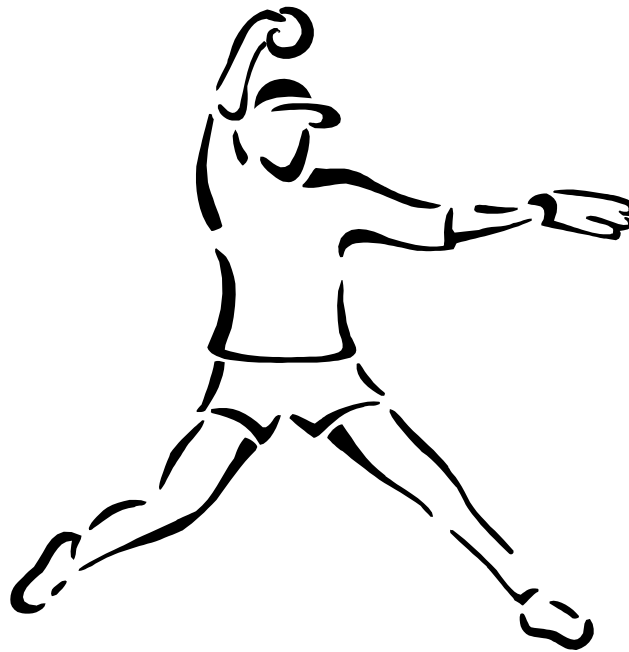


**2012
FISHERS-HSE
YOUTH SOFTBALL**



INFORMATION PACKET

2012 Softball Board

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The Softball Board meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the SPORTS office (winter months) or the Olio Park Concessions Stand (spring/summer months) at 7 PM. All interested parties are invited and welcome to attend.

Softball Weather/Info Line

465-8661

Website

www.fishershseyouthsoftball.com

2012 SOFTBALL CALENDAR

February 18	Fishers High School Winter Youth Softball Clinic
Week of February 27th	Coach Selection Meeting at the Olio Park (Softball Board Only)
March 3rd and 4th	Softball Rec League Evaluations at Hamilton Southeastern High School in the auxiliary gym. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL! SEE INFO under “Rec League Evals” for exact times for your age group.
Week of March 12th	Team assignments (6u & 8u) and team draft (10u, 12u, & 14u - 18u will be TBD).
March 17th - 18th	Equipment distribution (coaches) at Olio Park Concession Stand Times to be announced at a later date
March 19th-20th	<u>Mandatory Softball Coaches Training Session</u> – (times and locations for specific age groups will be posted later) <u>ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND.</u>
Week of March 19th	Practices begin
April 14th (Sat)	Picture Day at Billericay Park
April 23th (Mon)	Games Begin
April 28th (Sat)	Season Opening Celebration
May 15th & 16th	All-Star Tryouts for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U team(s)
Week of June 18th	League Championship Games
June 23 & 24 (Sat-Sun)	Fishers Freedom Festival - League All-Star Games
Mid-August	Cats Travel Softball Tryouts

2012 FISHERS-HSE YOUTH SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Overview of Offerings by Age

(Age is based on girl's age as of December 31, 2012)

*Note to parents of home-schooled or private school participants—please call S.P.O.R.T.S. (845-5582) to have your name added to the mailing list for special event fliers.

BEGINNER (5 & 6) – Commissioner, Paul Lorkowski 696-8180 (plorkowski@comcast.net)

This league will be 5 and 6 year olds who are ready to begin playing softball. Coaches will nurture the young ladies as they learn the basic fundamentals of the game. We will start slowly and gradually build over the course of the season. This is a coach pitch league.

8 & UNDER - Commissioner, Steve Drye 730-3025 (spdrye@sbcglobal.net)

This division is player pitch with coach assistance after the first three pitches. The hitting tee has been put away and the game is scored with outs, innings and runs. The emphasis is on creating a fun and exciting environment and instilling confidence in the players while teaching them the fundamentals of the game.

10 & UNDER - Commissioner, Danie Leever 679-3239 (danie.leeve@gmail.com)

This is a competitive league, giving the players the opportunity to play all of the positions, including pitcher. Although coaches will do some pitching, the emphasis is on learning to pitch and to hit off a 10U pitcher.

