



MGFA Association Parent Meeting

February 5, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 pm



Agenda



1. Introduce Board Members and Roles
2. Finding the Parent Handbook - All information from today and more!
3. MGFA Philosophy and Goals
4. Expectations -Player / Coaches / Parent
5. Registration / Scholarships / Coaches Applications
6. Player Fees
7. 6U Information
8. 8U Information
9. Communication
10. Uniforms / Rally Gear Apparel
11. Fundraisers
12. Discuss DIBS
13. Batting Cages
14. Tournaments/Practices/Games
15. Tryouts
16. Team Formation
17. Questions



Board Members and Roles



- Jason Stebe
 - President, Ump & Field Scheduler
- Amy Jo Van Culin
 - Vice President & Coach Coordinator
- Tammi Vaith
 - Secretary
- Bridget McGriff
 - Treasurer
- Abigail Zoller
 - 6u Coordinator, Marketing, Webmaster
- Denise Koch
 - 8u Coordinator (with Ashley Brevig), and Nationals Coordinator
- Jennifer Pilon
 - Coach Coordinator
- Jordayna Ordorff
 - Apparel Coordinator, Registration Coordinator
- Liz Hamlet
 - Communications Director, Event Scheduler, Social Media Coordinator
- Mike Wrona
 - Equipment Manager
- Natalie Schuneman
 - Concessions, Fundraising, DIBS
- Stephanie Wiley
 - Uniform Coordinator, Clinic Coordinator

Finding the Handbook from our Website Homepage

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About

MONTICELLO GIRLS FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

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The Registration "About" is not currently available.



MGFA Philosophy and Goals



Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association (MGFA) aims to provide a fun, positive, and competitive environment where girls are able to learn the game of fastpitch softball and improve their fundamental skills. Our goal is to continually promote the principles of sportsmanship, teamwork, friendship, and leadership to each MGFA athlete.



Expectations



Players

- ACE
 - Attitude
 - Coachable
 - Effort
- Teamwork and Communication
- Be on time for practice/games

Coaches

- Teach girls to be a team first mindset
- Empower/Encourage
- Positions are decided on skill level, and team impact
- Follow age/team level player rotation

Parents

- Positive support
- Update immediately on any scheduling conflicts
- Don't let things build up - talk to coaches (player/parent)
- Follow Parent Code of Conduct



Player Registration / Financial Aid Scholarship Coaches Applications



- Dates
 - Open until March 1

- Financial Aid Scholarships
 - Available on the website, under registration tab
 - Open until March 1



Player Fees Include



<p>6u</p> <p>\$50 Paid Per Player</p> <p>\$50 Average cost paid by MGFA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Practice/ In house scrimmages * Jersey * Treat each week
<p>8u</p> <p>\$125 Paid Per Player</p> <p>\$210 Average cost paid by MGFA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Practice fields * Jersey * 6 Home games * 2 Tournaments- Registration and Gate fees
<p>10u,12u, 14u and 16u</p> <p>\$300 Paid Per Player</p> <p>\$470 Average cost paid by MGFA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Practice Fields * 6 Home double header games * 2 Tournaments- Registration and Gate Fees * State Tournament- Registration and Gate Fees * MN Softball registration * Paid umpires * Tryout Evaluators * Possible Nationals participation fees
<p>Overall MGFA Expenses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 5% of all registration fees are paid to the school contract * Field preparation for all home games * Insurance * Equipment and Supplies * Hired workers due to unfulfilled DIBS

MGFA is a non profit association and would be operating with a loss if not for concession stand income, donations and fundraising.



6U - Information



- Learning basic skills
- Hitting off a tee or coach pitched
- In-house Scrimmages
- Wednesday's May 15th - June 19th
- 6:30-7:30pm



8U Information



- Learn the game of softball and HAVE FUN!
- Practices on Mondays and games on Wednesdays
- Louisville Slugger Blue Pitching Machine-coach will operate
- We play in our own league with Big Lake, Becker, Zimmerman, Princeton, and Elk River .
- Teams will have two tournaments (TBD)
- Equipment Needed: Helmet, glove, bat and tennis shoes or cleats-most girls wear black softball pants but that is optional. Face mask is highly recommended also.
- Registration is \$125 and includes a jersey for your daughter
- Must play 2 years of 8u before eligible to try up to 10u.



