

Softball Families,

Summer of 2025 recap is filled with lots to celebrate! We had 3 teams earn a trip to State with one of the teams punching their ticket to Nationals as well! We had our very first year of 8u which was hosted at Little Falls for 6 teams. Our 10u St.Cloud League team took 1st at the End of the League tournament along with another 1st place finish in Pierz! We have given 67 athletes an opportunity to develop as a player, be a part of a team and what it means to be a teammate. Thank you to families, field workers, coaches and athletes for an incredible season!

Head Coach, Tony Couture will be taking the 16u/18u athletes moving forward with another year of Legion so the Little Falls Youth Fast Pitch Association will be looking to develop our 14u-8u teams for 2026. When looking at our numbers, which we do each Fall, we have come to a point where we will need to fill teams appropriately to make rosters of 10-12. Please remember we only have a rough idea of how many players we currently have, how many we think will be returning to travel ball next summer, how many potential new LF community players will join travel ball for the first time and how many outside communities have reached out to join LF travel ball teams as well. We never know until registration is complete but would like to be prepared when Spring 2026 arrives.

As we look ahead to Summer 2026 and start planning for the upcoming season we would like to inform you of the possibilities for next summer. This year we found great success in joining the Big West League and will continue to register teams through Big West along with the St.Cloud league next year. Please use the age calculator, to first determine which age bracket your athlete will be eligible for next summer before moving ahead to the next information. Remember, age cut off is August 31, 2025. <https://mnsoftball.com/pages/cms/age-calculator>

14u- Our current 14u team will be adjusting their roster due to age bracket cut off, they will need to move to 16u so we will roughly have 8- 14u girls remaining. The board has decided to fill our 14u team with any 7th graders that would like to be considered (evaluated) to join 14u. They are looking for only 3 -7th graders to fill their roster. If we have more than 3 -7th graders that would like to be considered to join 14u, there will be an evaluation process to fill that roster.

12u: All 12u players (this year's 6th and 7th graders): When looking at our numbers, we have roughly 20 girls that would be eligible for 12u next summer. We will not have enough 7th graders to make a full roster so we will be combining all 12u eligible players to make 2 teams. We will be making a 12uB Big West team and a 12uB, 12uC Big West team or 12uA St.Cloud league team, there are some options to consider. We will be

using an evaluation process to help create two teams but the teams will not be created until Spring 2026.

EVALUATIONS FALL 2025

Evaluations will be done by CLC Head Softball Coach and his staff on Thursday, August 21st from 5:30-7:00pm on the Varsity Field for all 12u players, 5th graders may have the opportunity to join 12u as well if we need to fill our rosters. You will receive evaluation feedback shortly after evaluations but you will not get placed on a team. We will use Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 evaluations along with 2025 season records when building teams in Spring 2026. There are many changes that take place between Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 and again will be determined by how many register in the Spring 2026 so we will not be assigning you to a team until Spring 2026. Evaluations will be a great opportunity to see where you currently are and areas to continue to improve upon in the off season. Please fill out the google doc form below to register for evaluations. Evaluations will be \$15 and individual results will be shared. You can bring cash or write a check out to LFYFA for \$15 when you arrive at Evaluations. If you can not make evaluations on August 21st please indicate on the google form. There are no additional evaluation dates set at this time.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FALL 2025 EVALUATION FORM:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU6TarM-IQsPusx82CBya0XhzNISzBRa2ic0vSoBIbR4VzxQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

10u: (this year's 5th Graders) This summer we were able to fill a roster with all 4th graders to play in the St.Cloud League. Summer 2026 we will have the option to either play 10u Big West or St.Cloud league again along with registering for a couple additional tournaments.

Big West starts with games on Tuesdays in May and Tuesday/Thursdays in June. There will be an end of the league tournament, with a possible State tournament as well. We can also add a couple additional tournaments. Big West may conflict with soccer which will need to be considered for this group as we have a few soccer players. Another option would be to do the St.Cloud League again and add additional tournaments. More to come in Spring 2026.

5th graders will have the option to take part in the 12u Evaluations as well if they would like, with unknown numbers at this time, there may be a possibility to fill the 12u rosters with 5th graders. Please indicate on the google form if your 5th grader would like to evaluate on Thursday, Aug 21st 5:30-7:00pm to move to 12u.

8u: What a great first year! Thank you for being the first 8u team for LF! I am not sure what 8u will look like for next year but it sounds like the league hosted at home went well along with 2 additional tournaments. We will wait to hear what St.Cloud league would like to do with 8u next summer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
LFYFA PARENT/REGISTRATION NIGHT

Monday, Feb 16, 2026

6:00-7:00pm

@ High School Commons

(Boys baseball to follow)

Continue to follow Little Falls Youth Fast Pitch Association on our Facebook page and website for any off season opportunities.