

**Titans Fastpitch Association  
Parents Meeting Agenda  
Sunday, February 25, 2024**

- **Welcome:** Kelly Jo – *started at 6:05pm*
- **Introduction of TFA Board Members:** Each Board Member  
*Kelly Jo Closser, Lisa Hoefs, Eric Closser, Arianne Holicky, Jaime Harmon Anna Stangler present*
- **Titans Fastpitch Association Program Goals:** Jaime
  - Philosophy
  - TFA is a non-profit organization, *Board and most coaches volunteers and younger coaches paid through the Twins grant.*
- **Game Nights:** Kelly Jo
  - 8-Under Wednesday. **Double Header the last 2 games of the regular season.**
  - 10-Under Tuesday and Thursday. **Thursday games do not start until the week of June 2nd.**
  - 12-Under Monday and Wednesday.
  - 14-Under Tuesday and Thursday. *Starts end of May/June.*
  - High School Monday and Wednesday. *Starts in June.*
- **2024 Season Dates:** Kelly Jo
  - Big West League: <https://mnsoftball.com/pages/cms/big-west>
  - Big West 12U League Games Start - April 29, 2024
  - Big West 10U League Games Start - April 30, 2024
  - Metro Area 8U League Games Start - May 1, 2024
  - Big West 14U League Games Start - May 21, 2024
  - Big West 16U/18U/HS League Games Start - June 3, 2024
  - JFK Dance LC Update – *Mini Kix – Tues practices for Dance will be moving.*
- **Weekend Tournament Update:** Kelly Jo
  - REQUIRED TOURNEMENTS:
    - 10U/12U Qualifiers - June 22-23, 2024
    - 8U/10U/12U State - June 29-30, 2024 – *must qualify for (by winning 1 game during qualifier)*
    - 14U/HS Qualifiers - July 13-14, 2024
    - 14U/HS States - July 20-21, 2024 .
    - 10U & Up – Requires ONE OTHER Tournament Date
      - Selected by Coaches after teams are formed.
  - Attendance Policy: Kelly Jo & Jaime
    - 2023 Attendance Issues – *must let coaches know. When sign up because of vacation let board and coaches know.*
    - Teams with low numbers
- **2024 Registration Fees:** Jaime
  - \$75 - 8U
  - \$200 - 10U & Up
    - No Jersey Fee for 2024
- **Age Divisions:** Kelly Jo
  - Level of play is determined by the player's age on September 1, 2023
  - All players tryout at their own age level.
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - 8U Players move up option requirements, if have played at least 2 seasons.

- **Coaches:** Kelly Jo
  - Volunteer/Parent Coaches
  - Fields Updates
  - COACHES MEETING DATES: (Medina Entertainment Center)
    - 10U & 12U – April 8, 6:00 pm
    - 14U & up – April 8, 8:00 pm
  
- **Fundraising - Lisa**
  - Mandatory Buyout Option \$75 if you do not participate. Must sell 15 items.
  - Butter Braid – Winter
  - Heggie's Pizza – Spring
    - Sell Dates April 8 – 28, **PICK UP MAY 14** @ The Varsity Softball Game in Lonsdale
  - *For each fundraiser – do prizes for top 3 fundraisers for both fundraisers.*
  
- **Jersey and Uniform Guidelines:** Kelly Jo
  - 2024 New Jerseys - New Jersey Annually – *New jersey style runs shorter than in the past, they are females sizes, no longer unisex sizes. Keep this in mind when registering.*
  - Player Keeps Number
  - 2024 Required Items
    - Black Softball Pants
    - Belt- Titan (Columbia) blue or black
    - Black Socks
    - Helmet
    - Fielder's Mask
    - Softball Glove
    - Tennis Shoes (8U) or Softball Cleats (*Soccer cleats are not allowed! Please note, metal cleats can only be worn by 14U & up players!*)
  
- **Players Birth Certificates:** Kelly Jo
  - Once your child is registered on a team through the MN Softball website, you will be sent an email to confirm your child's acceptance on the team, you will also be asked to upload your child's Birth Certificate.
  
