



Fastpitch Parent Meeting Outline

Tuesday 4/16/2019 RMS Cafeteria 7PM www.richfieldgirlsfastpitch.com

WELCOME

1. **GAME Parameters** - Nights of play for age levels
 - a. 8U Wednesdays – Begins May 15th (1 Team)
 - b. 10U Tuesdays – Begins May 7th (2 Teams)
 - c. 12U Wednesdays until school is out and then Monday/Wednesday - Games begin May 8th (2 Teams)
 - d. 14U Tuesday/Thursday – Games begin June 2nd (1 Team)
 - e. 16U Monday/Wednesday – Games begin June 3rd (2 Teams)
 - **League Games are Double Headers beginning at 6:15pm (except 8U for the first 4 weeks)**
 - **Run time 65 minutes with 5-minute break between games**
 - **League Games are for the development of all players. Again, League games are for the development of all players**
 - **Tournaments are for competing, bringing your A-Game, showcasing the best players**
2. **Coaches from the Big West met on April 9th and formed leagues**
 - a. League Divisions were based on travel distance, competitiveness, etc.
 - i. Limiting extreme travel on school nights

IMPORTANT DATES

3. **10U/12U Big West Tournament/State Qualifier**
 - a. June 28th, 29th and 30th
 - b. **RFA will host 12U Qualifier**
 - c. We need volunteers to run this tournament (3 mandatory hours by families out of a total of 6 hours)
 - d. 12U and 8U families will be available
4. **8U/10U/12U State Tournament and 14U/16U Big West Tournament/State Qualifier**
 - a. July 13th and 14th
 - b. **RFA will host 16U Qualifier**
 - c. We need volunteers to run this tournament (3 mandatory hours by **16U** families out of a total of 6 hours)
5. **14U/16U State Tournament**
 - a. July 20th and 21st

ODDS and ENDS

6. **ALL Fees Due 3/31/2019**
 - a. Thank you to everyone who has paid
 - b. Checks payable to Richfield Fastpitch, Cash, SQUARE or PayPal online
7. **Equipment provided by RFA**
 - a. Jersey, socks, bats and catcher's equipment
8. **Required Equipment by Player**
 - a. Black Pants, Helmet with cage, Glove, Cleats (Instant Replay/Savers/VV), Water Bottle

Optional items - Face mask if playing infield (pitcher, Short Stop, 1B, 2B, 3B) - **not required, but highly encouraged**; Sliding pad worn over pants, sliding shorts worn under pants, batting gloves, gear bag, bat, slides/Crocs, deodorant, etc.
9. **Team Parent**
 - a. Each team needs a Team Parent - team logistics, communication, team wrangler for coach & concessions
10. **Concessions**
 - a. Concession stand will open on home game-nights (after high school season ends in early June)
 - b. Need parent volunteers to run each evening
 - c. Sign-Up Genius will be sent to families for the events
11. **Fun Stuff**
 - a. Youth Player Appreciation Night – **Monday May 6th** at the Varsity Game vs St. Louis Park at RMS F1 4PM
 - i. Pizza will be served at the end of the game
 - b. Team Pictures – **Friday May 17 starting at 5:30PM** – fun backgrounds requested – team banners
 - c. Women's Collegiate Softball Game – TBD (Gopher/Concordia/Macalester/St Kates, etc.)
12. **Apparel and Swag**
 - a. Visit www.richfieldgirlsfastpitch.com click on [Apparel & Swag](#) on the left side navigation

13. Fundraising – Tina

- a. Sponsor Banners
- b. Dining Out fundraisers
- c. Open Position for Fundraising Chair at end of the season

New League Rules for MN Softball – Bob Klepsa – equipment manager

Coach Ejection Policy – Coaches are responsible for their team's parents/guardians/family's behavior.

- First Offense – A verbal warning to offending coach
- Second Offense – An out will be assessed to the team, but not to an individual player
- Third Offense – The coach will be ejected from the game and asked to leave the park
 - The first ejections will result in a three (3) game suspension or seven (7) day suspension, whichever is longer
 - A second ejection results in a thirty (30) day suspension
 - A third ejection results in a lifetime ban from coaching

CODES OF CONDUCT from the Richfield Fastpitch By-Laws

8.1 Player Code of Conduct

1. I will behave appropriately at games and tournaments and will respect the volunteers and property of the tournament site. I understand that I represent the Richfield Fastpitch Association and the community of Richfield.
2. I will not use inappropriate language at practices or games.
3. I will support my teammates and coaches.
4. I will encourage and display good sportsmanship.
5. I will be on time for practice and games and will give 100% effort during practice and games.
6. I understand my coach may reduce my game time for being late and for unexcused absences from practice or games.
7. I will not use or consume or have in my possession a beverage containing alcohol, tobacco products, controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia.
8. If a player does not or will not comply with these guidelines or team rules specified by the head coach, the head coach may bench me and/or reduce my playing time.

Or, if a player consistently ignores this Code of Conduct, the RFA Board may remove a player from the team for the remainder of the season and review the status of the player for the following season.

8.2 Parent Code of Conduct

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by showing support and respect for all players, coaches and officials at every game.
2. I will remember that the games are for the children.
3. I will do my best to make sure that youth sports are fun and positive.
4. I will not harass the umpires. I understand that I may be asked to leave if I can't abide by the rules.
5. I will not use profanity during practices and games.
6. I will not undermine the coach's instructions and directions.
7. I will respect the local facility's rules regarding tobacco and alcohol.
8. I will fulfill the required volunteer hours set by the RFA Board.
9. I will communicate my concerns through the proper channels in a dignified manner.
10. I will observe the 24-hour rule. After a 24-hour cool-down period, constructive communication is encouraged between parents and coaches if there are disagreements concerning game play.
11. In the event a parent does not comply with this code of conduct, he/she may be asked to leave.

8.3 Coach Code of Conduct

The sports experience is to be a positive, safe, and an enjoyable learning experience for the youth of this league.

1. I will treat each player as an individual, and expect age appropriate skills from all my players.
2. I will direct my players at all times to play by the rules and to show respect for the other players, coaches, and the umpires.
3. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
4. I will teach my players in a positive manner.
5. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and good sportsmanship to all players, coaches, and umpires on and off the field.
6. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
7. I will adhere to this Code of Conduct while participating in any activity related to this league.
8. I will not use vulgar or discriminating vocabulary at any time.
9. I will abide by the rules of the facilities that are used for practices and games.
10. I will respect the local facility's rules regarding tobacco and alcohol.

In the event a coach is not in compliance with this code of conduct the following will occur:

1st Time: Verbal warning

2nd Time: Written warning

3rd Time: Dismissal from the program

9 GRIEVANCES

From time to time, parents and players may have a grievance with a coach, another player, or with an RFA policy/procedure.

First, we advise parents and players to **wait 24 hours following an incident**. This gives all parties a chance to cool down, seek advice from others, and attempt to see the other point of view.

We then recommend you approach the individual with whom you have a grievance. They are probably the best one to recognize the issue and work with you toward a solution. If a satisfactory solution can not be reached, the parent or player should present the issue to the Coach and Player Development Director or another member of the RFA board. The Board will attempt to resolve the grievance by communicating with you and obtaining information from all parties involved.

