/memorabilia at an additional cost. Order forms will be available online and paper copies will be available the day of. It is important that every player gets their picture taken, even if they are not ordering individual pictures. If they don't get their picture taken by the designated photographer, then those players will not be included in the Team Banner for the Dugouts.

If there are players that will not be available to attend, then it will be each family's responsibility to call the photographer to set up a time for their player's picture to be taken before a certain date.

Each Head Coach must try to ensure everyone on their team gets their picture taken. As of the 2024 season, coaches get a free team picture, but do have to pay for a picture with their athlete.

The expected delivery of the Team Banners is early May before our first RAGE Tournament.

When the photographer and date is scheduled, the Board will let the Coaches know so they can start informing their players.



RAGE Tournaments

NEW THIS YEAR - Due to lack of fields the U16 Baseball Teams & U18 Fastpitch Team will not be attending the Home RAGE tournaments and will not have any volunteering expectations

Our organization offers one home RAGE tournament for each age level both baseball & fastpitch. These tournaments have one bracket per age group with 6 teams in each and each age level will have one field they participate on all weekend. This is a free tournament for our RAGE teams and does not require any payment from the RAGE team's budget to participate. RAGE teams must participate and are automatically signed up for the tournament, but still need to do team waivers and turn into the tournament director.

Our tournaments include

RAGE Mother's Day Baseball Tournament on Mother's Day weekend

- Youngest Baseball Teams

RAGE Summer Slam Fastpitch Tournament the 3rd weekend of June

- All Fastpitch Teams

RAGE Summer Bash Baseball Tournament the 3rd weekend of June

- Oldest Baseball Teams

Depending on the number of teams in the RAGE organization and access to Richfield fields, where the cutoff for participation in the baseball tournaments of Mother's Day vs Summer Bash can vary. One year the Mother's Day tournament could be U8-U13, but the next year it could be U8-a different level. Decisions on who is in each tournament is made in the Fall after tryouts. Summer Slam is intended to always host the entire Fastpitch organization.

Each age group will have their own bracket and if there are multiple RAGE teams at an age level, they will be playing in the same bracket/field. Every effort will be made to avoid these RAGE teams playing each other until Bracket play.

We are very proud of the tournaments we put on and anyone who comes by can enjoy some fun baseball & softball, great concession stands, and food trucks. As a little peek behind the curtain, when the first day of a tournament starts, we are at break even on the tournament. All our profit from running a tournament comes from concessions, so we want to put on a tournament even if there are weather issues. We do provide partial refunds if teams only get 1 game in, so we work hard to give our teams games!

Tournaments require a whole organizational commitment to pull off. To make sure that each tournament is successful, **RAGE teams cannot schedule games during these two weekends.** We need all hands-on deck in the area of volunteering and support.

Our tournament expectations include

For those RAGE families with players in the tournament

- Take care of the field marshaling for every game on your field all weekend
- Take care of field prep for every game on your field all weekend

For those RAGE families with no players in the tournament

- Volunteer to help at concession stands

Volunteers are especially important when there are weather events and we need help tarping fields and after weather clean-up of the fields. If you are available for any emergency help needs that we usually put out via social media or over e-mail, you or your team families will get volunteering hours for that. We ask that coaches promote tournament volunteering as a team.

Lastly, to have our own HOME tournament that does not affect the team budget is a huge benefit of being in our organization. We need the support from our entire RAGE family to continue hosting these tournaments.

More on volunteering on the volunteering page.



RAGE Uniforms



RAGE and RAGE Fastpitch Uniforms are only provided by the organization. Teams and/or individuals cannot make their own RAGE gear or team wear, uniforms or anything with the RAGE or RAGE Fastpitch logo or RAGE affiliation.

Please note

The only authorized RAGE and RAGE Fastpitch gear comes from the Spirit & Uniform Coordinators, the Spirit Wear Sale, or BSN Sideline Stores. Teams and/or individuals cannot create their own RAGE or RAGE Fastpitch gear or team wear, uniforms or anything with the RAGE or RAGE Fastpitch logo or RAGE/RAGE Fastpitch affiliation. Anything created outside the Spirit Wear, BSN Sideline Store, or what the organization provides through Spirit Wear & Uniform Coordinators will not be allowed to be worn, nor will the organization reimburse any funds used to purchase these items. IF you have any questions on this of Fall Ball wear, please contact the board, non-compliance will not be tolerated and this topic is also addressed in the parent handbook.

