



Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association 2022 Travel Team Coaches Meeting

Meeting Information:

Meeting Title	Travel Team Meeting	Time	3:00 pm
Date	5/15/2022	Location	Bismarck High School

Agenda:

1. Tournaments

SPARKS BLUE

Bismarck Blast	June 11-12
Minot Storm	June 18-19
Rushmore Classic, Rapid City SD	June 24-26
State, Fargo ND	July 8-10
Red River Rage*	July 16-17
Nationals (if team advances)	TBD

SPARKS WHITE

Bismarck Blast	June 11-12
Minot Storm	June 18-19
Bemidji Blaze, Bemidji MN	June 25-26
State Tournament, Fargo ND	July 8-10
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**Optional tournament. Tournament fees are responsibility of the team.*

2. Hotels

a. Minot Storm - June 18-19

- Comfort Suites; 701-852-9700; 601 22nd Avenue SW
- \$129/night; Block Name is under BYFSA Sparks
- Reservation cutoff: May 27

b. Rushmore Classic (Sparks Blue) - June 24-26

- Fairfield Inn-WikiTiki; 605-718-9600; 1314 N Elk Vale Rd, Rapid City, SD 57703
- \$259/night; Block name: Bismarck Sparks
- Reservation cutoff: May 24

c. Bemidji Blaze (Sparks White) - June 25-26

- Double Tree; 218-441-4400; 115 Lakeshore Drive, Bemidji, MN 56601
- 10U dates are June 23-26 | 12U dates are June 24-26
- \$189/night; Block name: Bismarck Sparks
- Reservation cutoff date is May 24

d. State Junior Olympics - July 8-10

- Expressway Inn & Suites; 701-239-4303; 4303 17th Ave S, Fargo, ND
- \$125/night; Block name: Bismarck Youth Fastpitch
- Reservation cut-off date is June 17



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3. Uniforms

- a. BYFSA provides a uniform to all travel team players which includes shirt, pants, belt and socks. The custom shirts are to be kept by the player at the end of the season. Pants and belt need to be returned.

4. Background Checks and Safe Sport Training

- a. Background Check & SafeSport - <https://www.registerusasoftball.com/>
- b. As a volunteer coach and a requirement of USA Softball, you are required to complete a background check and SafeSport Training prior to coaching your team. Coaches without this training are not allowed to be on the field with our youth.
- c. **Please complete the background check and SafeSport training by Friday, May 27.**
- d. To request reimbursement for the background check, email your receipt to bismarckyouthfastpitch@gmail.com.

5. Coaches Clinic

- a. Sanford POWER will be hosting a coaches clinic on June 1 from 7-8 pm at Sanford POWER Center.

6. BYFSA Website

- a. Coaches - <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/coaches>
- b. Mobile App
 - 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. Sparks Travel Team - <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/sparks>
- d. Calendar - <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/page/show/5492971-calendar>
- e. BYFSA Handbook - https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/4e3d-2127454/BYFSA_Handbook_2022.pdf

7. BYFSA Apparel

- a. BYFSA apparel is available year-round through our local vendor, Northern Trophy. Our online store is at <https://nt-byfsa.square.site/>

8. Banner Policy

- a. Refer to the banner policy in the BYFSA Handbook and Sparks Travel Team Expectations document.

9. BYFSA Fundraiser

- a. BYFSA is excited to partner with Fundraising University again this year for our annual fundraiser. Information and materials will be provided to the Team Coordinators for distribution to parents and coaches.

10. Pictures

- a. Team and individual picture packages will be offered again by Platinum Photography. The schedule will be available via the Sports SignUp Play 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

11. BYFSA Contacts

- a. Travel Team Coordinator - Beth Carlson (701) 471-7443
- b. Assistant Travel Team Coordinator - Heath Lessard (701) 430-1787
- c. Practice Field Scheduling - Scott Owens (701) 400-7551