ANDOVER Fastpitch SOFTBALL 2024



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Website and Calendar



Our **Website** is tied to the Andover Athletic Association site. <u>Andover HS Fastpitch Softball</u>

Calendar - This is your most reliable source for schedule changes. You can also look at:

Northwest Suburban Conference

Middle School Players

- → Registration is in person at Andover HS and a <u>MS Player form</u> must be completed and returned to Coach Huberty.
- → Players who are in middle school should never get out of school early for a practice. They will need to get out of school early for games to change, grab equipment, and will get picked up in the OVMS bus corral (3:00ish)
- → At OVMS equipment can be stored in the main office or many players choose a teacher they trust.
- → I will need to know who is taking the Kottkes Bus #71 from Oakview MS to Andover HS. I know not everyone attends OVMS and many of you ride w/ a parent.
 I just need to let the bus company know.
- → Equipment can be stored at AndHS, but I find many players need it for other things. If you do not have your equipment you may need to ask a buddy on your team to grab it from the high school on game days and bring it on the bus for you.

MS & High School Players

- → Lockers will be available to players beginning on Monday, March 20
- → Do not get out of class so you can get ready for softball. If that needs to happen on a game day I will send out a release list w/ names.
- → Make sure you have clothes for every type of weather Minnesota in April can be brutal and beautiful in the same week ie. (cleats (out) vs, tennis shoes (in). Long sleeves until it is over 45 degrees. Wear a long sleeve under your practice T.
- → Communicate conflicts, misunderstandings, and frustrations to your coach(es). Communication is a valuable tool to eliminate misconceptions.
- → All Players are to wear their practice T and black pants to practices.

Bus and Travel

Bus Schedules - Game Pick-up: Andover HS and then to Oakview MS. Most often 2:50 and then 3:00 at OVMS. Drop off: Andover HS.

- → We encourage players to ride to and from games because it creates cohesiveness and team bonding. Players need to let their coaches know the day before whether they plan to drive, get a ride from a parent, or ride the bus to and *from games.
- → *Traveling home We ask players to try to ride the bus when possible. The ride home is a good time to decompress and be with the team. A parent note is necessary if a player is riding with another parent. Advanced notice is essential for planning. They have to take attendance every bus ride and if there isn't any note or advanced communication it becomes difficult.
- \rightarrow There is a <u>travel form</u> that need to be filled out for students driving.

Attendance and Communication

Attendance - Players need to be in school for ½ a day or excused w/ a doctor's note to participate. School functions and other extraordinary events (funeral) are excusable. Practice is important for numerous reasons. Plan to be there from start to finish.

Communication - Each coach will provide a system of communication for their team. I use the GroupMe APP for the entire program and Varsity. It is the player's responsibility to let their coach know if they will be absent or late for any reason.

Conflict Resolution

Protocol for conflict between players and players and players and coaches: Coach Conflict: 1.) Player and their coach 2.) Player, their coach and Varsity Coach 3.) Player, their coach, Varsity Coach, and Parent 4.) Player, their coach, Varsity Coach, Parent, and Athletic Director. 5.) Player, their coach, Varsity Coach, Parent, AD, and Principal.

Player Conflict: 1.) Player and their coach 2.) Coach meets w/ both players individually 3.) Coach Intervention 4.) Coach contacts parents and meets w/ parent and player 5.) Administrative intervention

Practice and Game Clothing Protocol

Practice Clothing - NEW this year!

- → Players will wear a gray or black program T-Shirt to practice daily. If the weather is colder they should wear a long sleeve under armor beneath it. <u>These are available for \$5.00 each.</u>
- → Players will wear black softball pants to practice.
- → The goal is to be unified as a HS program and have less club or other organizations names and colors at our HS practices & scrimmages.

<u>Game Day Clothing</u> - Players received school issued uniform tops and bottoms, visors, and belts.