After tryouts, coaches will need to poll their players to see what number they would like on their uniform. We will leave it to the coaches to figure out any duplicate number situations.

Provided by RAGE Fee

Fastpitch

Jerseys (Qty: 3)

Pants (Qty: 2)

Socks (Qty: 2)

Batting Gloves or Visor (Qty:1)

Baseball

Jerseys (Qty: 3)

Pants (Qty: 2)

Socks (Qty: 2)

Baseball Hat (Qty:2)

In the Fall, we will have a uniform fitting day, usually at THOR. This day and time for each team will be relayed after tryouts. This is a day that all teams can come and try on sizes of Uniforms, Pants, Hats & Batting Gloves so they can order all their items. Each family will be given an order form, to fill out quantity and sizes on everything they want. These items that are available for try-on are samples and cannot be taken home. During this day there are also other items that will be available for out-of-pocket purchase and families can order extras of what is already provided by the RAGE fee for an out-of-pocket purchase. Payment for these items is required at the Uniform Fitting Day, so they can be ordered all at the same time. Some examples of items we have had in the past

Boombah Bat Bag

RAGE Backpack Bat Bag

Baseball Boombah Batting Helmet/Softball Boombah Helmet with Facemask

Baseball Helmet Chin Guard

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE PRIOR TO THE UNIFORM FITTING DAY

1. We are asking Head Coaches to email all your families and remind them about the day/time that has been scheduled for you.
2. Each family MUST know their uniform numbers for their player(s). This will be needed for the order form.

DETAILS FOR UNIFORM FITTING

1. Head Coaches or designated representative are being asked to sit at the check-out table and make sure all of their families have been properly fitted, and have visited all of the appropriate tables. It will be the Head Coaches responsibility to follow up with those families not in attendance to ensure they complete the uniform fitting.
2. If you have a family member who is not able to make your scheduled time you are asked to arrange a time with one of the coaches on your team to meet them at THOR. There will be a deadline for this which must be adhered to so we can get all items ordered allowing for longer ship times and possible backorders. We will leave all the samples at THOR with all the materials and products ready for families to complete the uniform fitting. None of the samples are allowed to leave THOR.
3. Closer to the event we will also share the order form so coaches and families can see it previous to coming. We will also have these at the Check-in table at THOR. We will have the ability to collect payment via debit/credit card, however we would still ask the families to bring a checkbook or cash as back-up if technology is not working. If families do pay with a debit card/credit card, then a service charge will be added to the total.
4. We strongly suggest that coaches take a picture of each filled out order form so if there is any confusion, they know what was submitted.

AFTER THE UNIFORM FITTING DAY:

1. If there is anyone who couldn't make the Uniform Fitting, the coach will need to send in the family's final order sheet to our Uniform & Spirit Wear Coordinator by deadline stated by the Board.
2. The Uniform & Spirit Wear Coordinator will tabulate all the results and send the final (team) order sheet to all coaches to make sure all orders have been captured correctly.
3. We encourage coaches to doublecheck all the results compared to their pictures. Then share with the families to get their last ok.
3. Coaches must return the results with an ok or any edits needed to the Uniform & Spirit Wear Coordinator as soon as possible so if there is any back and forth needed the order for the organization will not be held up. **If coaches and parents ok an order that is incorrect and this is not found out until the uniforms are delivered there is a possibility the player will not have a corrected item by the time the season starts. Any reorders due to this type of error will be an added expense to the family.**



League Schedule

Each coach is responsible for working with their designated league to create a league schedule for their team. Each league usually has one day where all the coaches/representatives convene to hash out the spring/summer schedule usually around January/February. Please make sure a coach or someone designated to represent the coach is at this meeting so that your team can ensure a consistent game schedule throughout the season. Also consult the RAGE master calendar to ensure that even if you are scheduling a game on “your day”, that the field is available. We recommend no more than 2-3 league games per week.

After the team schedule is made the coach is responsible for relaying these dates plus any tournament dates to the players, families, coaches and also to the Scheduling Coordinator for scheduling.

Reporting of Team Schedules & Schedule Management

After our RAGE and RAGE Fastpitch Teams create their league schedules, they must report all to the Scheduling Coordinator. This helps the board to prepare for field usage scheduling/fees and payment of umpires among other things.

The Board will provide a Google Doc link that will have tabs for each team, sometimes referred to as a “Master Schedule”. Please follow the format provided in the document, which will also include a confirmation of umpire payment amount per game. If you cannot take care of this, please designate someone to do this. This is usually due the first week of April. The Board will give updates around mid-March of a due date. As a reminder, our organization also takes care of the Rec Program and we will be scheduling RAGE and RYBSA games and practices AND trying to fit them all in at Heritage Park in the summer.