- **TRYOUTS:** Jaime/Kelly Jo
  - 8U Registration Deadline – March 17<sup>th</sup> - No Tryouts
  - 10U Registration Deadline: Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Tryout Dates (LC Building):**
    - Friday, March 22, 2024:
      - Location – Le Center Middle School
      - 10U – Check In & Stretching @ 6:15. Tryouts start at 6:30. – Hitting, Fielding, Timed Run, Throwing Speed ONLY
      - 12U – Check In & Stretching @ 7:30. Tryouts start at 7:45. – Hitting, Fielding, Timed Run, Throwing Speed ONLY
    - Friday, March 22, 2024: PITCHING & CATCHING TRYOUTS
      - 12U - Check In & Warm Up @ 6:15 - Tryouts start at 6:30, then proceed to your age group regular tryout.
      - 10U - Check In & Warm Up AFTER your age group regular tryout.
    - Saturday, March 23, 2024:
      - Location – Le Center Middle School
      - ALL AGES: Check In & Warm Up @ 8:30/8:45 - Tryouts start at 9:00
    - Saturday, March 23, 2024, PITCHING & CATCHING TRYOUTS
      - ALL AGES: AFTER your age group regular tryout

- If your player can not attend either set tryout date – please contact TFA as soon as you can. You MUST still register and choose that option in the dropdown, by the registration’s deadline of March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Tryout Assessment:**
  - Tryout assessment protocol for 2024
  - Fly balls
  - Ground balls
  - Hitting (including bunting)
  - Throwing Speed
  - Running
  - ATTITUDE & EFFORT ARE IMPORTANT
  - Pitchers’ evaluations
  - Catching evaluations

- **Team Formation Process:**

- 2024 Team Projections

2024 PROJECTIONS		
TEAM	NUMBER OF TEAMS	NUMBER OF PLAYERS NEEDED
8U	1 - 2	9 - 25
10U	2 - 3	9 - 25
12U	1 - 2	9 - 30
14U	1	10
HS	1	10

- **Big West Competitive League placement requirements:**

- 2023 Changes – *info came after parent’s meeting but before we made teams.*
- How we can create our teams for the summer league.
- TFA does not plan to cut players from any age level. Our goal is to place every player on a team who registers.
- PLAYING UP
  - 8U Rules
  - Other Ages – tryout at their age level

- **TFA Scholarship Program**

- Partial or Full
- TFA Granted over \$1,500 worth of scholarships to-date.
- Email Kelly Jo at [kellyjo@ebisinc.net](mailto:kellyjo@ebisinc.net) for application and program information.

- **Fall Softball Season**

- Fall Ball Week 1 - August 24-25
- Fall State - September 28-29
- *Registration will open in July – and end the first week of August.*

- **2025 Program Changes:**

- Fees – Summer Season & Fall Season – for the August season.
  - *8U League – will go to estimated \$100-\$125*
  - *10U League – will go to estimated \$220-\$250*
  - *Costs we cover: Insurance, Jerseys, Umpire Fees, League Fees, Tournaments Fees, Field Prep*
  - *Fall Ball will go to \$125*
- *Jerseys – if need a size change email the [titansfastpitchassoc@gmail.com](mailto:titansfastpitchassoc@gmail.com) email.*
- Thank our Sponsors

- Registration is LIVE on the website at: <https://www.titansfastpitch.org/>

- **Looking for a Pitching Coach, let us know!!!**
  - TFA can give quality recommendations for pitching coaches in our area.
- **Softball Opportunities**
  - Sundays in April – In House Skills Training – in Le Center
    - *Pitching Room open – need a catcher*
- **507 Academy Training – St. Peter**
  - <https://www.507baseballacademy.com/>
- **Questions**
  - *Skills Training – Sunday evenings – likely starting around 6-6:30*
  - *May – expect away games in the until school season is over*