



Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association

2023 Summer League Coaches Meeting

Meeting Information:

Meeting Title	Summer League Coaches Meeting	Time	3:45 pm
Date	5/7/2023	Location	Bismarck High School

Agenda:

1. Team Selection

- a. Team Selection criteria used to determine teams was based on the number of coaches, pitchers, catchers, school and we also tried to accommodate special requests as best we could. Our league is growing and keeping players grouped by their school is not always feasible.

2. 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 26.**
- d. To request reimbursement for the background check, email your receipt to bismarckyouthfastpitch@gmail.com.

3. Coaches Clinic

- a. Sanford POWER will be hosting a coaches clinic on May 21 from 1-2 pm at Sanford POWER Center.

4. Divisions

- a. **6U (5-6 year olds)** focuses on player development and having fun. It is important that players learn the basic skills of the game (throwing, batting, game rules, etc.).
- b. **8U (7-8 year olds)** developmental division. Focus is on beginning development of young players. Players will hit off the pitching machine for the first half of the season and pitchers will be incorporated in the 1st and 3rd innings as the season progresses.
- c. **10U (9-10 year olds)** competitive division and keeps score. Players will pitch every inning. Modified USA of ND rules will apply.
- d. **11Up (11-14 year olds)** competitive division following USA of ND rules and keep score. Players will pitch every inning.

5. Umpires

- a. 8U games - we ask the parents and coaches to umpire these games.
- b. Umpires will be provided for the 10U and 11Up leagues.
 - i. We allow area high school fastpitch players to umpire the 10U and 11Up leagues. This is a great learning opportunity for these older players and gives them a rare chance to view the game from a new and important perspective. Please be considerate of these girls as they are also learning.

6. Practice

- a. Practice can start the week of May 22nd. The practice schedule will be determined by the individual coaches. Please contact Scott Owens to schedule practice times - 701-400-7551.
- b. Practice plans have been developed to assist volunteer coaches during the 45-minute practices on game nights. Please use these plans as a guide and modify based on the needs of the team. Feel free to use the materials in your other practices.

7. Games

- a. 6U games will start on June 5th and run on Mondays for four weeks. Practice/game time is 5:45 pm at Cottonwood Park (north fields). There will be one practice/game per week which will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 45-minute game.



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- b. 8U games will start on June 6th and run on Tuesdays for seven weeks. Practice/game time is 5:45 pm at Cottonwood Park (fastpitch fields). There will be one practice/game per week which will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 5 inning or 60-minute (whichever comes first) game.
 - i. **There will be no games the week of July 3.**
 - c. 10U games will start on June 5th and run on Mondays for seven weeks. Practice/game time is 5:45 pm. During the first 4 weeks there will be one practice/game per week which will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 7 inning or 90-minute (whichever comes first) game. The remainder of the season will change to one doubleheader game night per week. Games are 5 innings or 75-minute time limit (whichever comes first).
 - i. **There will be no games the week of July 3.**
 - ii. We will be using Cottonwood Park fastpitch fields and Ft. Lincoln Elementary School diamonds for league games. Schedules will be available via the SportsEngine app once determined.
 - d. 11up games begin on June 7th and run on Wednesdays for seven weeks. Practice/game time is 5:45 pm. During the first 4 weeks there will be one practice/game per week which will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 7 inning or 90-minute (whichever comes first) game. The remainder of the season will change to one doubleheader game night per week. Games are 5 innings or 75-minute time limit (whichever comes first).
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- 8. 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. Summer League - <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/summer-league>
 - 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
- 9. BYFSA Apparel**
- a. BYFSA apparel is available year-round through our local vendor, Custom Stitches & Design. Our online store links are at <https://www.bismarckfastpitch.com/apparel>.
- 10. BYFSA Fundraiser**
- a. BYFSA is excited to partner with Inspire Promotions again this year for our annual fundraiser. Information and materials will be provided to the Team Coordinators for distribution to parents and coaches.
- 11. Pictures**
- a. Team and individual picture packages will be offered again by Platinum Photography. The schedule will be available via the SportsEngine 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
- 12. BYFSA Contacts**
- a. Summer League Coordinator - Jesse Klautd (701) 214-0236
 - b. Assistant Summer League Coordinator – Melissa Artlip (701) 202-5260
 - c. Practice Field Scheduling - Scott Owens (701) 400-7551