

Girls' Softball Frequently Asked Questions...

What is the philosophy of the MAA softball program?

The MAA softball program was formed to give young girls in the Mondovi School District an opportunity to...

- Learn the game of fastpitch softball.
- Develop the skills necessary to be competitive in fastpitch softball at the high school level.
- Acquire the life skills of teamwork, cooperation, commitment, and sportsmanship.
- Learn how to win and lose graciously.
- Have fun while playing a game they love!

What league are we affiliated with?

We are part of the Chippewa Valley Girls' Fastpitch League out of Seymour Township in Eau Claire. The league is governed by the ASA - Amateur Softball Association of America - which sets many of the rules and regulations of the league.

How many levels of play are there?

The Chippewa Valley Girls' Fastpitch league competes at the 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and High School levels.



How far do the teams travel?

Depending on the age group and what region they're in, teams will travel to Eau Claire, Seymour Township, Chippewa Falls, Lafayette Township (Lake Wissota), Eagleton Township (north of Chippewa Falls on 124), Menomonie, Altoona, Bloomer, Fall Creek, Elk Mound, Osseo, Eleva/Strum, Whitehall, Cadott, Stanley/Boyd, and Thorp.

How often do the teams practice?

This varies from team to team. 8U, 10U, and 12U all begin their season in early April. They will practice twice a week until games start the first week of May. 14U begins in late April, and practices twice a week until games begin the last week of May. Once school is out of session, all teams may meet a total of three times a week for practices and/or games.

How many games do the teams play?

This also varies from team to team. **NEW IN 2015** – 8U will play 8 games, 10U will play 8-10 games, and 12U/14U/HS will play 10-12 games. 10U, 12U, and 14U have additional playoff/tournament games at the conclusion of their season.

How many girls will be on the team?

We'd like to have approximately 12 girls on a team to maximize playing time. We have had teams with up to 14-18 players in the past. In the event there are 22+ girls signed up per age group, we will split into two equal teams; however, HS would split into JV/Varsity based on ability.

How many teams are in each age group?

There is one team per age group, unless there are 22+ girls signed up within that age level.

Will my daughter get equal playing time?

Yes...there are strict league rules about playing time at the 8U, 10U, and 12U levels. Once the girls are old enough to play 14U and HS ball, this may not hold as true. Playing time at these levels may be dictated by ability, attitude/effort, and attendance at practices.

What about the All-Star Games?

The Chippewa Valley Girls' Fastpitch League hosts all-star games for each level of play (with the exception of 8U and High School). The players on each team will vote for 2-4 players on their team to represent the team on all-star night. They will play on a team of girls from different towns in our league. The teams who are sitting in first and second place the week before the all-star games will provide the coaches. The games are played in Seymour prior to 10U/12U playoffs.

How much does it cost to play?

\$50 per 8U player, \$75 for all other levels. \$10 discount per additional child(ren). Late registration fee after the deadline is \$25.



Where does the money go?

- League Entry Fees
- Field Maintenance
- Team Equipment
- T-shirts & Visors for each player
- Umpires (this is our largest expense!)

What kind of fundraising do we do?

- Donations from area businesses through which our volunteers and/or parents work
- Miscellaneous opportunities that arise during the year
- Buffalo Fastpitch apparel sales

What do the girls do for uniforms?

8U, 10U, and 12U players must purchase GREY baseball pants to compete in. This is a league rule. Cleats are optional, though highly encouraged (molded plastic only – no metal cleats) to prevent slipping and potential injury. 14U and HS players wear black athletic shorts and softball socks, as well as cleats. Sliding pads are recommended, though not required. Metal cleats are allowed at the HS level **ONLY**. The MAA supplies the team shirt and visor for players at all levels.

How much do the coaches get paid?

Nothing. Every coach unselfishly volunteers their time.

Who is coaching this year?

We will need coaches at each level. You will be able to volunteer through the registration process. Experience in fastpitch softball and working with kids is desired, but not mandatory!

Important Dates:

- 8U, 10U, 12U Practice begins March 31st
Games begin the week of April 28th
All-Star Game (not for 8U) – TBD
Playoffs (not for 8U) – TBD
- 14U Practice begins the week of April 28th
Games begin the week of June 2nd
All-Star Game – TBD
Playoffs – TBD
- HS Practices continue once per week following the end of the MHS season, tentatively. Games will start no earlier than June 2nd for HS teams who have been eliminated from the WIAA playoffs. Once games start, they are once a week (doubleheaders) and there are NO practices! There may be open field times.
- COACHES April 7th – MANDATORY Rules & Scheduling Meeting @ Seymour Town Hall
Times TBD

NEW THIS SPRING (2019): If your daughter is a 3rd grader born in 2009, a 5th grader born in 2007, or a 7th grader born in 2005 and you do NOT feel they're ready to move up to the next level, they are able to stay down with the other half of their grade. If this is something you think would benefit your daughter more than moving up, or if you feel she just isn't ready, please contact Kari Kallio Guth ASAP at mondoviathletics@gmail.com.

Any other questions or concerns?

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