

# Mahtomedi Fastpitch Softball Association

**Mission:** *To provide players of ages 8-18 (U10 through U18) the opportunity to play competitive summer fastpitch softball in an environment where all players will be developing their skills, learning good sportsmanship and team work. This will also allow the players to develop their skills and abilities for fastpitch softball for high school and beyond.*

## **1. Time Commitment**

- A. Teams will practice/play games two nights per week. Days of the week vary by age:
  - a. 10U, 14U & 18U – Tuesdays & Thursdays
  - b. 12U & 16U – Mondays & Wednesdays
- B. The season runs from early April (practices) to mid July (state tournament)

## **2. Practices & Games**

- A. Practices will start in early April, running through the season, and will be the same nights of the week as games. Coaches also have the option of scheduling weekend practices. Once league games start, practices will only be held if there is a bye or the coach calls for a weekend practice. Practices are typically 1.5 hours long.
- B. Tri-County League games are all double headers and start at 6:00 PM. League seasons are:
  - a. 10U & 12U – early May to late June
  - b. 14U – late May to early July
  - c. 16U & 18U – early June to early July
- C. Approximately 50% of the games will be home games. Away game location varies by opponent. Examples are White Bear Lake, Stillwater, Roseville, North Branch, Woodbury, or Forest Lake.
- D. All players and coaches are expected to participate in 90% of the practices and games.
- E. Practices will be held in most conditions so players are expected to be there unless notified by the coach that practice is cancelled due to weather.
- F. Games will be played in cold, rain, wind and snow. Lightning is the only thing that will delay or stop a game. Games will not be postponed until at the field.
- G. Every attempt will be made to re-schedule postponed games.

### **3. Tournaments**

- A. Each team can play up to two weekend tournaments during the regular season. Coaches pick the tournaments and they are usually local. However, the older age teams (14U-18U) may decide to travel out of town (i.e. – Mankato or Hutchinson) to play.
- B. Each team will play in the Tri-County league end of season tournament.
  - a. 10U & 12U - typically the last weekend in June
  - b. 14U, 16U, 18U – typically the second weekend in July
- C. Based on the results of the Tri-County tournament, most teams will qualify to play in the State tournament. All teams that qualify for State are expected to participate.
  - a. 10U & 12U – typically the second weekend in July
  - b. 14U, 16U, 18U – typically the third weekend in July

### **4. Team Selection**

- A. Registration will be done on-line through Mahtomedi Community Education from February 1 to March 1.
- B. Evaluations will be held in late March and players will be placed on teams based on their performance at tryouts in hitting, throwing, and catching drills.
- C. Teams shall consist of 12 players unless the Board of Directors approves additional players.
- D. Final team formation is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

### **5. Playing Time and Positions**

- A. Playing time and positions are subject to the coaches discretion.
- B. At the older age levels, players may become more specialized into specific positions.
- C. League games will be used to learn the game as appropriate. Every attempt will be made to provide equal play time.
- D. Tournaments will be played to win. Every attempt will be made to give each player some play time in each game.

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