

Destroying the “B” team stigma:

Too often we as parents feel the “B” team in an organization is some kind of insult to our child. We feel they are the best at their position, or the hardest worker, or the best teammate. Even if this is true we must put our pride behind us and try to look objectively. Do you want your daughter sitting on the bench on the “A” team, or be a star and play all the time on “B”? As parents, we have personally been on both sides and I can tell you without question that I want my child playing where he or she will get the best possible change to develop. My kids learned as much or more about the game, sportsmanship, teamwork, and dedication by being on well-run “B” teams as they did on “A”.

The Comets have a different approach to our “B” program. The training is exactly the same as the “A” team. So is the available workout time. So is the private instructor time, and the team hitting time. In fact the only difference between the “A” teams and the “B” teams is the lighter game schedule which allows more flexibility and more equal playing time. Because of our commitment in training we expect our “B” teams to be able to beat a lot of so called “A”s.

In my years around youth sports I have seen many kids go from house or “B” travel to being varsity starters and even going on to college. Their common success was due to desire and hard work. It is my belief that the Comets have a responsibility not only to RECRUIT the best players, but also to CREATE the best players.

Our commitment is to give the girls skills and confidence and to put them in a position to succeed. We want to destroy the “B” team stigma and instead remind these girls that instead they are part of a one of the best softball organizations around. They should all be proud to wear the Comets logo.

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