

WAYZATA

Travel Kickoff Meeting

March 4st, 2024

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Agenda

- **Welcome & Get to know Andy & Tim** 5 min
- **Travel Vision, Mission & Season - Andy & Tim** 20 min
 - Offseason, Summer, Fall
 - Summer - Practices, Games, Tournaments
 - Fall Travel Ball
 - Parent, Player, & Coaches Expectations
- **Travel Softball Success Ingredients** 20 min
 - Communication Tools – Andy Stellmacher
 - Player Development – Becky Ivory
 - Wayzata Warm Up Tournament - Adam Thompson
 - Volunteer/DIBs – Steph Horton
 - Facilities – Zach Mitchell
 - Apparel – Bruce Rohrich
 - Umpires – Brent Nelson
 - Equipment – Sean Porter
- **Q&A** 5 min
- **Team Breakouts & Introductions** 10 min

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Get to know Andy - Travel Director 8-12U

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Family:

- Wife: Laura
- Kids:
 - Emma (age 14, 14U)
 - Avery (age 11, 12U)
 - Maddie (age 8, 8U)

Sports Experience:

- Playing: Baseball & Basketball
- Coaching: Softball & Basketball
- PWYSA: Head & Asst Coach, Equipment Director, Travel Director

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Get to know Tim - Travel Director 14U-HS

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Family:

- Wife: Shannon
- Kids:
 - Zoe (12U Travel)
 - Kayla (10U Rec)
 - Nola (10U Rec)

Sports Experience:

- D-1 Football & Baseball (a LONG time ago)
- Old Man's Baseball
- Softball Coach

Day Job:

- Project Executive, RJM Construction

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Wayzata Travel Fastpitch Vision



Vision: Create a top tier youth travel softball program

Mission: Develop elite, top tier Fastpitch softball players to compete across various age levels while growing them as strong, confident individuals

Core Values:

- Strong focus on player and team development
- Showcase strong sportsmanship, teamwork, & learn to love the game
- Respect for self and teammates while showing positive attitudes
- Give back to the community that gives players the opportunity to play

Wayzata Travel Fastpitch Summer Growth



| Player Count | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 8U | 25 | 25 | 31 | 32 |
| 10U | 31 | 55 | 64 | 65 |
| 12U | 32 | 33 | 42 | 47 |
| 14U | 0 | 0 | 24 | 24 |
| 16U | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Total Players | 88 | 113 | 159 | 182 |
| YOY % Change | | 28.4% | 40.7% | 14.5% |

| Team Count | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 8U | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 10U | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| 12U | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| 14U | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 16U | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total Teams | 8 | 10 | 15 | 16 |
| YOY % Change | | 25.0% | 50.0% | 6.7% |

Highlights:

- Growth in number of Players & Teams in community
- Added 16U team
- Added Tim Ryan (14U/HS)
- Added Jamie Siewert (Tryout Coordinator)

Opportunities:

- Continue to grow quality of all teams to compete at highest levels possible

2024 Travel Teams & Coaches

Huge thank you to our Head Coaches!!



| Teams | Head Coaches |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| 8U Gold | Andy Stellmacher |
| 8U Blue | Josh Wilm |
| 8U White | Seon Anderson |
| 10U Gold | John Paquette |
| 10U Blue | Ben Norton & Carey Meehan |
| 10U Grey | Allie Storti-Shinnick |
| 10U White | Drew Pfeifer |
| 10U Navy | Mike O'Neil & Joe Mckenzie |
| 10U Yellow | Shaun Lorenz |

| Teams | Head Coaches |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 12U Gold | Tim Ryan |
| 12U Blue | Meghan Seymour |
| 12U Grey | Zach Mitchell |
| 12U White | Ryan Brokaw |
| 14U Gold | Avery Lash & Natalie Tustison |
| 14U Blue | Tom Brindley |
| 16U Blue | Nikki Hopf |

Travel Softball Calendar



Offseason
(Oct-Feb)



Summer Season
(March-July)



Fall Ball Season
(Aug-Sept)



Summer Season Schedule



Practices

Schedule:

- 8U – Mon/Wed
- 10U – Tues/Thurs
- 12U – Mon/Wed
- 14U – Tues/Thurs
- 16U - Mon/Wed

