

WAYZATA

Travel Kickoff Meeting

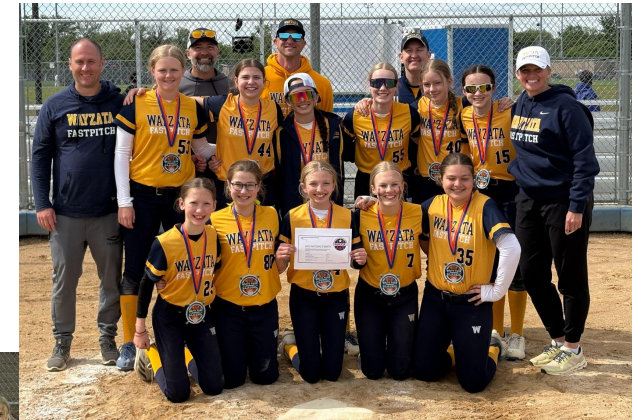
March 2, 2026

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Agenda

- **Welcome** 5 min
- **Travel Vision, Mission & Season - Andy & Tim** 20 min
 - Offseason, Summer, Fall
 - Summer - Practices, Games, Tournaments
 - Parent, Player, & Coaches Expectations
 - Fall Travel Ball Changes for 2026-2027
- **Travel Softball Success Ingredients** 30 min
 - Communication Tools – Andy Stellmacher
 - Coaching Development - Matt Richter
 - Player Development & Summer Camp – Jenny
 - Wayzata Warm Up Tournament - Adam Thompson
 - Event Staffing Coordinator– Steph Horton
 - Facilities – TBD (Tim?)
 - Uniforms & Apparel – Bruce Rohrich
 - Umpires – Peter Kim
 - Equipment – Sean Porter
 - Fundraising/Sponsorships - TBD (Open)
 - Board Update & Needs - Tim Lyons
- **Q&A** 5 min
- **Team Breakouts & Introductions** 15 min



Get to know Andy - Travel Director 8-12U

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Family:

- Wife: Laura
- Kids:
 - Emma (15U)
 - Avery (13U)
 - Maddie (10U)

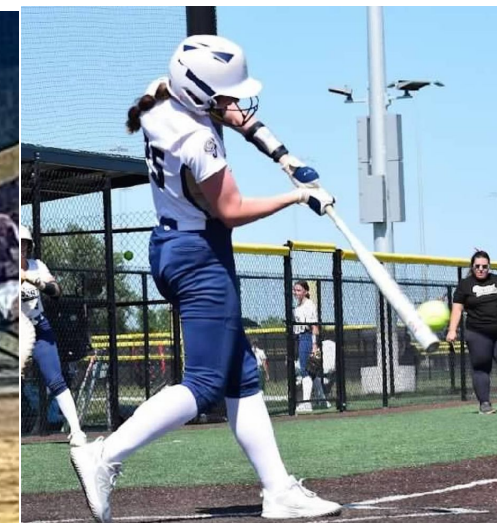


Sports Experience:

- Playing: Baseball & Basketball
- Coaching: Softball & Basketball
- PWYSA: Head & Asst Coach, Equipment Director, Travel Director

Day Job:

- VP of Sales & Biz Dev, Nimble Analytics



Contact: Andy.Stellmacher@outlook.com

Get to know Tim - Travel Director 14U-HS

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Family:

- Wife: Shannon
- Kids:
 - Zoe (14u Gold)
 - Kayla (12u Grey)
 - Nola (12u Grey)



Sports Experience:

- D1 College Football & Baseball
- Old Man's Baseball / Softball Coach
- Anything Boston Red Sox

Day Job:

- Vice President, Advanced Volumetric Alliance



Contact: TimRyan0016@gmail.com

Wayzata Travel Fastpitch Vision



Vision: Create a top tier youth travel softball program

Mission: Develop elite, top tier Fastpitch softball players to compete across various age levels while growing them as strong, confident individuals

Core Values:

- Strong focus on player and team development
- Showcase strong sportsmanship, teamwork, & learn to love the game
- Respect for self and teammates while showing positive attitudes
- Give back to the community that gives players the opportunity to play

Wayzata Travel Fastpitch Summer Growth



Player Count	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
8U	25	25	31	32	45	45
10U	31	55	64	65	74	82
12U	32	33	42	47	59	69
14U	0	0	24	24	23	35
16U/18U	0	0	0	12	11	23
Total Players	88	113	159	182	212	253
YOY % Change		28.4%	40.7%	14.5%	16.5%	19.3%

Team Count	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
8U	2	2	3	3	4	4
10U	3	5	6	6	7	7
12U	3	3	4	4	5	6
14U	0	0	2	2	2	3
16U/18U	0	0	0	1	1	2
Total Teams	8	10	15	16	19	22
YOY % Change		25.0%	50.0%	6.7%	15.8%	15.8%

Highlights:

- Growth in number of Players & Teams in association
 - 41 add'l player
 - 3 add'l teams (12U, 14U, 18U)

2026 Travel Teams & Coaches

Huge thank you to our Head Coaches!!