Once the outdoor season starts, RYBSA is paying for EVERY usage of the Heritage Park fields that is on the Master Schedule. **If you know that you will not be using a scheduled field for a game or practice, please notify the Scheduling Coordinator so it can be taken off the schedule.** Any time a game/practice is on the Master Schedule and not used we are still paying the village for that usage. A quick e-mail is greatly appreciated to keep our field usage fees to only what we are actually using. If the Village closes the field due to weather, you do not have to notify the Scheduling Coordinator of the non-usage.

Payment of Umpires

Once the schedule information is received the Board will be putting together the payments for umpires for home games only. Each RAGE/RAGE Fastpitch Head Coach will receive a check with the payment for the umpires for all the games in the schedule they have turned in with the previously League agreed on Umpire fee. The home coach will be responsible for payment to the umpires on a home game day.

It is up to the coach to verify that each game is accounted for with the correct monetary value as they will be receiving the home game season’s worth (that they put in the Google Doc) in bulk and signing off that they received the money. **If the check is lost, the coach will be responsible for any stop payment fees at the bank.** The Board will notify all coaches when the umpire payments are ready prior to the League Season beginning.

Getting Umpires

When you establish your team schedule and report it to the Scheduling Coordinator, next you will need umpires! Your league may have rules on umpires, how many you need, their qualifications, how much they should be paid and who pays, please pay attention to these rules.

BASEBALL – Teams in Wisconsin State Youth Baseball League (WSYBL)

After the league meeting to establish every team's schedule, WSYBL submits the schedules and posts on www.arbitersports.com for umpires to sign up for games. After this is done each team will be given a link to view the schedules.

Coaches must monitor the site, to make sure all their games are listed and closer to game day to make sure they have an umpire(s) signed up for their game. Due to the lack of umpires, the younger teams may have to agree to just have one umpire for games where that is the case. If you find that you don't have any umpires for a game coming up, contact the other coach to see if they have any options and you can call upon people you may know. If you have a resource for umpire that is not certified you will have to confer with the other coach to make sure they are in agreement to move forward with an uncertified umpire. If you have any issues, you can contact the WSYBL league contact for guidance. If you need help with umpires, or having bigger issues, contact the RAGE Director so they can try to assist.

FASTPITCH – Shoreline League

After the league meeting to establish every team's schedule, RAGE Fastpitch teams are in charge of finding their own umpires for home league games. Do not delay in starting the process and teams can go about it a few ways.

- Research, find, negotiate payment and schedule their own umpires for each home league game
- Using www.arbitersports.com to post your schedule for umpires to sign up. If a team uses arbiter this is an extra expense that they will have to pay using their team budget or out of pocket. Posting on arbiter does not guarantee that you will get an umpire, but it does give you a better chance. If you go this way **you still must monitor your games** to make sure you have an umpire for your game. If you don't have one, then you have to research, find and schedule one on your own.

FASTPITCH - Wisconsin Fastpitch League [Home | wisconsinfastpitch \(wisconsinfastpitchleague.com\)](http://Home | wisconsinfastpitch (wisconsinfastpitchleague.com))

This is a newer league to our organization and the WFL takes care of obtaining umpires for the league games. This league only has certain days it allows levels to have games. If this league is what you want to do, you will have to take that into consideration when you are making your requests for your field day at Heritage Park.

BASEBALL & FASTPITCH – non league/non tournament games

- Research, find, negotiate payment and schedule their own umpires for each home league game
- Using www.arbitersports.com to post your schedule for umpires to sign up. If a team uses arbiter this is an extra expense that they will have to pay using their team budget or out of pocket. Posting on arbiter does not guarantee that you will get an umpire, but it does give you a better chance. If you go this way **you still must monitor your games** to make sure you have an umpire for your game. If you don't have one, then you have to research, find and schedule one on your own.

Getting umpires and worrying about umpires can be stressful. If you can delegate keeping track of umpires to another coach or family on your team it will be worth it. Do not forget to use your biggest resources – RAGE Director, other coaches and families.

Umpire training is also available through WSYBL at Bigler Sports in Mequon if you know anyone 14 yrs+ who loves the game and would like to earn a few extra dollars. There are never enough umpires! biglersports.com/wsybl

LASTLY – if you cancel a game, don't forget to tell the Umpire too! If it is on short notice and you may not reschedule, think about sending \$25-30 the umpire's way as a thank you. Little gestures like that go a long way to keeping great relationships with the umpires we use.