Communication



- Website - www.montigirlsfastpitch.com
- Email - monticellogirlsfastpitch@gmail.com
- Social Media
 - Facebook-Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association
 - Instagram-monticellogirlsfastpitch



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President	mgfapresident7@gmail.com
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Registration	mgfareg@gmail.com





Uniforms



- Samples - available tonight and at tryouts
- 6U and 8U - included in fee
- How Jersey numbers are assigned
- 10U and up - Red Jersey \$43 and Gray Jersey \$24
- Additional items required to play can be purchased through other avenues and are also the responsibility of the family. These items include:
 - Black Pants (required)
 - Over the knee socks (red) and a belt (required)
 - Fielding glove (required)
 - Fielders' mask (strongly encouraged for infield)
 - Batting helmets with NOCSAE approved face mask (Required)
 - Batting gloves (optional)
 - Softball shoes (optional)
 - Sliding Shorts (optional)
 - Softball Bag (optional)



Rally Gear Store



- March 9th-24th (Will have samples at tryouts)
- May 5th-May 19th



Fundraisers



- Trying to raise money for equipment, tournament fees, scholarships, etc.
- Main Fundraiser:
 - Von Hansons
 - Packets will be given to coaches to give out.
 - Forms turned in on (TBD)
 - Distribution on (TBD) at Monticello High School
- We are working on putting together more fundraising opportunities as the season progresses, so stay tuned.
- Ideas are appreciated and welcomed by all parents

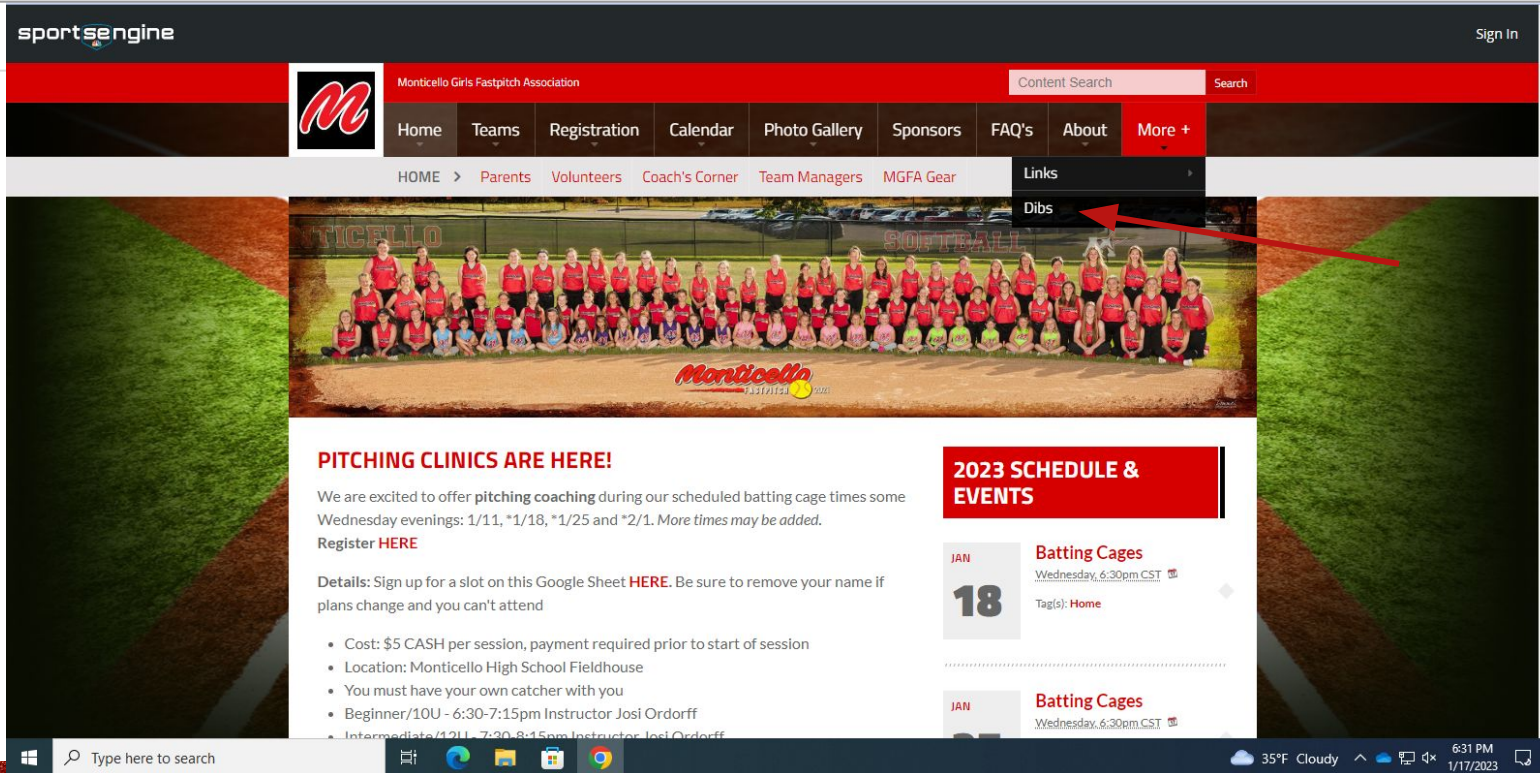


DIBS



- For 8U and up families
 - 12 hours/family 10U - 16U
 - \$400 Volunteer check
 - 3 hours/family 8U
 - \$100 Volunteer check
- Checks made payable to Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association (MGFA)
 - Collected at tryouts for 10U-16U
 - Collected at first practice 8U
 - Shredded upon hours completion
- Positions Available:
 - Batting Cages, Concessions (highschool, youth, tournaments), Tournament Field Crew
- How do I sign up?
 - See next slides

