



MAFSA

Summer 2024

Parent/Guardian and Player Meeting
U14, U16/U18



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We are looking for new board members!



2024 Code of Conduct



- Mission
- Team Objective
- Team Goals
- Player Expectations
- Parent Expectations
- Coaches Expectations
- Drug, Alcohol, & Tobacco Policy
- Signatures 

I, the parent/guardian, acknowledge that I have seen and read the 2024 MAFSA Code of Conduct, including the MAFSA Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy. I hereby consent to abide by the expectations outlined in the Code of Conduct.

I, the parent/guardian, hereby give my consent for my daughter named on this form to participate in the Marshall Area Fastpitch Softball Association (MAFSA) Summer Softball program for the 2024 season. I know that participation in softball and related activities may result in serious injuries and that such injuries may occur even when protective equipment is used and I hereby waive, release, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless MAFSA, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and agents of MAFSA for any claim arising out of an injury to my child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause. I, the parent/guardian, hereby give permission for the child named on this form to be admitted into a hospital, treated by a physician, and receive emergency medical care for any injury incurred while playing, being transported to or from, or as a spectator at any activity with MAFSA.

I, the parent/guardian, give my consent to use my daughter's name, photo or other reference in public documents.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the player, acknowledge that I have seen and read the 2024 MAFSA Code of Conduct. I hereby consent to abide by the expectations outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Marshall Area Fastpitch Softball Association is committed to providing a safe environment for players without prejudice.

Purpose of Travel Softball

14s-18s - Athletes are building on their skills for future success and becoming more competitive. Players can expect to play a variety of positions, but more athletes will specialize in specific positions.

Regarding playing time – All players will be treated fairly, but equal playing time is not guaranteed

U14 & U16/U18

Southern Star League

- **Southern Star League**

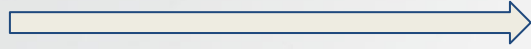
- 14s and 16s/18s will practice and play games within the Southern Star League
- League is based in Mankato – we will play teams in Southwest Minnesota. (ie. Wabasso, Windom, Tracy, Jackson, Truman, Sleepy Eye, St James, Lamberton)
- Will have three nights of softball per week; two practices and one game night of double headers.

- **Uniforms/Equipment**

- New Jerseys this year - try-on for size.
 - Jersey fee included in registration fee. Keep jersey at the end of the season.
- Equipment Needs (Glove, Black Pants/Slider, Cleats, Helmet)
 - Games - wear own black softball pants
 - Practices - wear softball pants (do not have to be black) and t-shirt/appropriate tank top.

Travel Teams & Eligibility

Age Division



Eligibility

- Players will be evaluated and selected for a traveling team.
- Must be committed to the tournament dates.

2024 USA Softball Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. The player's age and division is indicated on the right.

SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	AGE	DIVISION
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	7	8U
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	8	8U
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	9	10U
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	10	10U
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	11	12U
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	12	12U
2009	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	13	14U
2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	14	14U
2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	15	16U
2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	16	16U
2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	17	18U
2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	18	18U

Note: This age chart is for USA Softball, and only for the 2024 season
(September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)

Tentative Summer Practice Schedule

- Regular Practice Schedule
 - 14s = Start Date: May 27th
 - 16s/18s = Start Date: Depending on HS Schedule
- Tentative Schedule - Check the website for final times
- Season goes through July
- Schedule may change depending on coach availability.

	18s	16s	14s
Monday			
Tuesday			4:30pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday	1pm - 2:30pm		GAME NIGHT
Thursday	GAME NIGHT	GAME NIGHT	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday	9am -10:30am		

Proposed Tournament Dates

Tournament & Location	Date	Age Level	Location
Slugfest	June 14-16	All Age Levels	Marshall, MN
Premier Throwdown	June 21-23	12, 14 & 16/18	Watertown, SD
<i>TBD (Option 1)</i>	<i>June 28-30</i>	<i>14 & 16/18</i>	<i>Woodbury, MN</i>
<i>TBD (Option 2)</i>	<i>July 5-7</i>	<i>14 & 16/18</i>	<i>Richfield, MN</i>
League Tournament	July 13-14	14 & 16/18	Mankato, MN/St. Peter, MN
State	July 19-21	16/18	TBD - (Depends on the Tier the team is put in to)

- Player commitment is needed to finalize tournament selection
- Tournament Calendar – Fill out on Registration
- Calendar will be maintained on the MAFSA Website

Evaluations

- Sunday, March 3rd from 4:00pm-5:30pm
 - @ Marshall High School
 - South Gym and Gymnastic Room Cages
- Depending on number of registrants, will determine if we will need to do evaluations.
- We will NOT be cutting players. Evaluations are done to determine which team players will be put on.

