

Sartell Swarm – 2025



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Board Members



- President: Lucas Dingmann
- Vice-President: Matt Hovland
- Finance Director: Erica Frey
- Resource Director: Ryan Newman
- Field/Equipment Director: Tyler Sonsalla
- Player and Coach Development: Joe Ludewig
- Communications and Marketing Director: Julie Morse
- Membership Director: Tami Mesker
- Volunteer Coordinator: Matt Darling
- Fundraising Director: Andrea Sailer
- 10U Grade Representative: Kristin Hanson
- 8U Grade Representative: Nikki Sweeter

SFSA MISSION



The Sartell Fastpitch Softball Association is a “not for profit” organization. We exist to support and promote competitive softball for young women between the ages of 6 through 18.

Leagues



- 6U In House
 - Practices/in house games at Riverview
- 8U play in Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park League
 - Games played at Sartell, SR or WP
- All 10U – 18U teams play in Big West League
 - Games played within ~60 min drive of Sartell. Home games at Riverview or Sartell High School

Leagues



- 10U – 18U Teams play in Big West League
 - 3-4 tournaments plus State (if qualify)
 - Games played within ~60 min drive of Sartell. Home games at Riverview or Sartell High School
 - 12U/HS – Play Monday and Wednesday; Games Start April 28 for 12U and June 2 for HS
 - 10U/14U – Play Tuesday and Thursday; Games Start April 29 for 10U and May 20 for 14U
 - Only Tuesday Nights in May for 10U
 - Coaches Scheduling Meeting in April

6U – 9/2019 – 8/2017 Birth Dates



- Coaching the fundamentals of the game. Emphasis of hitting, throwing, catching and positioning. T-ball with advancing skills throughout the season
- Equal Play and Equal Positions
- Practice/games are Tuesday and Thursday at Riverview

8U – 9/2017 – 8/2015 Birth Dates



- Coaching the fundamentals of the game. Emphasis of hitting, throwing, catching and positioning. Advancing skills throughout the season
- 8U Pitching Machine
- Equal Play and Equal Positions
- Games on Tuesday and Practice on Thursday at Riverview

10U – 9/2013 – 8/2015 Birth Dates



- Big West League
 - Home and away games for 8 weeks (May/June)
 - Regular softball rules played
 - Girl's pitch
 - Equal Play
 - Goal is 12 players per team
 - Evaluations in the Fall each year
 - 3-4+ Tournaments
- Equal play/rotating positions in league. Playing time/rotation may be unequal in tournaments

12U – 18U



- Big West League Age Formation – Goal of 12 players per team
 - 12U – 9/2011 – 8/2013 Birth Year
 - 14U – 9/2009 – 8/2011 Birth Year
 - 16U – 9/2007 – 8/2009 Birth Year
 - 18U – 9/2005 – 8/2007 Birth year
- Each year all age groups will be evaluated if more than one team per league
 - 3-4+ Tournaments
 - 12U – 18U skill-based team formation
 - Evaluations in the Fall each year
 - League play is designed to develop players/teams with a goal of equal playing time
 - Coach may flex based on practice, attendance and at tournaments
 - Playing time/rotation may be unequal in tournaments

Tournaments



- 10U
 - Blue - Elk River (May 9 -11)
 - Yellow/White/Black – Chisago Lakes (May 10 -11)
 - ALL - Becker (June 13-15) State Qualifier (June 28-29), State (July 12-13)
- 12U
 - Blue - Elk River (May 9 -11)
 - Yellow/White/Black – Chisago Lakes (May 17 -18)
 - ALL - Becker (June 13-15) State Qualifier (June 28-29), State (July 12-13)
- Other tournaments are team discretion. Additional Tournaments fees are not covered by Swarm

Tournaments



- 14U
 - Yellow – Watertown (June 7-8)
 - Blue – St. Louis Park (June 7-8)
 - ALL - Becker (June 13 -15); State Qualifier (July 18-19); State (July 26-27); Additional Tournaments TBD
- 16/18U
 - New Ulm – (June 14)
 - Bemidji – (June 21-22)
 - New London - July (13)
 - State Qualifier (July 19-20); State (July 26-27)
- Other tournaments are team discretion. Additional Tournaments fees are not covered by Swarm

Jersey's



- 6U, 8U & 10U – T-shirts/Jersey provided by Swarm
- 12U – 18U – Jersey's Purchased by Player
 - \$50.00 for 1st year 12U and new players or new size, random # assigned
 - Jersey design will remain consistent for all 12U+ levels and from year to year so they may be re-used by player if size allows
 - The number on jersey will be unique to player and will be their number throughout Swarm

