

WBAFSA MEMBERS HANDBOOK

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WHAT IS WHITE BEAR FASTPITCH

The White Bear Fastpitch Softball Association is a competitive sports organization designed for the development of young athletes. This is accomplished through practices, clinics, scrimmages, league games, and tournaments. Players also learn team work and to be responsible for their actions. They develop confidence in their ability and the knowledge that hard work and determination can pay off. These are traveling teams and the players are expected attend practices and all games and tournaments.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the association is on an annual basis. A player and her family will be considered members after completing the registration during the registration dates and submitting the required registration and volunteer fee.

Only members of the WBAFSA will be allowed to vote and participate in business meetings or to serve as a member of the board. Only one vote per family is permitted at association meetings.

A player may not maintain dual membership and /or participate for another fastpitch association that competes against the WBAFSA.

EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS

1. PRESIDENT: 2 year term elected on even years.
2. VICE PRESIDENT: 2 year term elected on odd years.
3. SECRETARY: 2 year term elected on even years.
4. TREASURER: 2 year term elected on odd years.
5. PUBLICITY AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: 2 year term elected odd years.
6. EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: 2 year term elected on even years.
7. FUNDRAISER CHAIR: 2 years elected on even years.

For a full description of board position duties see the board section in Policies.

FEES

REGISTRATION FEES: each family is required to pay a registration fee for each player in the WBAFSA. The registration fee pays for any league fees, the Tri-county and State tournament fee (not including gate fees), 2 other tournaments of the coaches choosing, grounds fees, a uniform jersey, and 1 pair of uniform socks.

Registration fees by age group:

8U clinic program: \$35

The following age groups are traveling programs

10U: \$150

12U:\$200

14U: \$200

16U: \$200

18U: \$200

Refunds of Registration fees:

After tryouts but before team assignments 50%

After team assignments No refund

Player not chosen for a team full refund

Volunteer fee:

Each family (10U and up) is required to pay a volunteer fee of \$100 per family (not per player). The check will be held until the end of the season. If 4 hours of approved volunteer time is done the check will be destroyed.

Refunds of volunteer fee:

After tryouts but before team assignments 50%

After team assignments no refund

Player not chosen for a team full refund

Team fees:

Team fees can be assessed by coaches if they wish to buy team supplies (ice packs, band aids, etc.) or to do something extra for the team.

TRYOUTS

Tryouts are only held for the traveling teams. The objective of tryouts is to provide an opportunity for each individual player to showcase her fastpitch skills in the key areas of:

Fielding	Throwing
Running	Hitting
Pitching	Catching

We will provide an environment that allows for fair and consistent evaluation of the key skill areas. This will enable each girl to be placed on a team that can utilize her skills and offer a reasonable opportunity for success during the season for the individual and her teammates.

Pitchers and Catchers will be evaluated and placed on teams from the score of the pitching/catching evaluation and then the hitting/fielding scores. If a player doesn't tryout as a pitcher or catcher they will be placed on a team as a utility player and will not be eligible to pitch or catch for the season.

A complete explanation of tryout policies can be found in the policy section of the website.

Equipment needed for tryouts:

Glove

Batting helmet

Tennis shoes (tryouts held in doors)

Bat (some bats will be provided)

EQUIPMENT

Equipment needed for practices and games:

CLINICS

8U clinic program: glove, bats will be provided.

TRAVELING

10U: batting helmet, glove, bat (some will be available) and complete uniform.

12U: batting helmet, glove, bat (some will be available) and complete uniform.

14U, 16U, and 18U: batting helmet, glove, bat and complete uniform.

Catcher's equipment is available at each age level for traveling teams.

The complete uniform includes:

Team jersey: supplied by association

Socks: supplied by association

Shorts: bought through association

Visor: bought through association

Compression shorts: bought through association or elsewhere.

Slider

Cleats

BOARD MEETINGS

The annual meeting will be held each October or November. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the past season, identify improvements for the upcoming year and lastly to elect new Executive Board positions. Regular meetings of the association will be held about 6 times a year. These meetings are to discuss ongoing activities of the association. All WBAFSA members are invited to attend. Meeting dates are posted on the website prior to each meeting.

FUNDRAISING

During the season the association does a few fundraisers to offset the costs to the association not paid by the registration fees. The mandatory fund raiser is the candy bar sale. All other fundraisers are optional.

VOLUNTEERING

All Association families (10u and up) must do 4 hours of volunteer time in order to have the \$100 volunteer fee check destroyed. Some of the volunteer opportunities are:

Chairing the candy bar sale

Tryouts

Chair position for the Silver plate dinner

Concession hours during the tournament that we host.

As other opportunities come up during the season they will be posted on the website.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

All WBAFSA players and parents must agree to and sign the player code of conduct.

WBAFSA SOFTBALL

PARENT AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the White Bear Area Fast pitch Softball Association (WBAFSA) softball program, we agree to abide by the rules listed below:

WE WILL respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility.

WE WILL encourage good sportsmanship through our actions, demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game or practice.

WE WILL promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win and will remember that the game is for the athletes and not for the parents.

WE WILL refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and/or drugs. Any player under the influence of these items, during any scheduled event associated with WBAFSA, may be terminated from the program.

WE WILL treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with dignity and respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.

WE WILL refrain from using cell phones, iPods or any other electronics during games and practices.

WE WILL respect the coaches and follow the rules that they set.

WE WILL NOT use profane language towards any player, coach, parent, spectator or official.

WE WILL inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of the athlete or the safety of others.

WE WILL address any concerns directly to the head coach.

WE WILL inform the coach, within a reasonable amount of time, of the athlete's absence from a game or practice that might occur due to sickness, planned vacation, or any other reason.

Discipline will be dealt with on an individual basis by the head coach, and/or president. Any violation could, depending on its severity, result in a warning, suspension, and and/or dismissal from the program. WBAFSA softball reserves the right to dismiss a player/parent at anytime if the player/parent violates the program's practices and procedures. Dismissal will result in the player or parent not being allowed to attend any function or facility reserved for the use of WBAFSA.

I have read, fully understand and agree to the rules required of me as a parent and player in the WBAFSA softball program this season and WILL REVIEW THESE RULES WITH MY DAUGHTER. The signature of one parent acknowledges agreement by ENTIRE household.

Signed: _____ Dated _____