Player – Eligibility

Eligibility:

- Players attending Marshall Public & Private Schools receive roster priority.
- Open roster spots not filled by a Marshall player can be filled by players not attending Marshall schools when approved by the MAFSA Board.
- Players will be evaluated for placement on travel team.
- Must be committed to tournament dates.
- Absence from tournament dates must be noted before evaluations.

Player Participation

- Once a roster is set, all players will be treated equal, and no distinction of Marshall or Non-Marshall player will be made. Playing time, will be decided by the team coach and will be based on player performance.** Playing time for travel teams will be fair but may not be equal.
- Playing time is based on:
 - Practice Attendance
 - Practice Participation
 - Player Performance
 - Sportsmanship

Fees

U14 Travel – \$225 (4 tournaments)

U16 Travel – \$225 (4 tournaments)

U18 Travel -- \$250 (5 tournaments)

Volunteer Buyout -- \$100 (on registration)

Fees

U10 & U12 League Fee -- \$100/Player

U10 Travel – Additional \$50 (3 tournaments, 2 are local)

U12 Travel -- Additional \$100 (4 tournaments, 2 are local)

Volunteer Buyout -- \$100 (on registration)

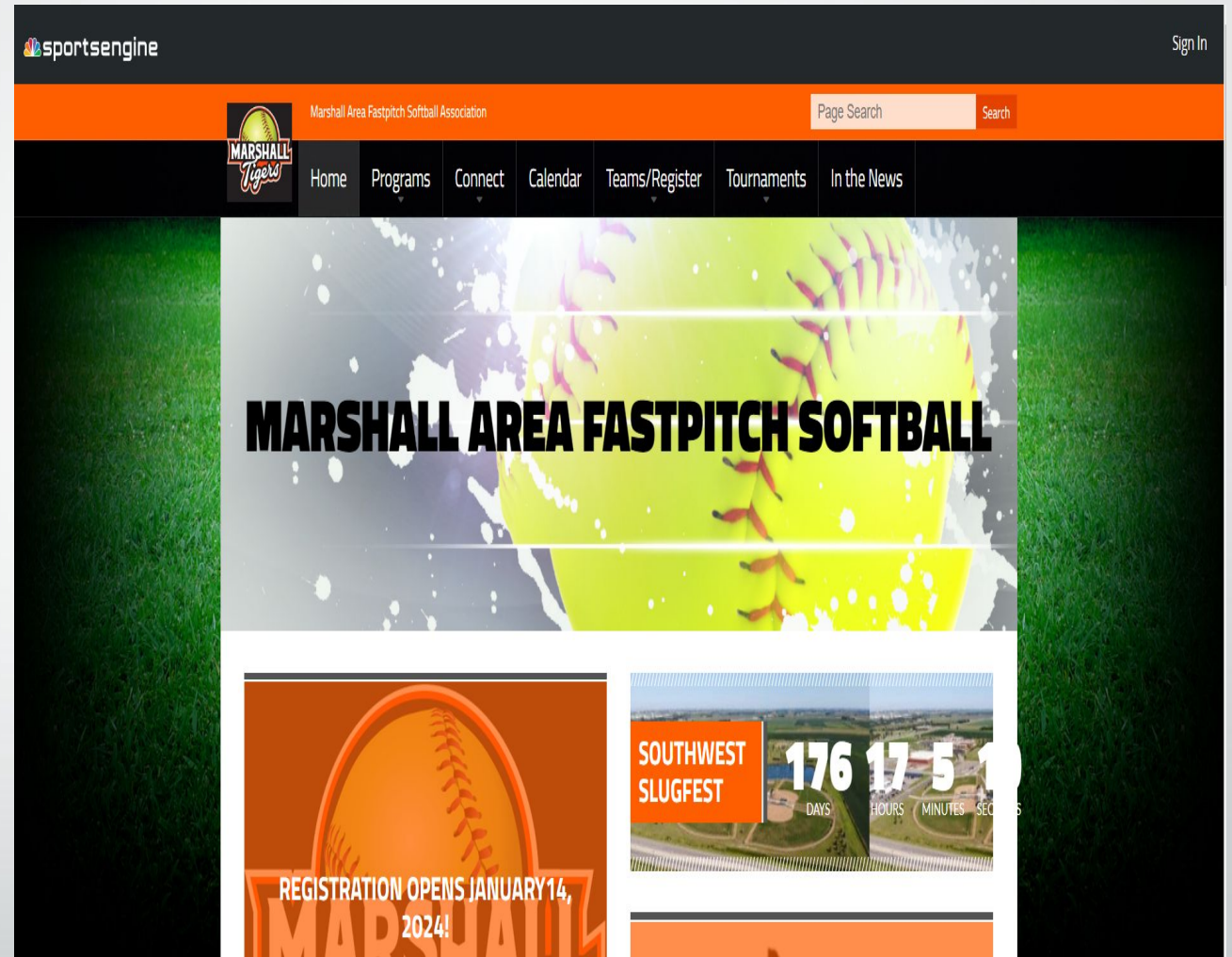
Volunteers

- Coaches / Parent Reps – covers your volunteer requirements
 - Parent Reps – Team Communication – Press to the Paper.