12 & UNDER - Commissioner, Brad Rogers 308-8205 (brad.rogers@csiclosures.com)

This league will emphasize more advanced skills and development. We will be playing with more wide-open rules than the younger leagues. Girls do all the pitching in this league. Girls will still have the opportunity to play and learn all fielding positions.

14 & UNDER - Commissioner, Scott Paris 439-4564 (truyankfan@live.com)

This league will emphasize more advanced skills and development. We will be playing with more wide-open rules than the younger leagues. Girls still have the opportunity to play all fielding positions.

HIGH SCHOOL (14-18)-Commissioner, Greg Moore 432-6636 (gregmooretravel@live.com)

This league will emphasize more advanced skills and will be playing with more wide-open rules than the younger leagues. In recent years, we have added teams from outside communities to complete a league in this age group for recreational league purposes. Pending enough teams are involved in the league, a league championship tournament is held post-season. This league is for girls in grades 9-12 only. Freshmen regardless of age, 14 or 15, are asked to register for this league. Girls will NOT be allowed to “play up” from 14U.

Please note about “playing up”: Our leagues are organized around 2-year age intervals. Girls are expected to play in the youngest age group for which they are eligible. However, in rare instances parents may decide that their child's interest is best served by having them “play up” in the next older league. Parents may request for their child to “play up”, but this **requires** the parents to complete a waiver form and obtain written permission from the League President, Jared Darlington, or Player Agent, Joe Ford.

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

Joe Ford, Player Agent
(317) 691-0644 jeford@harrisandford.com

EVALUATIONS

MARCH 3rd – 4th, 2012 --- HSE High School Auxiliary Gym

Come 10 minutes early, register at front table, girls will go through the evaluation in groups. All girls should report to pitching evaluation if interested in pitching. **Please allow for 45-60 minutes to complete the entire evaluation process.**

Saturday March 3rd

10 and under	LAST NAME A-M	12:00-2:00 PM
10 and under	LAST NAME N-Z	2:00-4:00 PM

Sunday March 4th

12 and under	1:00-3:00 PM
14-18 and under	3:00-4:30 PM

There are NO evaluations for the 5/6U and 8U leagues.

TEAM DRAFTS/PLAYER SELECTION

Teams for the 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U (High School) age groups are formed by coaches “drafting” players. The objective of the draft is to ensure an even distribution of talent between the teams. **Players who are not evaluated will be randomly assigned to teams by a “blind” draw.** Each team will have approximately 12 players on their roster. The drafts will be held soon after the completion of player evaluations. Coaches will contact their team members as soon as possible after their draft night.

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

All Divisions (8U thru 18U) will hold a tournament based on regular season records with the championship game in each division played in late June. First and second place trophies will be awarded at the completion of the final game. The players in the 5/6U league will receive their trophies at the end of the regular season.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Ken Olovich, Player Development
(317) 997-0637 kgo@Lilly.com

New For 2012!!

Free On-Line Training Videos for All Players and Coaches

Kudda is the largest on-line sports training video library with hundreds of training videos for softball, baseball, and other sports as well as coaching tips. Kudda uses only experienced coaches to teach the fundamentals and drills. Fishers-HSE Youth Softball has made arrangements with Kudda to provide a free subscription thru the end of 2012 for every player and coach who participates in our recreational league. This is the first time Fishers-HSE Youth Softball has been able to make this offering and to our knowledge no other recreation program in the area provides this free subscription to its players and coaches. The purpose of these videos is not to replace coaching but rather augment the good work our coaches do already. These videos will provide coaches an opportunity to review various fundamentals and drills and determine which are most applicable to what their team needs.

Commissioners of each age level may offer recommendations as well to their coaches as to which videos they find most useful for their respective age levels. At practice, the coaches can then teach those drills and then the players can go home and watch those videos on line to reinforce what the coaches taught at practice. The videos cover all aspects of the game in pitching, hitting and fielding and should serve as a source of competitive advantage for the development of our players. You will be given access to your free account in March at player evaluations or following team assignments.