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The screenshot shows the website for the Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association. The header includes the "sportengine" logo, a "Sign In" link, and a "Content Search" bar. The main navigation menu has tabs for Home, Teams, Registration, Calendar, Photo Gallery, Sponsors, FAQ's, About, and More +. A red arrow points to the "More +" tab. Below the navigation menu, there is a sub-menu with links for HOME, Parents, Volunteers, Coach's Corner, Team Managers, MGFA Gear, Links, and Dibs. The main content area features a large group photo of the team on a baseball field. Below the photo, there is a section titled "PITCHING CLINICS ARE HERE!" with details about the clinics and a link to register. To the right of this section is a "2023 SCHEDULE & EVENTS" section, which lists "Batting Cages" for January 18th and 19th, both on Wednesday at 6:30pm CST.

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PITCHING CLINICS ARE HERE!

We are excited to offer **pitching coaching** during our scheduled batting cage times some Wednesday evenings: 1/11, *1/18, *1/25 and *2/1. *More times may be added.*

Register **HERE**

Details: Sign up for a slot on this Google Sheet **HERE**. Be sure to remove your name if plans change and you can't attend

- Cost: \$5 CASH per session, payment required prior to start of session
- Location: Monticello High School Fieldhouse
- You must have your own catcher with you
- Beginner/10U - 6:30-7:15pm Instructor Josi Ordorff
- Intermediate/12U - 7:30-8:15pm Instructor Josi Ordorff

2023 SCHEDULE & EVENTS

JAN 18

Batting Cages
Wednesday, 6:30pm CST
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JAN 19

Batting Cages
Wednesday, 6:30pm CST

Click the 2024 Dibs Tab on the Middle of the Page



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"Dibs" is an online tool that helps keep members organized by providing a platform to assign and claim responsibility. Site members can browse Dib Sessions below and claim responsibility for Dib Items. Members then complete Dib Items to fulfill their Dib Session requirements.

Please **login** to access all Dib Sessions and to claim Dib Items.

AVAILABLE SESSIONS

DIB SESSION

2024 Dibs



Batting Cages



- Batting Cages
 - Wednesdays
 - Started in January - Ends in March or April
 - Monticello High School Gym
 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm



Practices/Games/Tournaments



- **Practices**
 - Typically 2 nights/week
 - Bring a water bottle
 - Wear appropriate clothing
 - Arrive on time
- **Games**
 - Communication from coaches for game nights
 - Typically 10 - 18 games depending on age level
 - Most coaches play one game “to be competitive” and the second “to allow development”.
- **Tournaments** - Up to Two Available at Coaches Discretion
 - State Qualifiers
 - 10U and 12U - June 22-23
 - 14U / High School - July 13-14
 - State
 - 10U and 12U - June 29-30
 - 14U / High School - July 20-21
 - **Nationals** - Must qualify under the board guidelines for MGFA to pay for registration.



Tryouts



- 10U and up
- Saturday, March 9 at Monticello MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 10U: 8:30 - 10:00 am
 - 12U: 10:00 - 11:30 pm
 - 14U: 11:30 - 1:00 pm
 - HS: 1:00 - 2:30 pm
 - **NOTE: Warm Ups are 30 minutes prior to the start of tryouts**
- Callbacks Saturday with coaches 4:00 - 8:00 pm
 - Check Monticello Girls Fastpitch website for call back information on the day of tryouts
- Player **MUST** be at tryouts to make a specific team. If missing tryouts automatically on lower team
 - Exceptions are injuries (must be preapproved with a doctor's note)
- Evaluators - MN Fastpitch Academy



Team Formation



- 6U/8U teams are formed based on registration numbers.
- 10U, 12U, 14U, and HS age levels will be formed on the basis of tryout evaluations.
- When possible (often based on player numbers) an “A” team will be formed at each level. This team will automatically include the top 7 players, regardless of positions. The remaining “A” team roster will be selected by the MGFA Board of Directors and the Head Coach.
- The remaining teams will be created to help ensure players are distributed fairly among team rosters.
- With the exception of 6U/8U, team will ideally have a roster of 11 players. To ensure a maximum number of players can be placed on a team, MGFA will try to place a maximum number of 13 players and a minimum of 10 players per team.
- However, at all age levels, the number of teams formed will be limited to the extent that there are significant numbers of pitchers, catchers, and coaches to support a team.
- In the event that MGFA has no other option other than to limit the number of teams due to insignificant number of players, pitchers, catchers or coaches, then team roster decisions will be based on player tryout scores, and/or board voting, with no guarantee placement on a team.



Questions?