2025 Updates



- Asked to host state qualifiers and state
- Concession sales @ HS fields for SHS games and league games (DIBS)
- DIBS Requirements
- 8U Expansion
- Game Changer – Streaming/stats optional for each team. Stats locked down to player only
- Field Prep for games moving back to DIBS
 - Team responsibility didn't work last year

2025 DIBS



- 2 Sessions per family for 10U+
 - \$100 per uncompleted session
 - Coaches and board members exempt
- Concession sales @ HS fields for SHS games and league games
- Tournaments (state qualifier or state)
- Fundraisers – Meat Raffles, Plant pick up, etc
- Field Prep/Maintenance

Fundraisers - 2025



- Meat Raffles – As available
- Gerken’s Plant Fundraiser – Optional – In Process
- Spring Fundraiser – April/May
 - 10U+
 - 6/8U is optional
- Discount Card for \$20 with discounts from local restaurants & businesses
- Prize incentives for cards sold
- If your team sells an average of 10 cards per person, the team will earn a TBD apparel item
- Individual Prizes
 - 15 Cards = \$10 cash
 - 20 Cards = \$20 cash
 - 30 Cards = \$40 cash
 - Every 10 additional = \$40 cash
- Turn in at designated time to avoid paying up front in the future

Clinics



- We have MASH Spring Training, all-skills, pitching, and catching clinics scheduled/in process. Please watch our webpage/FaceBook/email for details
- Umpire Training
- We plan to continue to expand our offerings in this area. Thank you for fundraising to keep this moving forward



Coaches



- **BIG WEST COACHES MEETING**
- Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, in the ballroom upstairs (enter on the west side) at Medina Entertainment Center
- 10U/12U - meeting to start promptly at 6:00PM.
- 14U - meeting to start at 8:00PM.
- Big West staff pre-divide teams into groups by age, class, and area.

MN Softball Compliance



- **COACHES COMPLIANCE TASKS**

- ● ACE – One coach per team need to pass ACE Coaching Certification.
- ● BACKGROUND CHECKS – All parents that are on the field or in the dugout need to get background checked.
- ● SAFESPORT – All parents that are on the field or in the dugout need to take at least one SafeSport course.
- ● CONCUSSION – All parents that are on the field or in the dugout need to complete concussion training.
 - Once you are done with the compliance tasks you can upload them in your dashboard at: <https://mnsoftball.com/pages/dashboard>.
 - Certificates expire on 8/31/2025.
 - Concussion certificates three years from completion of the training.
- ● If this your first time completing, step by step instructions can be found at:
 - [MN Softball Compliance Tab](#)
- *Please submit any fees incurred receipts to Erica Frey erica@sartellfastpitch.com

MN Softball Team Roster



- *You will also need to Invite your players to join your team on MN Softball. When you go to your Dashboard you can find your team under the My Team tab team. Click the Roster button and you will find a "Invite Players" button. Once you select this you will need to search for the player by name and invite them to the team. If the player is not listed that means they do not have a MN Softball account. Their parents will need to set one and then they can be added.
- *There is also an option to send your team a roster password and then they can add themselves to the team. This is also located on your team page.
- *Parents you need to accept the roster invite. We also encourage all parents to upload their players' birth certificates for your daughter. This is done from your Dashboard, under the My Family tab.

Umpire Information



- Umpire Training with Daryl
 - Open to 12U+ (including adults)
 - Teach basics
 - Mentor program for games with experienced umpire
- Umpire Shortages
 - Parent Behavior
- SFSA pays \$55 per game (\$110 for double header)

Field Improvements



- Scoreboards at the HS (Field 2 and 3)
- Field Maintenance – HS Field 2 and 3
- Oak Ridge – Overall Field Improvement
- Riverview – Pitching ladder improvement; temporary fences



NAFA/Monsta



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Registration is still open for 6U/8U, 10U and 12U



- Registration Link at www.sartellfastpitch.com
- Please tell your friends and neighbors about our openings!

Help Needed



- Concession Committee
- Please contact lucas@sartellfastpitch.com

MN Softball



- Schedules, results, tournaments are all online for Big West @ www.mnsoftball.com
- Big West League
 - Select leagues from Menu
 - Select Big West
 - Select Age Division
 - Select “Teams” from desired “class” (A, B or C)
 - Select Team you’re looking to review (10B Sartell Blue)



THANK YOU!
LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT
SEASON