CATS ALL-STARS

Michael Johnson, All-Star Commissioner
(352) 536-4242 michaeljohnson33@hotmail.com

Cats All Stars Information

The HSE Cats All-Star teams are teams that are created from those players participating in the rec league program. All Stars as defined by the Softball Board is an extension of the recreational season for those girls wishing to have extra coaching, playing, and development time by practicing and playing in tournaments around Central Indiana. All-Stars does NOT take the place of the Recreational league, rather it is an addition to it. The teams are formed during the rec league season (during 3rd week of May) and will normally play in 3-5 tournaments at the conclusion of the rec league season. The league will attempt to form as many teams as possible in each of the age group (8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U) based upon player and coach interest, as well as the ability for the team to be reasonably competitive.

FAQs about All Stars:

How do I find out about All-Star Evaluations?

Coaches are notified through e-mails from both the All-Star Commissioner and the league of times, places and changes. The information can also be found on the girls' softball website <http://www.hsesports.org/softball/>.

How are girls selected?

Players go through an evaluation process by Board members where they are scored on 3 criteria; running, hitting and fielding. Those scores are then turned over to the coach for him/her to use to select their team.

Who is eligible to coach?

Anyone who has a clear and up to date background check in with the SPORTS office.

How are coaches selected?

Applications are reviewed by a committee from the Softball Board. The applicants are then interviewed. A candidate is selected and approved by the committee.

When does All Stars start?

As soon as a girl is asked and is accepted on a team she is an All Star. However NO practices can take place that would conflict with any of the recreational season. Rec comes first and will take precedent over any All Star activity until the end of the Rec season tournament. If there are no Rec season events a coach is free to schedule a practice or tournament.

FAQs about All Stars cont.

Who sets the schedule?

The coach will set the schedule. Once he/she is selected to be a coach they are given full authority to pick their team, set practice dates and tournament schedule.

How often do teams practice?

Traditionally All Star teams will practice once a week on an off time to not conflict with anything until after the Rec season. They will then traditionally practice twice a week during the tournament season.

How long is the tournament season and how many tournaments?

There are 7 weekends that are available for tournaments from the end of June through the beginning of August. It is up to the coach to decide the number of tournaments and location of tournaments. Most tournaments are 3-day tournaments, usually starting on Friday night and ending on Sunday. Whether you play all three days depends on how well your team plays.

What is the cost associated with All Stars?

Cost is determined by how many tournaments and how many sponsors a team can find. Usual cost is around a \$160 per family for team fee and \$60 for the uniform.

Fishers-HSE Cats - Travel League

Commissioner, Dave DeSplinter ddesplin@ryland.com

Travel Softball

The travel softball program is designed to provide a higher level of training and competition to those players that have a desire to develop their skills beyond what the recreational level allows. This program requires significant parental and player time commitment. These teams are different from the All Stars in that these girls tend to play travel only. Girls must live within the Hamilton Southeastern School district in order to be eligible to tryout. Girls that are age 16 and under are eligible to try out for the teams. Independent, knowledgeable evaluators will conduct open tryouts and evaluation in the fall. The Travel Commissioner is in charge of this evaluation process. The Head Coach will select the team based on the evaluation scores provided by the League and his or her personal knowledge of the player's ability. The Travel Commissioner will work with Travel Head Coaches to assure top scoring girls are named to the team.

Cats Travel Information

The HSE Cats travel teams are competitive travel teams whose focus is playing softball at a high level. Players have the option of playing in the Rec league; however, that becomes more difficult at the older age groups. The teams will normally play 8 – 12 tournaments. Most tournaments are played within the region; however, there is the potential for overnight trips outside of the Indianapolis area. The league will attempt to form as many teams as possible in each of the age groups (10U, 12U, and 14U) based upon player and coach interest, as well as the ability for the team to be reasonably competitive. There may also be a travel team in the 16U or 18U age groups; however, those age groups will be governed by a separate policy. Games will typically be played from April through July. Tryouts and team selection for the 2010 season will take place in late summer (Time and location TBA). In order to maintain skills throughout the off-season, a light off-season schedule may occur. These are optional and other "in-season" extracurricular activities shall take precedent during the off-season. During the season (March – July) players are expected to focus on playing softball. Other athletic endeavors that conflict with tournaments and practices create a hardship on the team, players, and coaches. If you are planning to play another travel sport during any of the March – July timeframe you must notify the league at time of evaluations. Those participating in other travel sports in this time frame may be ineligible for the "locked" positions.