→ The tops, bottoms, and belts will be collected at the end of the season (as well as the lock for their athletic locker).

Welcome to the Booster Club



The purpose of the Andover Fastpitch Booster Club is to maintain the success of the Andover HS Fastpitch program by facilitating fundraising and events benefiting the program.

All parents/guardians of Andover Softball players are invited and encouraged to attend the Booster Club Meetings. If you would like to contribute your time or funds to the Fastpitch Huskies, please contact a Board Member or Connie Huberty at Constance.Huberty@ahschools.us

2024 Booster Board Members

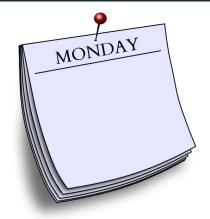
President - Jason StrasserVice President - Jess Kotchen

Secretary - Amanda Churchich Treasurer - Janet Surgenor

Member-at-Large: Tammy Larson

Member-at Large: Stacy Lenz

Parent Booster Club Meetings



- → All parents are welcome!
- → Every third Sunday 7:00 ACC (Usually some exceptions)
- → Looking for volunteer board members for next season!
- → Always interested in new ideas!
- → Coming up: See Calendar

Fundraising & Volunteers

Fundraiser Deposit- Each family is required to provide a \$150 Fundraising Check or deposit. <u>The check will be returned when \$150 fundraising minimum</u> <u>has been met.</u> This check will be held until <u>May 15th</u>

10-Hour Volunteer Hour Initiative/Equipment Deposit Check: This is a \$100 check that is returned once the family has <u>volunteered 10 hours toward the</u> <u>program</u> returned all items that belong to the school: lock, uniform top, pants, helmet (some teams have more items, some less). All school issued items MUST be returned. This check will be held until <u>all equipment is turned in.</u>

Checks should be made payable to: Andover High School Fastpitch Boosters Club

2024 Fundraisers Opportunities

- Kwik Trip Car Wash Gift Cards Receive \$16.00 fundraising credit for each gift card sold.
- Green Valley Nursery & Garden Center Gift cards -Receive \$7.00 fundraising credit for each gift card sold.
- **T-Shirts** Spirit shirts for Family and friends \$15 each. Receive \$5.00 fundraising credit for each shirt sold.
- Advertisements Receive \$balance left after the cost of the ads/banners for fundraising credit
- <u>Profits from each fundraiser</u> go toward your \$150 minimum goal.

2024 Fundraisers Opportunities

- Beef of Brady Night April 14th
- **SnapRaise** Presentation
- <u>Profits from each fundraiser</u> go toward your \$150 minimum goal.

Volunteer Needs:

- End of Season Program and/or video
- Team Parent Communication, treats, and collection of player photos for program and video.
- Set up Fields, Field Maintenance, Clean up (April ? TBD) (Andover HS 3 fields and cages)
- Youth Night Volunteers (Prep & Event May 3, 2024)
- Senior Night Volunteers (Prep & Event May 3, 2024)
- Banquet Committee (Prep & Event Tues., June 6)
- V/JV Tournament (Fences and Field Prep- May 3 & 4, 2024)
- Fall Field Clean-up and Maintenance (TBD)
- Please sign-up for volunteer opportunities on SignupGensis



Banquet Information



This year's banquet will be held on June 4, 2024 at Majestic Oaks

We will be having a banquet committee this year. We are in need of 5 parents to help with the banquet. Being part of the banquet committee will fulfill your volunteer hours for the season. If you are interested in helping with the banquet, please sign up on DIBS and contact a Board Member.

Optional Clothing Purchase

Seniors choose optional clothing each year for purchase. This year the clothing will be ordered from TBD.

The orders must be placed online

by TBD

Delivery will be within 3 weeks.





Player Contact Information Needed

To help the Board ensure that we have the most recent contact information for each player's family. We need every family to complete the Player Contact Information on the team website by

March 20, 2024.

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Questions?

