

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is this partnership necessary?

- The combined organization will have 1,200+ softball players (Omaha, Elkhorn, Lincoln) allowing us to develop our players and coaches at all levels of the game.
- A youth program which elevates softball at the earliest age groups and maximizes opportunities to build, grow, and maintain strong teams.
- Local, regional and national programs will provide greater opportunities for our talented softball players to play in the most competitive environments.
- Focused on preparing girls for high school softball, in addition to internal staff and coaches that are experienced in fostering college recruitment.
- Indoor/outdoor facilities unmatched by any organization, including the new MD West ONE Sports Complex.
- Financially sound organization which will take a leadership role in the area to promote the game and develop softball players, e.g. bringing nationally recognized softball personalities to the area for training.
- It creates an infrastructure with experienced, shared staff members ready to meet the needs of our members.

### When are 2022 Select Tryouts and where will they be located?

- Both Quakes and Edge organizations will have a combined tryout as follows.
- July 25th & 26th @ Elkhorn Training Camp (715 N 210th St, Elkhorn, NE 68022)

#### **7/25**

Session 1:

1-1:30 Pitchers and Catchers 10U & Up

1:30-4 8U-18U Defensive/Offensive Skills

Session 2:

4-4:30 Pitchers/Catchers 10U & Up

4:30-7 8U-18U Defensive/Offensive Skills

#### **7/26**

6-6:30 Pitchers/Catchers 10U & Up

6:30-9 8U-18U Defensive/Offensive Skills

July 7/28 @ Quakes Epicenter (1726 Centennial Rd, La Vista, NE 68128)

#### **7/28**

6-6:30 Pitchers/Catchers 10U & Up

6:30-9 8U-18U Defensive/Offensive Skills

**What are the benefits for the softball players?**

This provides more opportunities for players at all skill levels and allows us to place them on an appropriate team and further build local, regional, and national teams with budgets that allow for success. Players will have improved access to skilled instruction and also benefit from regional and national recognition while learning to enjoy one of the fastest growing sports in the nation.

**What are the benefits for the coaches?**

Coaches will have access to state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor facilities accessible year round. Team budgets will compliment their desired level of play. They will receive guidance from an organization that will teach, elevate, and support our coaches at all levels.

**What are the benefits for the families?**

Families can enter the softball program at the earliest ages and have a pathway to play softball through their high school years, knowing there are opportunities for all skill levels, including those desiring teams that travel and compete at the highest national levels.

**What happens to each organization's leadership/ committees?**

In the short term, both organizations will partner and capitalize on each other's experience and strengths. Ultimately, the organization will have a single leadership committee that directs the softball program.

**How will the combined program be structured?**

- For the 2022 softball season, not much will change as the two organizations transition together.
- For the 2023 season, we anticipate there will be over 1,200 softball players in the organization that will compete at all levels and age groups.
  - Our National/Regional level teams will be named Nebraska Quakes. These teams will be formed with our top skill level players.
  - Our Regional/Local level teams will be named Nebraska Edge.
  - Our Local/Recreational level teams will be named Futures.

**Will teams have to change their names?**

Teams will not immediately change their names. Teams will retain their current Quakes or Edge name during the 2022 season. We will transition teams to the appropriate brand based on their level of play at the conclusion of the 2022 season.