Funding

Travel teams are self-funded. The League will support the effort through allocation of resources, i.e. fields, equipment, league insurance and direction. The teams will raise the funds necessary through Player/Parent contribution, sponsorship, fundraising (Please note our bylaws do not allow players to solicit funds door to door!) or any other board approved means. Players will be assessed an amount based on the projected budget, which is established by each team. Fees typically are from \$250 to \$350 for the entire season. This may increase or decrease depending on the games played and team fund raising or sponsorship contributions and do not include the cost of the uniforms.

Tournaments

Softball hosts several tournaments throughout the spring and summer. This year we will host the tournaments in April, May, June and July. Each team Travel or All Star Team participating in our tournaments will supply the necessary workers to run the tournament. For this, the team will compete in the tournament free. In addition, a percentage of the tournaments proceeds will be distributed back to the teams that staffed the concession stand and filled

volunteer slots for the tournament. Participation in the running of these tournaments is not optional. The intent is to give something back to the league for the time, energy and expense of running the program and to help sustain the Travel / All Star program.

Mark your calendars for the All-Star and Travel tryouts:

2012 All-Star Tryouts will be held in May

2012 Travel Tryouts will take place in August at Olio Park

Cannot Attend Tryouts for either Cats Travel or Cats All Stars

If a player is not physically capable of attending the scheduled tryout and makeup dates due to injury or illness prior to the selection of the team, the player's parent(s) can petition in writing to the Travel Commissioner to consider their child for the Travel team. Once the Head Coach is named, they will use all information available, including but not limited to past coaches, past performance or and individual workout to assess the child's ability to determine if the child would be capable of making the team without a physical tryout. Once that information has been obtained and reviewed by the Head Coach with the softball President, Player Agent and Travel Commissioner, they can make a recommendation to the Board that will make the final decision on making the team. All information and review must be completed; and a decision made at the same time that the selection of the entire team is to be made.

HSEYSBL Softball All-Star/Travel Coaching Application

All candidates for Head Coach must submit an application to the All-Star Commissioner, Michael Johnson and Travel Commissioner, Dave DeSplinter, **one week prior** to tryouts, and have a background check form on file with S.P.O.R.T.S.. The Travel/All Star Commissioners, Player Agent Joe Ford and League President Jared Darlington, will review Head Coaching applications and interview all qualified candidates. They will submit a list of coaching candidates to the board for approval. Once the Head coach is named, the Head coach will pick his or her Assistant Coaches. An application is not required for Assistant Coaches, only the position of Head Coach.

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Daughter's Name: _____ **Age:** ____ **Birth Date:** _____

Age group you are interested in coaching:

Travel:

10U:____ 12U:____ 14U:____ (please check one)

All Stars:

8U:____ 10U:____ 12U:____ (please check one)

Did you Coach a Softball Team(s) Last Year? Yes_____ No_____

If Yes, What Team(s) _____

List Any Other Previous Coaching or Playing Experience:

Please provide three references from parents of children that you have coached or other coaches you have coached with:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Submit Form to:

**Dave DeSplinter
HSE Youth Softball Travel/All Star Commissioner
C/O S.P.O.R.T.S.
12690 Promise Road
Fishers, IN 46038
317-845-5582**

WAYS THAT YOU CAN AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

COACH A TEAM: We need quality, caring individuals to guide and direct a team of young ladies. Please consider being a head coach or assistant coach. *Every coaching candidate must complete an application each year.

WORK A CONCESSION STAND SHIFT: The Board tries its best to keep the cost of player fees low. One way to help offset our costs is to help in the concession stand at our games. It will be the responsibility of the parents of each team to work during one game this year. This will help maximize our profits and keep player fees to a minimum. Coaches will have a complete schedule of concession work dates at their team meetings.

SPONSOR A TEAM: REGISTRATION FEES ALONE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO FUND OUR BUDGET! Sponsorship money helps pay for much needed capital improvements, field maintenance, umpire fees, equipment, trophies, and awards. We have excellent opportunities for your contribution to be recognized throughout the community. Sponsorship opportunities include Team Sponsor, League Sponsor, Trophy Sponsor, Web-site Sponsor and/or Field Sponsor. Sponsorship fees are tax deductible as a promotional expense or as a charitable contribution (we are a 501© 3 organization). More importantly, your sponsorship is helping the youth of our community. Sponsorship information must be confirmed by **March 5th**. Contact at sponsorships1@fishershseyouthbaseball.com for more details on the outstanding sponsorship opportunities. A SPONSORSHIP FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

BE A TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEER: Our travel and all-star programs raised thousands of dollars for the entire league last year by hosting several tournaments. It takes a great deal of work to host such large events. Parents are asked to volunteer at least a few hours over the course of the weekend. A successful event only happens when everyone pitches in to help! We appreciate the efforts of all volunteers. Please contact **Tournament Director, Scott Goodwin** (317) 459-6152 or **President, Jared Darlington** (317) 937-7920 if you are interested in helping with these events listed below.

