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## Girls Fastpitch

### **Who is your player's greatest coach?**

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Many parents ask the same question: "How can my player improve their softball skills?"

As you hopefully know, there is only so much any player will learn during winter softball clinics, league/school games, tournaments, and/or at team practices.

Every coach will tell you that in addition to the items listed above, your player also needs to "Practice - Practice - Practice!"

Parents – that is why YOU are your Player's Greatest Coach!

Their desire and passion for any of life's opportunities starts with YOU.

Are YOU interested in their success?

Do you want your player to be the best they can be at softball?

If you answered YES, then let's take a look at how you can help your players become their best!

When you ask your player "Would you like to do some extra practicing?"

How would they normally respond?

Unfortunately, most players will say they do not want to practice.

That is because they need a coach (i.e. a parent) to help them make the right decisions for success.

If YOU let your player make those important "decisions" regarding practicing and you do nothing to help them improve - your player will probably have limited improvement and/or success.

Your player's success or failure is directly related to YOUR involvement in their decision making process.

Please do not let your player's softball teammates, coach, age group, or level of play effect your player's desire and passion to learn, improve, and do their BEST.

Each player is an individual who MUST practice and improve their softball skills.

Parents – YOU are your Player’s Greatest Coach!

Question: Do you ask your player if they want to go to school?

NO! You send them to learn and practice about “life” subjects (i.e. school).

Do you ask them if they want to do their homework (i.e. practice)?

No! You hopefully have them take time to study – Maybe YOU even help them!

Ever heard of music lessons?

Every week – all year round - you pay for private one-on-one lessons.

PLUS + you also make sure your player practices between lessons/clinics.

Does this make sense?

Why is softball any different?

If your player wants to be a better hitter, infielder, pitcher, etc., then they are telling you that they have the passion and desire for softball.

Then it is up to YOU to provide them additional opportunities to develop and improve their softball skills (i.e. passion and desire).

In order to be successful and improve, your player must have these opportunities ALL year round.

This includes, practicing at home (inside/outside), attending various softball skills clinics, and/or taking one-on-one lessons (hitting/fielding/pitching/catching/etc.).

As you hopefully understand, simply attending a few hours of winter softball clinics, team practices, and team games is not enough for your player to reach their full potential.

Parents - YOU must be your player’s “LIFE” coach/trainer.

Your player’s desire and passion in life starts with YOU.

Do not blame others for your player’s lack of success – remember YOU are their greatest coach!

Helping your player succeed in life is one of the greatest rewards any coach and/or parent can achieve.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In this article - If you replace the word “softball” with any other sports/activity (i.e. singing, golf, cooking, gymnastics, dance, basketball, etc.)...

The same success story will hold true - YOU are your Player’s Greatest Coach!