Try-outs

In the fall of 2024, you will be notified of the try-out dates for after the 2025 season. This is about a 10 month notice so please put these on your calendar and if you want to coach for the 2026 season, make sure you are at Tryouts. Tryouts will not be rescheduled due to any coach's schedule conflicts.

Prior to tryouts, the Director of RAGE will be following up with you to go over the season and to see if you are committing to coach the next year. If the Board clears you to continue coaching into the next year, for the players on your current team, it is up to you to have clear communication with the players and families on their possible status on the next year's team. If any players are "on the bubble", this needs to be told to the player and family so they have the opportunity to try-out for other teams as well.

Closer to the end of the year the Board will be in contact on the format of the tryouts. For each age group and time, a Board representative will do a presentation to the parents to let them know about the RAGE tryout process, program and expectations. This is also a time parents can ask questions and engage in conversation with the board.

For our facilities at Richfield Heritage Park, in the summer it houses both the Rec League and also Rage Baseball and Fastpitch. Our organization cannot expand any more with these facilities and providing adequate time for all teams at THOR as well. When we are approached about supporting multiple teams at each level, we take everything into careful consideration. We want our 2nd team to be successful, have fun and want to play again the next year. We do not want a team that is basically Rec level out playing tournaments, getting beat and not having fun. The Board takes these decisions on teams very seriously and even if an age has multiple teams now, if it should have multiple teams is re-evaluated every year.

For the tryouts, the coach/coaches that will be with the team for the next year will run their tryouts for their age level. **We strongly encourage coaches to not make official offers until after the first tryout opportunity has concluded.** The Board will provide coaches the offer letter and decline letter format and also the link to register if an offer is going to be accepted. Due to this highly competitive tryout time, players have 24 hours to accept an offer, before the offer is no longer eligible. It is coach's discretion if they will give a player more time, but we encourage sticking to the 24 hour rule, to discourage families from stringing a team along. Along with the accepting of the offer the families must make a \$200 downpayment toward the RAGE fee. If a family needs financial considerations, they should reach out to the Board, and we would be happy to provide a payment plan if they need it.

Tryouts consist of two dates and a player only needs to show up at one date to be eligible. There is no tryout fee and registration for tryouts occurs on our website rybsawi.com.

These Tryout requirements are as of what was done at 2024 tryouts and are subject to change for 2025 tryouts.



Volunteering

NEW THIS YEAR - Due to lack of fields the U16 Baseball Teams & U18 Fastpitch Team will not be attending the Home RAGE tournaments and will not have any volunteering expectations

For the 2025 Season there will be **no Volunteering Fee**. As an all-volunteer organization, we still have expectations that all families take part. All RAGE and RAGE Fastpitch families have at least 8 hours of volunteering that we ask of them. If a family has multiple RAGE/RAGE Fastpitch players, the family still only has to do 8 hours.

Volunteering includes

At your own RAGE Tournament

- Taking care of field prep on your team's tournament field
- Being a game marshal on your team's tournament field

Coaches will have to send out the volunteer sheet to their team on this and turn in after the tournament

At the other RAGE Tournament

- Signing up for a concession stand time slot with your team during the weekend.

Coaches will sign up for one time slot through the volunteer site, but then will be responsible for getting their team and families to staff that time slot.

Both these above opportunities are to be relayed to families by the COACHES. The Board will not be interacting with families to get people to take care of your own field or fill your team's concession slot. It is entirely on the coach to get the families buy in on volunteering in these two opportunities.

Other Volunteer opportunities for both RAGE and RYBSA Rec League Families include

- Putting up and taking down sponsorship banners at the fields
- Helping to clean and put away equipment at the end of the year
- Working concessions at our RYBSA Tournament
- Helping with other events at Heritage Park that the organization is involved in
- Being a head or assistant coach of a team
- Concession Stand clean up

The above Volunteering opportunities will be sent out directly to all families and coaches are not responsible for these slots being filled.

In the end, getting families to volunteer will be on the coaching staff because if nobody shows up to do anything it falls on the coaches. To alleviate some work on your coaching staff, please see if there is a family who will rally the troops, get the volunteering needs out to the team, and make sure all slots are staffed. Make sure to relay the importance of volunteering at the two tournaments. We don't have volunteers, we don't have a tournament.