

# SIX ONE TWO



2026 Parent/Guardian Meeting



# AGENDA

- Welcome
- Meet your 612 Board
- Key Dates for Season
- Evals 101
- Team Formation Process
- Uniforms
- Dibs & Fundraising
- Role of Parents/Guardians
- Social Media Submissions
- Q&A



# 2026 Board of Directors

Help shape the future of 612 Fastpitch! Board positions with a **YELLOW** border will be open during October elections!



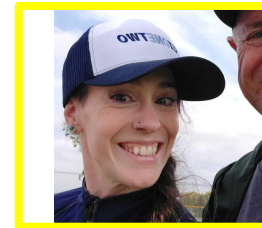
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Director



**Ryan Barland**  
Softball Director -  
Coaches

# Goals for the season:

- Have fun
- Love of softball & sport
- Teamwork
- Fundamentals & skill development
- Experience at multiple positions vs. specializing
- Playing time expectations
- Success vs. winning

# Key Dates

## Week of April 27

League games start for 8/10/12U

## Week of May 18th

League games start for 14U

### Anticipated Nights of Play:

8U	Wednesday
10U	Tuesday & Thursday*
12U	Monday & Wednesday
14U	Tuesday & Thursday
HS	Monday & Wednesday

\*10U games are twice a week starting in June.

Please note: Games are double headers for all ages but 8U. Last 2 weeks of 8U are DH

## Week of June 1

League games start for HS

## June 26-28

State Qualifier Tournaments  
(10U and 12U)

## June 27-28

8U State Tournaments

## July 11-12

State Tournaments  
(10U/12U)

## July 17-19

State Qualifier Tournaments  
(14U and HS)

## July 24-26

State Tournaments  
(14U and HS)

## Monsta:

8U Shakopee – July 16-19

\*10U Bloomington – July 23-26

\*10U Elk River – July 30-August 2

12U Shoreview/Lexington - July 30-August 2

14U Mankato – August 6-9

16U/18U Rochester – July 31-August 2

# Evals 101:



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- 612 contracts with StrikeZoneSports (SZS), owned by 2 former MN Gophers softball athletes with all college softball alum as instructors.
- SZS and the evaluators are 100% independent from 612 and provide these same services to other community-based associations in our region.
- They evaluate an athlete's mechanics, athleticism, and skill during each station.
- During age-level evals, they see an entire universe of athletes at one time, which allows them to factor in how these athletes compare to their peers.

# Station Overview

## **OUTFIELD STATION:**

Warm up

Fly balls from a pitching machine

Various locations (ie left/right, front/back) - multiple balls at each position

## **RUNNING & THROWING:**

Timed run for home to first base

Throwing velocity

## **HITTING STATION:**

Warm up/bunt attempts

Hit off pitching machine

Exit velocity measurement

Hit off front toss

## **INFIELD STATION:**

Warm up

6-8 ground balls

(ie 2 forehand, 2 backhand, 2 direct to athlete)

Infield distance throwing for accuracy and mechanics

## **\*SPECIALTY STATIONS:**

**PITCHING:**

Warm up, 8-10 pitches for accuracy and speed

\*please share which pitches you throw beyond a fastball if that applies to you

**CATCHING:**

Warm up, Blocking (pitches into dirt)

Throwing (ie throw downs to bases, pop time)

\*Players with interest in pitching or catching are strongly encouraged to be evaluated.

# Team Formation Overview

- 1** SZS provides 612 Fastpitch a data set containing scores/mechanics comments for all athletes evaluated.
- 2** The President and the Director of Analytics prepare the final data for the selection committees at each age group.
- 3** The data is sent out to selection committees the board forms for each age group to build teams.
- 4** The selection committees are tasked to create rosters from the universe of players in their age cohort. They use evaluation data, previous seasons' coaches feedback, etc.
- 5** The selection committees work to try put at least two pitchers and two catchers on every team formed when able. Roster sizes range from 10-13 players.
- 6** Coaches are assigned teams **after** athletes are rostered. Team rosters communicated to families **by the week of March 23rd.**

# Respecting the Process

## **Scores and Weighting**

The athlete's overall (general) score is a combination of scores from all the stations - hitting, infield and outfield, speed, and throwing velocity.

## **Other Factors**

In addition to the scoring metrics, individual player data--including coach feedback, past team placements, number of seasons played, attendance/commitment, etc--offers the selection team members a more three dimensional look at the athlete so they can better place the athlete.

## **No Conflicts of Interest Policy**

Committee members are not allowed to: (1) To be coaching at the age level they are forming teams (2) They must not have an athlete playing at the age level they are responsible for forming teams (3) They must not have a spouse or another family member coaching at the age level they are responsible for forming teams (4) They must not have any other conflicts of interest with respect to team formation at that age level. The full board votes to approve the selection committees. \*\*Exceptions at 8U given friend requests are in play



## Ways YOU can help:

- Some coaches ask for parent helpers at practice, others are good with their coaching staff- follow your coaches' lead
- Communicate with coach (players at older ages, parents if younger kids need assistance)
- Volunteer to be Team Manager
- Assist with snacks or coordinate a team meal at tournaments, hotels for overnight, etc.
- Fundraising opportunities

# Communication & Sportsmanship

- Be proactive with schedule conflicts especially any summer vacations
- Practice plans & game lineups built around whole team
  - If not going to be present it's important to let your coaches know ASAP
- Sportsmanship:
  - Positive attitude
  - Model respect toward umpires, other players and coaches
  - Player, parent/guardian, and coach pledges

# New 2 year Uniform Cycle

All uniforms need to be purchased prior to evaluations in order to be delivered prior to start of season. Unsure of your player's size?  
Visit St. Manes at 4159 28th Ave South.

All 10U and above athletes will need to purchase both jerseys (\$70 total) plus carolina blue socks (\$9). If you need new pants, please also purchase these (\$50). Most athletes choose to wear and belt, typically carolina blue/matching socks.

For our new 8U athletes, they'll need the navy pinstripe jersey (this is the jersey from the past 2025 fall season so returning 8U kids who don't need a different size are good) plus **any pants and socks**.

**IF YOUR ATHLETE IS NOT ROSTERED (CUTS ARE RARE), 612 will refund uniform cost**  
**IF YOUR ATHLETE DOES NOT ACCEPT THEIR ASSIGNED ROSTER SPOT, you are responsible for uniform costs**

**Order Deadline: March 6th**

Place your order and check out the new jerseys here:

<https://612uniforms.stmanes.com/>



# Dibs Overview

- New this year, we're launching **Dibs** to help share the workload it takes to keep our program running strong
- **5 volunteer hours** are required per OR choose a **\$150 buy-out option**
- Volunteer opportunities will be announced throughout the year (tournaments, events, program needs, etc)
- Families will claim Dibs through SportsEngine
- A step-by-step "How to Claim Dibs" guide will be provided



# Fundraising

## Ways we fundraise throughout the year:

- 612 Discount Sheets
- Dine Out for a Cause restaurant outings
- Give to the Max Day
- TC Orthopedics sponsorship
- Twins Community Fund

## Where the funds go:

- Scholarships
- Stipends for non parent coaches
- New equipment
- Training rental
- Field rental



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# Q&A



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