- 2 Work Sessions – About 4 Hours – Per Player
 - Rec: Concessions Stand at Home Games
 - Travel: Home Tournament – Field Maintenance
 - Schedule Assigned by MAFSA - Posted on Website
- \$100 - Volunteer Buyout – Available on Registration

Website

www.marshallareafastpitch.com

- Communication
- Contact information
- Team Pages
- Managed by Coach/ Parent Rep



Communication

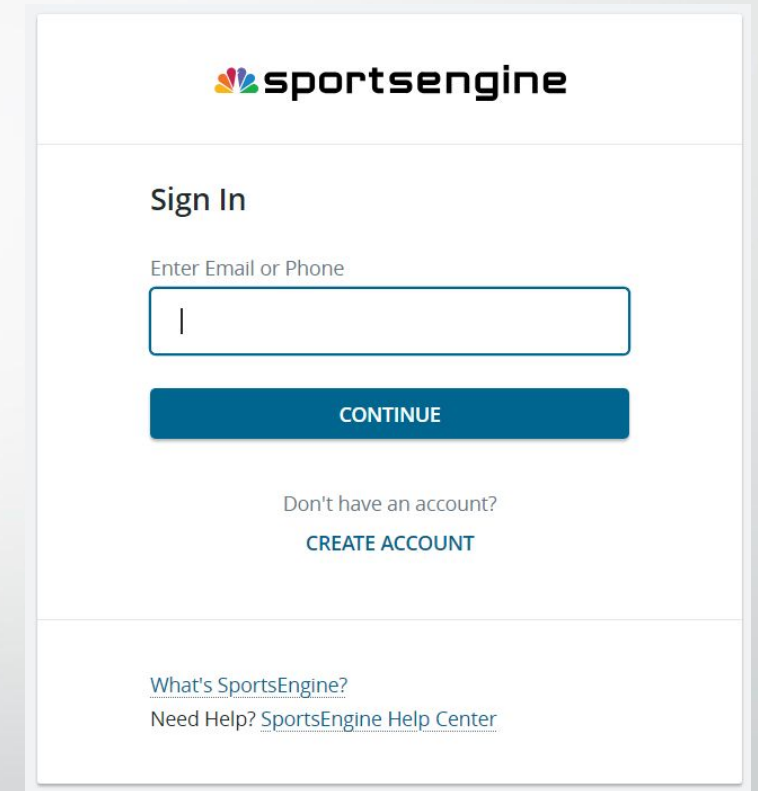
Tool Coach Team App

- See Schedules
 - Practice
 - Games
- Chat
 - Group
 - Individual
- Gallery
- Documents
- Events



Registration

- Registration
 - Opens = January 14th, 2024
 - Closes = March 3rd, 2024
- Login or Create an Account
 - www.marshallareafastpitch.com
 - Hover over **Programs**
 - Click on **Parent Meetings**
 - Scroll down, click on **Summer Registration Page**
- Cost =
 - 14s = \$225
 - 16s = \$225
 - 18s = \$250
- All payments will be made online this year



The screenshot shows the SportsEngine website interface. At the top is the 'sportsengine' logo with the NBC peacock icon. Below the logo is a 'Sign In' section with a text input field labeled 'Enter Email or Phone' and a blue 'CONTINUE' button. Underneath the button is a link that says 'Don't have an account? CREATE ACCOUNT'. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: 'What's SportsEngine?' and 'Need Help? SportsEngine Help Center'.

**Apparel
Store**



Questions

