**FIAA SPRING 2023**

**SOFTBALL TEAM PARENT MEETING AGENDA**

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**Important Contact Information**

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| Sponsorship Coordinator | Heather Mainwairing | FIAASponsorshipCoordinator@gmail.com |
| Concession Coordinator | Sara & Kayla  | FIAAConcessionStand@gmail.com |
| Flashback Photography | Cheri Rapoza | customerservice@flashbackphotography.com |

**Important Dates**

* Opening Night Festivities: Friday, March 3rd
* Opening Day Games: Saturday, March 4th
* Week of team pictures: March 27-30th
* Last day for regular season games: Saturday, April 29th
* Week for makeup games only: May 1-6
* Fundraising: Now-April 29th \*Drawing to be held on Sunday, May 7th
* Sponsorship Due: 4/15/23 - the sooner the better
* Districts Try-outs: TBD; divisions TBD – please speak to your coaches regarding
* Districts are May 19-21 @ Middleburg
* States are June 22-26 @ TBD

**UNIFORMS**

For Softball, your uniform for spring season will include the following: jersey, belt, socks & probably a visor or something comparable to the visor.

We do not order pants for the girls because they never fit right, and we will spend the rest of the season trying to get them fixed. \*The website asks for pants size, but we are unable to change it

Uniform design has been chosen by our commissioner and passed on to coaches. Coaches will choose the colors they’d like their team to be and will chose which pants color would look best with their jersey. You’ll likely end up with black, navy, white or grey. Coaches will let parents know which color pants to get and it will be parents’ responsibility. (Academy, Dicks, Online, etc.)

Once uniforms come in, they will each be checked to ensure they are correct and then we will let coaches / team parents know that they can be picked up.

**COACH/PARENT SHIRTS**

If any parent or coach on the team would like matching merch, orders will need to be collected by the team parent.

Shirts will be made exactly like the team jersey.

Matching Jersey – $32.25

FIAA Hat - $19.35 (blue/grey with the green logo)

Visor - $19.35 (colors would match your team’s uniform order)

Parent/coach order forms have been sent and it will break down where and how to order, contact information and more. Team parent will need to collect money however they choose (venmo, cashapp, cash, etc.) and then submit the order to Baker’s. Once the order is received, Baker’s will send you back an invoice to pay. Orders will not start production until they have been paid.

You can also make your own shirts, have your own shirt made elsewhere, etc. You do not have to have a parent/coach shirt made through our vendor!

**FUNDRAISING**

* All teams will be given raffle tickets to sell. Tickets come in packs of 10 / each player should sell 1 pack. Each ticket is $5 ($50 per pack) \*Extra tickets available upon request
* Please encourage your team/parents to participate in the raffle, this is a huge event that raises money for both of our parks that allows us to continue to have upgrades each season.
* Please collect raffles throughout the season and turn them all in together at the end of the season by April 29th to Kayla Turner
* Put all ticket stubs and money in a ziplock bag or sealed envelope with your division, coaches name, and how much money should be included inside.
* Any bags/envelopes that are turned in with zero information will be considered a donation and will not be included in the drawing.
* Please note\* if parents do not sell the raffles, they are NOT required to buy out their own
* Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, May 7th
	+ First Prize: Traeger Pro Series 34 Pellet Grill and Roadie 24 cooler (Retail Value of $1,000)
	+ Second prize: $200 Amazon gift card
	+ Third Prize: $100 Sonic gift card

**SPONSORSHIP**

* $500 team sponsorship is mandatory for each team ($250 for Smart Start)
	+ It does not have to be a single $500 sponsor; it can be multiple that add up to $500
* If the total of $500 is not met by 4/15, it will be the team’s responsibility to make up the difference.
* Obtaining more than the $500 sponsorship will give your team money to use towards your team party. For any amount that goes over $500, 50% goes back to your team for team party (reimbursement) \*For example: If you get $600, your team will have $50 available for reimbursement.
* Sponsorship forms can be found on the FIAA website, or you can email our sponsorship coordinator or team mom coordinator for a copy of one.

**TEAM PARTY/REIMBURSEMENT/MEDALS**

* As stated above, you will receive 50% back of any amount over your $500 sponsorship towards team party/trophies
* This is a reimbursement – which means you would purchase the items for your party, save your receipt and submit it to the sponsorship coordinator, and then you will be reimbursed
* Your team will also earn money from this season’s fundraiser event: 20% of your fundraising sales will be available for reimbursement as well. For example: if your team has 12 players and everyone sells just 1 packet of tickets, your team will have $120 available from ticket sales
* This season for Softball – each team will be allotted $50 (10% of your sponsorship pending you have received it) to use toward medals/trophies if you would like to order them for your team. (if you do not order them, the money cannot be used toward other items) \*If you have money to use from overage on your sponsorship and/or raffle money, you can also use that towards trophies/medals as well.

