

White Bear Fastpitch Newsletter

News from the Board

Happy Spring Everyone!



The WBAFSA Board wants to welcome past and new members to the 2010 summer season of Fastpitch. In this newsletter we will update you on the season outline and new happenings to catch up over the long winter.

The first thing to mention is the Board has nearly all new members this year. We thank the prior Board, many of which served longer than one term, for their efforts and dedication over the time they served. Here's an update on the Board for 2010:

President - Daniel Herzog

Dan was Vice President in 2009. He has coached in the association and has a 14U daughter in the program.

Vice President - Troy Ackerknecht

Troy has coached in the association and has two daughters, 10U and 12U, in the program.

Equipment Manager - Don Barger

Don has been a coach in the association and has a 10U daughter in the program.

Secretary - Kari Stielow

Kari has a 12U daughter in the program.

Tournament/Publicity - Sharon Ballis and Nikki Arcand

Sharon has a 12U daughter and Nikki has a 10U daughter in the program.

Treasurer - Bob Foss

Bob has coached in the association and has a 12U daughter in the program.

Each of these people are volunteering their time in these capacities and will need your support to help make this a great year.

One of this Board's main goals is increasing our enrollment numbers and establishing clinics and training that will teach and improve the girl's skills. We currently have over 100 girls signed up in the Association, nearly 30 of which are new or did not play last year. We are very happy to be on the right track with enrollment. In January, we began a pitching clinic for 10, 12 and 14U's, the first we have had in some time. We hope to build on this experience and offer different types of clinics in White Bear throughout the year, as well as another pitching clinic next year with more girls!

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Fundraisers

This year the Silver Plate Fundraiser will be taking a hiatus. In its place, we will be using the White Bear Lake VFW on Highway 61 for fundraiser meal nights. The first of these is a spaghetti dinner fundraiser night scheduled for Monday, April 19th from 5-9 pm at the VFW. Tickets will be \$7 and include spaghetti with meat sauce, breadstick, salad and a dessert. Tickets will be available for pick up at the parent/player meeting. Feel free to sell to family members and friends. We look forward to seeing all the players and their family members eating and socializing with their teammates, family and other supporters. Please reserve that night to help kickoff our year. More details will follow as we roll out the season in March.

We also are planning to have the 10U Nationals here again in late July like last year. This is a huge fundraiser for our organization and takes many hours to plan and work. It is possible we also host a state tourney for some age level as well. With these tournaments comes lots of volunteer hours required to work various tasks including concessions. This year the volunteer hours for everyone is 4 hours, in part so these can run successfully and without hitches, which allows us to be approved for them to come back another year. The Board members will try to provide as much notice as possible for volunteer opportunities. When your hours are fulfilled, you will be credited your volunteer fee.

We will also continue our tradition of the candy bar sales that will be a part of the parent/player meeting in March. You will either be able to buy and sell two boxes and get your money back, or opt to donate the cost of one box.

Parent Player Meeting

The Parent/Player Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25 at the South Campus cafeteria. The 10U players and parents will be from 6 pm to 7:30 and the 12U/14U families will be meeting from 7:30-9. The 16U meeting will be at a later date. You will be able to order and pay for your uniform and accessories that night. We will also have candy bar sales, clothing orders, spaghetti dinner tickets and distribute forms that night as well. We plan to have 10/12 and 14U teams formed by then. Please plan to attend that night!

In April, there are a few things that are on the calendar. First, we are planning a Varsity Day, tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 26th at 4:15 at South Campus. Varsity Day is when all our Association fast pitch players are invited to attend a Varsity fast pitch game and cheer on our girls. Also, field clean up day will be in April where we will clean the dugouts and leaves off fields at South and Otter Lake. The date for that will be posted when known.

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YOU STEP ON THE FIELD JUST DO
WHAT YOU DO.”**

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Manitou Days Parade

Each year the Fastpitch Association sponsors a float in the White Bear Lake Manitou Days Parade in June. We will do so again this year and all girls in the Association are welcome to march along in the Parade and hand out candy and fliers to kids in the crowd. The girls who participate have a great time marching and showing off their uniforms and medals they have earned!

Sponsors

If you check our web site under the 'sponsors' link, you will see we have added several sponsors. We appreciate their sponsorship and if you get the chance to support these establishments, please do so and mention our name.

Fall Ball

This year the Association will be planning to help facilitate the Fall Ball season, so each girl who wants to play would let the association know and they would try to be placed on teams so no one is left out. This includes new players such as we may get from fliers at the Parade. In addition, we typically get to host Sunday Fall Ball games which also keep our teams from traveling far while we get concession revenue.

Website

Our website will be kept up to date with all new information. Please check it out frequently. www.wbafsa.com

Why?

Early Mornings,
Dew soaked shoes,
Sticky afternoons,
Sweat,
Dust in your face,
Rain,
Wind,
Never enough sleep, long boring rides,
Give it your best and still coming up short....
Because....
Time slows down...everything you do is right, you and your teammates find a rhythm,
The bliss of cold water,
good nachos,
cheering,
Your score keeps climbing, you suddenly notice your laughing and love what you're doing....
You wonder why everybody, everywhere isn't playing everyday they can.
--Rick Vitiello, Illinois

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PLAY WITH PASSION AND THE SKY
IS THE LIMIT. FASTPITCH ROCKS!"**