Indoor: March-April

Outdoor: May-July

Hitting Nights:

- *Night outside of your regularly scheduled practices*

League Games

League: Metro 8U or Big West

Game Nights:

- 8U – Wednesdays
- 10U – Tuesdays
- 12U – Mon or Wed
- 14U – Tues or Thur
- 16U - Mon or Wed

Game Schedules: BigWest
Coaches meeting on 4/8

- 8U: N/A
- 10/12U: 6:00-8:00pm
- 14U/16U: 8:00-10:00

Tournaments

Invitationals:

- 8U – 2 invitationals
- 10U – 3 invitationals
- 12U/14U – 4 invitations

State Qualifiers:

- **10 & 12U:** June 22-23
- **14U:** July 13-14

State Tournaments:

- **8/10/12U:** June 29-30
- **14U:** July 20-21

Nationals:

- NAFA Northerns or Monsta

8U-12U Tournament Schedule (2024)

| | 8U | | | 10U | | | | | | 12U | | | |
|------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Weekend | Gold | Blue | White | Gold | Blue | Grey | White | Navy | Yellow | Gold | Blue | Grey | White |
| May 4-5 | Scrimmagefest (Belle Plaine) | | | Shake the Lake (Prior Lake) | | | | | | Shake the Lake (Prior Lake) | | | |
| May 11-12 | | | | | Lakeville Classic | | Burnsville Fireball | | Chisago Lakes Challenge | Mayfly (Edina) | Swing Into Spring (Elk River) | Lakeville Classic | Panther Classic (Spring Lake Park) |
| May 18-19 | Wayzata Warm Up (8U) | | | Summer Classic (Waite Park) | | Dirt Devil (Anoka) | | Centennial Lakes Classic | | | Orioles Opener (St. Louis Park) | Chisago Lakes Challenge | Ralley In the Valley (Apple Valley) |
| May 25-26 | Memorial Day Weekend | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June 1-2 | | Chaska Classic | | | Fast N Furious (Forest Lake) | | Fast N Furious (Forest Lake) | | Cardinal Classic | Fast N Furious (Forest Lake) | Fast N Furious (Forest Lake) | | Delano Dazzler |
| June 8-9 | | | | | Wayzata Warm Up (10U B/C) | | | | | | Wayzata Warm Up (12U B/C) | | |
| June 15-16 | Shakopee Father's Day | | Shakopee Father's Day | Down N Dirty (Eagan) | | Shakopee Father's Day | | Rock the Ponds (Prior Lake) | | Down N Dirty (Eagan) | | Shakopee Father's Day | |
| June 22-23 | | | | State Qualifier | | | | | | | | | |
| June 29-30 | State Tournament | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July 6-7 | 4 th of July Week | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July 13-14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July 20-21 | 8U Nationals - NAFA Northerns (Lexington, MN) or Monsta (Shakopee, MN) *Team Must Qualify and Opt In | | | 10U NAFA Northern Nationals Cottage Grove, MN *Team Must Qualify and Opt In | | | | | | 12U NAFA Northern Nationals Cottage Grove, MN *Team Must Qualify and Opt In | | | |
| July 25-28 | | | | 10U Monsta Championships Bloomington, MN *Team Must Qualify and Opt In | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 1-4 | | | | | | | | | | 12U Monsta Championships Shoreview, MN *Team Must Qualify and Opt In | | | |

Schedule available at: <https://www.pwysa.com/summertravel>

14U-HS Tournament Schedule (2024)



| | 14U | | 16U/HS |
|------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Weekend | Gold | Blue | Blue |
| May 18-19 | | Jordan Early Summer Bash | |
| May 25-26 | Memorial Day weekend | | |
| June 1-2 | 14U Wayzata Warm Up | | |
| June 8-9 | Border Battle (Hudson, WI) | | Oriole Opener (St. Louis Park) |
| June 15-16 | | Summer Classic (Waite Park) | A-Town Showdown (Andover) |
| June 22-23 | Rising Stars (Mankato) | | Rising Stars (Mankato) |
| June 29-30 | Battle Royal (Woodbury) | Battle Royal (Woodbury) | Battle Royal (Woodbury) |
| July 6-7 | 4 th of July Week | | |
| July 13-14 | State Qualifier | | |
| July 20-21 | State Tournament | | |
| July 25-28 | 14U NAFA Northern Nationals Prior Lake & Lakeville, MN <i>*Team Must Qualify and Opt In</i> | | 16U NAFA Northern Nationals Champlin Park & Coon Rapids, MN <i>*Team Must Qualify and Opt In</i> |
| Aug 1-4 | 14U Monsta Championships St. Louis Park, MN <i>*Team Must Qualify and Opt In</i> | | 16/18U Monsta Championships Rochester, MN <i>*Team Must Qualify and Opt In</i> |