**CONCESSIONS**

* All teams will be scheduled roughly 4 concession stand duty slots \*this is also based on the number of home games your coach has scheduled
* Concession duty will be scheduled DURING one of your team’s home games
	+ This prevents anyone from having to come up to the field on a day they wouldn’t already be there
	+ Parents will complain about this, but they would complain if we had it the other way too – so please keep a positive attitude about the situation because if you talk about it negatively from the start, it will only go downhill from there
* Each player’s family has a responsibility to cover at least one concession stand duty slot during the season, unless they have opted out during registration
	+ Your coach will have a list of those who opted out on his roster
	+ Families may not opt out of concessions during the middle of the season – this option is only available during the registration process
* How you divvy out the slots is up to you as the team parent
	+ You can create a sign-up genius and ask people to sign up for the days/times assigned to your team
	+ You can draw from a hat and say this is who has to work this shift for this day/time, etc.
* If your team does not cover their concession duty, the umpire for your next game will be cancelled
* If you have parents that are refusing to sign up, or you’re having a hard time with them, etc. – Please feel free to reach out to your team mom coordinator and/or commissioner and we will be happy to step in to get things resolved with said family
* Families that opted out are not required to sign up for concession duty but are welcome to help if they feel necessary (rare but it did happen last season for my team)
* On nights where there is only 1 game scheduled at the park: there will be no food from the grill (no burgers/no hotdogs)
	+ If you would like to know if your game falls on one of those nights, feel free to reach out to the team mom coordinator to find out
* If you have teenagers in need of community service hours: they can work concessions. If you need to keep a log of the hours your teenager is working, please ask for a service hour log form and keep it throughout the season, and we will sign it at the end of the season.
	+ 13+ to work the register
	+ 18+ to work the fryers and/or grill
	+ \*There must be an adult inside the concession stand at ALL TIMES when it is open, especially when there are minors working inside.

**TEAM PICTURES**

* Team pictures are scheduled the week of March 27-30th
* Location: Flashback Photography: 3600 Peoria Rd #101, Orange Park FL, 32065
* A sign-up genius will be posted in the Group Me for you to sign your team up
	+ You will need to work with your coach to ensure that you can schedule in pictures on an evening you do not have a game/practice
* You’ll want to remind parents to have their player in full uniform, including cleats because 99.9% of the time the feet will show

**CLEANING SCHEDULE**

**@Neptune Only**

Each Sunday before, during, and after the season, the teams will be assigned a field cleanup day. Please encourage your team to get together and head out to the fields to help keep our park beautiful all season long. The time will be up to your coach, but day is set already.

This will include:

* Field Maintenance
* Parking lot trash pick up
* Bathroom cleanup
* Groundwork
* Etc.

We do have some cleaning supplies at the park but your team is always welcome to bring their own.

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| February 26th | All Divisions  |
| March 5th | 8u Brian & 6u Dodgers & 6u Nationals |
| March 12th  | 8u Amanda & 6u Braves  |
| March 19th  | 10u Megan & 6u Marlins  |
| March 26th  | 10u Matt & 6u Cardinals  |
| April 2nd  | 12u Dylan & 6u Cubs |
| April 9th | Skip due to Easter – if you have games 4/8 – please make sure your fields are clean |
| April 16th  | 12u Brandi & 6u Red Sox  |
| April 23rd  | 12u Joe & 6u Angels |
| April 30th  | HS Sara & All 6u SmartStart  |
| May 7th | All Divisions  |

**GROUP ME**

* Important information throughout the season will be posted in the Group Me: Spring 2023 Softball Team Parent FIAA
* We often get the same questions many times over the course of the season. To try to cut down on that, please use the Group Me “search” function. You will click on the group logo in the top right corner of the group, then click “search messages”, type in a keyword or phrase that you’re looking for and previous posts will appear. You can also view the “Gallery” with this function as well, which will show you any photos that have been previously posted. If you’re unable to find the answer to your question at that point, feel free to ask your question in the group.
* You can also direct message me or any other person in the group if you feel like your message is only relevant to yourself/your team.