



Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association 2023 Parent Meeting

Meeting Information:

Meeting Title	Parent Meeting	Time	4:30 pm
Date	5/7/2023	Location	Bismarck High School

Agenda:

1. Team Selection

- a. Team Selection criteria used to determine teams was based on the number of coaches, pitchers, catchers, school, and we also tried to accommodate special requests as best we could. Our league is growing and keeping players grouped by their school is not always feasible.

2. Games and practices

- a. Practice can start the week of May 22nd. The practice schedule will be determined by the individual coaches.
- b. Practice/game start time is 5:45 for all divisions. All games are held at Cottonwood Park on S 12th Street unless otherwise stated.
- c. Game schedules will be available to parents via the SportsEngine app once determined. **No games week of July 3.**
- d. 6U games will start on June 5th and run on Mondays for four. There will be one practice/game per week which will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 45-minute game.
- e. 8U games will start on June 6th and run on Tuesdays for seven weeks. There will be one practice/game per week which will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 5 inning or 60-minute (whichever comes first) game. Additional practice nights are determined by the team coaches.
- f. 10U games will start on June 5th and run on Mondays for seven weeks. During the first 4 weeks there will be one practice/game per week which will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 7 inning or 90-minute (whichever comes first) game. The remainder of the season will change to one doubleheader game night per week. Games are 5 innings or 75-minute time limit (whichever comes first). Additional practice nights are determined by the team coaches.
- g. 11up games begin on June 7th and run on Wednesdays for seven weeks. During the first 4 weeks there will be one practice/game per week which will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 7 inning or 90-minute (whichever comes first) game. The remainder of the season will change to one doubleheader game night per week. Games are 5 innings or 75-minute time limit (whichever comes first). Additional practice nights are determined by the team coaches.

3. Uniforms

- a. Travel team uniform distribution alternate date is Tuesday, May 16 from 5:30-6:30pm at Scheels Sports Complex near Legacy High School. **Each player will need to try on their full uniform and look them over. Verify name spelling and jersey number.** If there are any issues, please notify Beth Carlson (701-471-7443).
- b. Summer league uniform t-shirts will be distributed to Team Coordinators during the week of May 29. An email notification will be sent out once details are finalized.

4. Umpires

- a. 8U games - we ask the parents and coaches to umpire these games.
- b. Umpires will be provided for the 10U and 11Up leagues.
 - i. We allow area high school fastpitch players to umpire the 10U and 11Up leagues. This is a great learning opportunity for these older players and gives them a rare chance to view the game from a new and important perspective. Please be considerate of these girls as they are also learning.



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5. BYFSA Website (www.bismarckfastpitch.com)

- a. Parent Portal - <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/parent-portal>
- b. Mobile App (SportsEngine)
 - i. Apple - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sport-ngin/id499597400>
 - ii. Google - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sportngin.android&hl=en>
- c. Summer League - <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/summer-league>
- d. Competitive Travel - <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/travel>
- e. Calendar - <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/page/show/5492971-calendar>
- f. BYFSA Handbook - https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/4e3d-2127454/BYFSA_Handbook_2022.pdf

6. BYFSA Apparel

- a. BYFSA apparel is available year-round through our local vendor, Custom Stitches & Design. Our online store links are at <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/apparel>.

7. BYFSA Fundraiser

- a. BYFSA is excited to partner with Inspire Promotions again this year for our annual fundraiser. BYFSA Board is asking each 6u family to sell 3 cards and all other families to sell 5 cards. The fundraiser will go from June 5-21. Information and materials will be provided to the Team Coordinators for distribution to parents and coaches.
- b. Chad Lindeman, Inspire Promotions - 701-425-3635

8. BYFSA Larks Night

- a. Mark your calendars! BYFSA Larks Night is scheduled for July 5, 2023. More information to come.

9. Pictures

- a. Team and individual picture packages will be offered again by Platinum Photography. The schedule will be available via the SportsEngine app and an email will be sent out to notify parents and coaches of the schedule.
- b. Order form:
https://www.platinumphotographynd.com/files/ugd/2d8485_6158694b04b946e089d4f7c30f04b595.pdf

10. Division Representatives

- a. Representatives are needed for each summer league division. The purpose of a summer league division representative is to be the liaison between the division participants and the BYFSA Board. The representatives are welcome to attend BYFSA Board meetings to communicate updates/requests to the board. The summer league division representatives are responsible for ensuring that all activities during the league night is going smoothly. They are also responsible for ensuring that all equipment is put away and locked up at the end of the evening.

11. Summer League Year-End Tournament

- a. 10U & 11Up divisions will compete.
- b. All BYFSA families are invited to attend. A lunch will be provided.
- c. The summer league year-end tournament is tentatively scheduled for July 22. The date will be added to the calendar and will show up on your schedule in the SportsEngine app. More details will be communicated once plans are finalized.