Schedule available at: <https://www.pwysa.com/14-16-18u>

Player, Coaches, & Parent Expectations



All TRAVEL Participants

BE RESPECTFUL – Umpires, Other Teams, Facilities, each other

WORK TOGETHER – coaches, travel, communicate...we will only be as good as the sum of our parts

CHOOSE POSITIVITY – players are hard enough on themselves

Players

- Attend all practices and games & be on time
- Be Coachable – listen, ask questions
- Work hard
- Support your teammates

Coaches

- Coaching is Teaching, help players grow
- Break instructions down for kids
- Teach players to think & learn the game
- Support dev mindset

Parents

- Communicate with coach any scheduling conflicts
- 24 Hour rule – cool off before approaching coach

Fall Travel Softball



What is it?

- Opportunity to play travel softball and get more experience
- Flavor for the age group & level of competition you could play next summer

Age Division: Players move to the age group they will play next summer

Timeline: August - September

- Tryouts: Last 2 weeks of July
- Practices: 2x per week starting week of August 12th
- Games: Doubleheaders on weekends
 - Saturdays - 8U & 10U
 - Sundays - 12U, 14U, High School
- 4 Game Dates: Aug 24-25, Sept 7-8, Sept 14-15, Sept 21-22
- Fall State Tournament: Sept 28-29

For more information, visit www.pwysa.com/FallTravel

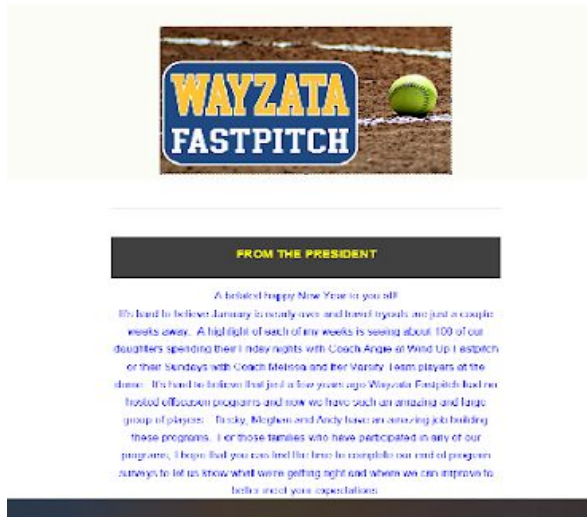


Helpful Digital Vehicles



PWYSA Website:

- www.pwysa.com/travel
- Facebook.com/Wayzatafastpitch
- Twitter (@The_PWYSA)
- Monthly Newsletter



App: Team Snap

- Schedules
- Attendance
- Messages
- Scores
- Photo Sharing



App: GameChanger

- Keep stats
- Live Stream Games (video or electronic)

Player Development – Becky Ivory



2023/2024 Off Season Highlights

>50% of the association players participating

Multiple Offerings:

- Hitting (3 different options)
- Pitching
- Catching
- Skills
- Open Dome
- Year round team practices
- NEW! Strength & Agility
- NEW! W-Club Sweatshirts: PWYSA Player Designed



Expanded Training Partners!



Carrie Carlson
Empower Athletics



2023/2024 In Season Opportunities

- Club-level Hitting instruction in Pre-season
- Open Gym & Field Pitching & Catching
- Coaches training, tools, and support
- **Summer Camps: Wayzata Camp Open NOW!**

Contact: BeckyIvory@gmail.com

Wayzata Warm Ups – Adam Thompson



- **Multiple Tournaments for more age groups**
 - May 18 - 8U (space still available)
 - June 1-2 - 14U (space still available)
 - June 7-9 - 10U & 12U B/C (full)
- **We are excited to showcase our teams, facilities, & local hospitality**
- **We can't do this without you!**
 - Volunteer opportunities for concessions, registration, field set up, and many more!