April 13-15	Cancer Awareness
May 4-6	Spring Classic
June 1-3	School's Out Shoot Out
June 29-July 1	NSA Central "B" State
July 19-22	Heatwave
October 5-7	HSE Fall Classic

Potential Sponsor:

The Fishers-HSE Youth Baseball and Softball League is pleased to report that the future of both sports in Southeastern Hamilton County is alive and well with expansions to both programs in full swing! We can, again in 2012, report major growth in both the number of participants in the league and in the quality of our facilities. The eighth diamond at Billericay Park is in place and will be ready this season, and the addition of a new concessions facility, fencing and lighting at Olio Park have transformed the park into a premier destination for area teams. All of these improvements would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, both on a local and national level.

The league is excited to present the opportunities for corporate sponsorship for the upcoming 2012 baseball and softball seasons. The dollars raised through sponsorship help fund not only our teams with equipment and uniforms but also provide scholarships for those in need of financial assistance, making sure that everyone has the opportunity to share the enjoyment of playing the game.

Our sponsorship program provides different levels of contribution opportunities, allowing each corporate partner to choose the level that works best for him or her. We are pleased to announce that the sponsorship levels remain the same this year and include:

Platinum Level – \$2,500.00

- Sponsorship of Fifteen (15) Teams
- Logo or Name on all jerseys
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website, www.fishershseyouthbaseball.com, and in our opening day program (5,000) copies.

Gold Level – \$1,200.00

- Sponsorship of Five (5) teams
- Logo or Name on all jerseys
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website, www.fishershseyouthbaseball.com, and in our opening day program (5,000) copies.

Silver Level – \$500.00

- Sponsorship of Two (2) teams
- Logo or Name on all jerseys
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website, *www.fishershseyouthbaseball.com*, and in our opening day program (5,000) copies.

Bronze Level – \$300.00

- Sponsorship of One (1) team
- Logo or Name on all jerseys
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque at the end of the season
- Listing on our website, *www.fishershseyouthbaseball.com*, and in our opening day program (5,000) copies.

There is also an option for an additional donation above and beyond one of the standard sponsorship levels.

It is our hope that each and every corporation can find the level that they are most comfortable with. We ask that you take the time and effort to fill out the Registration Form that follows and mail with a check to the address in the center area of the form. Act now and reserve your team(s), as sponsorship opportunities go very quickly. All baseball and softball teams were sponsored last year, and a special thank you to all returning sponsors!

Your consideration in our sponsorship program is greatly appreciated, not only by this Board, but also by the youth of our community. Feel free to contact Chad Hightower or Rick Jacobs with any questions. Our contact information is listed below.

Thank you for your support,

Rick Jacobs
Sponsorship Committee Member
317-753-4877
sponsorships1@fishershseyouthbaseball.com

Chad Hightower
Sponsorship Committee Member
317-446-9708
sponsorships2@fishershseyouthbaseball.com

Fishers-HSE Youth Baseball and Softball League
2012 Team Corporate Sponsorship
Registration Form

Select Sponsorship Level:

- _____ \$2,500 Platinum – 15 Team Sponsorship
- _____ \$1,200 Gold – 5 Team Sponsorship
- _____ \$500 Silver – 2 Team Sponsorship
- _____ \$300 Bronze – Single Team Sponsorship

- _____ Sponsor Total
- _____ Additional Donation
- _____ Total Enclosed

**Please make checks payable to HSEYBSL and mail with this form to:
SPORTS 12690 Promise Road, Fishers, IN 46038**

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Contact Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Website: _____

Is there a particular player you wish to sponsor? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, player's name: _____
Boy (Grade in Spring 2012) _____ Girl (Age as of 12-31-11) _____

