



Parent Meeting

2022 Summer Season

HFC VISION:

The Huskies Fastpitch Club (HFC) strives to teach dedication, commitment, teamwork, and respect while providing each female athlete the opportunity to develop her skills and passion for the game of softball.



HFC Goals

- **Align with the goals of the Owatonna High School softball program**
- **Create a positive and fun learning environment**
- **Improve the skills, confidence and enjoyment of the game at all player levels**
- **Teach the ideals of leadership, confidence and respect for teammates, opponents, coaches and umpires**
- **Promote the game of softball by encouraging good sportsmanship from players, parents and spectators**



Philosophy



- **Playing Time**

- Balanced (not necessarily equal) playing time is to be dictated as much by commitment and attendance as skill level.
- Development of players, particularly at the younger age levels and lower tiers, is valued over a winning record.
- U10-U12: each player should learn and play several positions.



Equipment



U10/U12

- Provided by HFC:
 - Jersey
- Not provided – player purchase:
 - Helmet
 - Glove
 - Fielders mask
 - Black pants
 - Socks – team choice
 - Cleats – non metal
- 10U – 11” softballs
- 12U & up – 12” softballs

U14 / U16

- Provided by HFC:
 - Jersey and/or Pants
- Not provided – player purchase:
 - Helmet
 - Glove
 - Fielders mask
 - Belt (orange)
 - Socks (orange)
 - Cleats – metal ok/encouraged



Equipment



- **Fielders Masks**

- U10-U14: **Must wear in the infield**, encouraged in the outfield
- Recommended to have own for sanitary reasons
 - Court Sports – metal version

- **Helmets**

- Black OR White w/royal helmets preferred
- Personal helmets recommended for sanitary reasons

* Team equip bags will have a few extra helmets and fielders masks



Evaluations



- Led by OHS Softball Staff
- Team assignments: **No Later Than 4/15/2022**
- Email notification, posted on website
- Coach assignments communicated along with teams



10U Info



- **2 Teams – split evenly by skill**
- **Practices – Begin early-May (weather permitting)- Schedule varying based on coach**
 - 2 weeks prior to season – will strive to hold 2 practices/week
 - During season – at least 1 practice per week
- **League – Southern Star Conference out of Mankato (southernstarsoftball.org)**
- **Game schedules known late April; Games start week of May 23, and run thru July 13**
 - Wednesday nights - Double Headers (6pm, 7:30pm)
 - Games home or surrounding SE MN area (Mankato, Cleveland, WEM, Waseca, Medford, St. Clair)
- **Practice & Game schedules communicated via SportsEngine**



10U Tournaments



- **3 Tournaments**

- June 11-Waseca

- June 18-19 - Owatonna

- June 25-26 - Waseca (qualifier)

- July 9-10 – State TBA*

- **State Tournament cost IS included at 10U level**

- Up to families & coaches if want to pursue



12U Info



- **2 Teams - Split based on Skill Level**
 - 12U Orange
 - 12U Blue
- **Practices – Begin early-May (weather permitting)- Schedule varying based on coach**
 - 2 weeks prior to season – will strive to hold 2 practices/week
 - During season – at least 1 practice per week
- **League – Southern Star Conference out of Mankato (southernstarsoftball.org)**
- **Game schedules known late April; Games start week of May 23, and run thru July 14**
 - Tuesday Thursday nights - Double Headers (6pm, 7:30pm)
 - Games home or surrounding SE MN area (Mankato, Janesville, Blooming Prairie, WEM, Waseca, Medford, St. Clair)
- **Practice & Game schedules communicated via SportsEngine**



12U Tournaments



- **3 Tournaments + State** (subject to change)
 - June 11-12-Waseca
 - June 18-19 - Owatonna
 - June 25-26 -Lake Crystal or New Ulm
 - July 9-10 – State TBA
- **State Tournament cost IS included at 12U level**



U14 Info



- **League start day of June 1 thru July 20 (Southern Star—southernstarsoftball.org)**
 - Monday/ Wednesday double headers
 - Home and surrounding area games (Janeville, KM, St. Clair, Triton, Waseca, Blue Earth, Mankato, Blooming Prairie)
- **Practices – Begin mid-May Early June, after OHS season**
 - Strive for 2 practices/week
- **Tournaments (subject to change)**
 - 6/11-12 – Waseca
 - 6/17-19– Shakopee
 - 6/25-26 – Northfield
 - 7/16-17 – St. Peter / Mankato (Qualifier)
 - 7/23-24 – State (TBA)
 - Nationals (optional)
 - At team's own expense



16U info



- **Tournament Schedule Only**
- **Practices – Begin after OHS season (late May-Early June)**
 - Strive for 2 practices/week
- **Tournaments** (subject to change)
 - 6/10-12 – Plymouth
 - 6/17-19– Lakeville
 - 6/24-26 – Lakeville
 - 7/1-3 – Mankato
 - 7/8-10 – Top Tier State (TC Metro- TBA)
 - 7/28-30 – NAFA Nationals



Parent Reps

- **Liaison between coach and parents**
 - Each team will have a volunteer parent rep
- **Responsibilities as designated by the Coach (varies)**
 - Examples may include:
 - Communicate with coach on tasks required
 - Assist in distributing uniforms, sock orders, picture forms, etc.
 - Coordinate collection of player documentation or fees (birth certificates, sock fees, etc)
 - Distribute tournament info to players/parents as soon as it is available
 - Arrange team bonding/building events
- **Parent Rep is NOT an assistant coach, not involved in any coaching related decisions**



HFC Board Reps



- 1 HFC Board Member will be assigned to each Crush team / age level
- Board Rep will be posted on each team page
- Comments, Questions, Concerns –
 1. Parent Rep
 2. Board Rep
 3. Coach



Parent Conduct



- Parent Roles
 - Support players and coaches
 - Positive encouragement, constructive feedback
 - Accept decisions by umpires and coaches
- 24-Hour Rule
 - Coaches will not discuss game situations with parents/grandparents/adults until at least 24 hours after the game.
 - Strongly encourage player being part of all conversations.
- Parent/Adult Misconduct – Consequences
 - Asked to leave the event
 - Written warning
 - Second offense, banned for the season



DIBS



- DIBS
 - Tracking volunteer opportunities and hours
 - 6 volunteer hours or family max of 12. Forfeit deposit if hours not worked.
- Hours will be posted as opportunities become available – first to sign up



Communication



- SportsEngine
 - Communications from HFC, Coaches, Team schedules, etc.
- Follow us on Social Media
 - Facebook: Huskies Fastpitch Club
 - Twitter: @otownfastpitch
- Website
 - owatonnafastpitch.com



Questions?



Looking forward to a fun season!

PLAY BALL