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Volunteering/DIBs – Steph Horton



We can not run our program without our amazing families and volunteers!

- What are DIBS?
 - Volunteer hours tracked in our DIBS system
- What is the requirement?
 - DIBS requirement is 5 hours per child registered for Travel (3 hours for Rec registrants); exception for coaches, team manager, and for families that chose the “buyout option” at registration.
- How can I fulfill these hours?
 - Log into the DIBS system from the PWYSA Website, sign up for open opportunities.
 - DIBS Events: Wayzata Warm Up, Summer Sizzler, plus other opportunities through the season.
 - Sign up early to get the times that best meet your schedule
- What if I cannot fulfill my hours?
 - If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, you must buyout of your hours (\$50 per hour owed) prior to the next season. Registration may be impacted if not paid (Pay to Play)

Contact: stephorton44@gmail.com

Facilities – Zach Mitchell



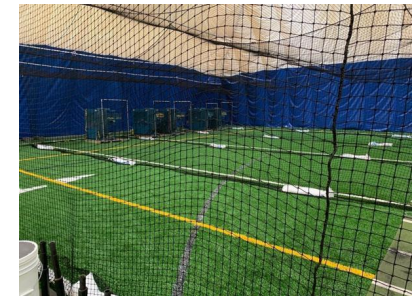
- **Indoor Practices**

- Dome Practice = Multi-team events
 - Coaches coordinate on practice plans to support shared use of space
- Reduced gym time
 - Practice days will vary from standard M/W & T/Th schedule



- **Outdoor Practices**

- Starting as soon as Mother Nature approves our permit
- Shared field space
 - 2-3 teams on field per night



- **Weather Related Closures**

- Notification via Email by 4:30PM on impacted days



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Uniforms & Apparel – Bruce Rohrich



- Using the same Travel Uniforms for this year
- New Navy option for the 14U and 16U teams
- Coaches order closes March 5th. Get the orders in!
- Pre-Order Apparel – First order closes March 15
- New Apparel Shop www.wayzatafastpitch.com
- Contact Bruce @ apparel@wayzatafastpitch.com
- Promowear – Will again have some items available during the season.



Umpires – Brent Nelson



- **2 Umpire Groups**
 - PWYSA does:
 - 8U Rec and Travel
 - 10U Rec and B/C Travel
 - 12U Rec
 - Walks & Balks does all others
- **Umpire shortage across the country**
 - Need new umpires to keep programs running
- **PWYSA is always looking for new umpires**
 - ◦ Umpires need to be 13 years old or older
 - ◦ New umpire training is 4/27
 - ◦ Reach out if interested (brentnelson25@gmail.com)



Equipment – Sean Porter

- Please take care of equipment to minimize replacement costs (batting tees!)
- Thank you to the MN Twins Community Fund for support
- Notable improvements: catcher's mitts, training ladders, rubber wiffle & practice ball refresh
- Coming Soon: CamWood bats
- Key dates:
 - Dome closes 3/28
 - Softie exchange coordinated around spring break based on weather
 - Rec equipment in April > DIBS opportunities to help me

Contact: Sean.porter@experian.com



This is OUR Travel program



- It is what we make of it!

PWYSA Board Members



Tim Lyons – President

Jenny Graves – VP & Rec Director

Chantell Bazewicz - Associate Director of Rec

Andy Stellmacher – Travel Director (8U-12U)

Tim Ryan - Travel Director (14U-HS)

Meghan Seymour – Player & Coach Skills Director

Becky Ivory – Player & Coach Development Director

Matt Ritcher - Coaches Development Director

Lisa Warren – Mktg & Comms Director

Zach Mitchell - Facilities Director

Brent Nelson – Umpire Director

Nina Swienton – Fundraising Director

Sean Porter – Equipment Director

Steph Horton – Volunteer (DIBs) Director

Tom Brindley – Secretary

Kristin Williams – Treasurer

Bruce Rohrich – Apparel Director

Adam Thompson - Tournament Director

Jamie Siewert - Tryout Coordinator

Interested?

- *We're always looking for additional support!!*

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Q&A



Team Breakout Time