Teams	Head Coaches
8U Gold	Mike Sustad
8U Blue	Korey Frericks
8U Grey	Kelvin Goberdhan
8U White	Shaun Lorenz
10U Gold	Andy Stellmacher
10U Blue	Brian Sobiech
10U Grey	Audra Howard
10U White	Josh Wilm
10U Navy	Anrea Whalstrom
10U Yellow	Marissa Steinhagen
10U Aqua	Brian Sheeley

Teams	Head Coaches
12U Gold	Varnesh Sritharan
12U Blue	Bill Richardson
12U Grey	Shannon Ryan
12U White	Jenny Graves
12U Navy	Dan Kerr
12U Yellow	Joe McKenzie
14U Gold	Tim Ryan
14U Blue	Rachel Newhall
14U White	Katelyn Cuffel
16U Gold	Tim Lyons
18U Gold	Avery Lash/Nat Tustison

Travel Softball Calendar



Offseason
(Oct-Feb)



Summer Season
(March-July)



Fall Ball Season
(Aug-Sept)



Summer Season Schedule



Practices

Schedule:

- 8U – Mon/Wed
- 10U – Tues/Thurs
- 12U – Mon/Wed
- 14U – Tues/Thurs
- 16U - Mon/Wed

Indoor: March-April

- *Nights vary due to limited facilities*

Outdoor: May-July

League Games

League: Metro 8U or Big West

Game Nights:

- 8U – Wednesdays (DH's)
- 10U – Tuesdays
- 12U – Mon or Wed
- 14U – Tues or Thur
- 16U - Mon or Wed

Game Schedules: BigWest Coaches meeting on 4/7

- 8U: N/A
- 10/12U: 6:00-8:00pm
- 14/16/18U: 8:00-10:00pm

Tournaments

Invitationals:

- 8U – 2 invitationals
- 10U – 3 invitationals
- 12/14U/HS – 4 invitations

State Qualifiers:

- **10 & 12U:** June 27-28
- **14U/HS:** July 17-19

State Tournaments:

- **8U:** June 27-28
- **10/12U:** July 10-12
- **14/HS:** July 24-26

Nationals (must qualify; optional):

- NAFA Northerns or Monsta

2026 8U-12U Travel Tournaments



	8U				10U							12U						
Weekend	Gold - A	Blue - B	Grey - B	White - B	Gold - A	Blue - B	Grey - B	White - B	Navy - C	Yellow - C	Aqua - C	Gold - A	Blue - B	Grey - B	White - B	Navy - C	Yellow - C	
May 2-3					Prior Lake	OMGAA						Prior Lake						
May 9-10					Edina		Elk River	Elk River	Tonka	Mounds View			Elk River	Elk River	Lakeville	Burnsville	Lakeville	
May 16-17	8U Wayzata Warm Up										Chisago Lakes	OMGAA	OMGAA	Apple Valley	St. Louis Park	Anoka	Anoka	
May 23-24	Memorial Day Weekend																	
May 30-31	Edina	Edina			10U Wayzata Warm Up													
June 6-7			Belle Plaine	Elk River		Buffalo	Water-town					12U Wayzata Warm Up						
June 13-14									Monticello	Prior Lake	Prior Lake			Soderville		Prior Lake		
June 20-21					Eagan			Becker				Eagan	Shakopee		Becker		Andover	
June 27-28	8U State Tournament				10/12U State Qualifier													
July 4-5	4th of July Weekend																	
July 11-12	10/12U State Tournament																	
July 16-19	NAFA or Monsta - must qualify				NAFA (Cottage Grove) - must qualify							NAFA (Eagan) - must qualify						
July 23-26	Monsta (Bloomington) - must qualify																	
July 30-Aug 2	Monsta North (Elk River) - must qualify										Monsta (Shoreview) - must qualify							

2026 14u - HS Tournament Schedule



	14 u			HS	
Weekend	14 White	14 Blue	14 Gold	16 Gold	18 Gold
May 23-24	Memorial Weekend				
May 30-31		Coon Rapids	Forest Lake		
June 6-7		St. Louis Park	Maple Grove	St. Louis Park	St. Louis Park
June 13-14	Soderville			Soderville	
June 20-21	Waite Park		Cambridge	Millpond	Eagan
June 27-28	Luverne	Wayzata	Wayzata	Wayzata	Wayzata
July 4-5	4th of July Weekend				Mankato
July 11-12		Moorhead			
July 18-19	State Qualifier				
July 25-26	State Tournament				
Aug 1-2					
Aug 8-9	Monsta				

Optionals					
NAFA	July 23-26. Lakeville / Prior Lake			Champlin	EP / Chaska
Monsta	August 6-9. Mankato			July 31 - Aug 2. Rochester	
Legion SubState				July 11 -12. Wayzata ??	
Legion State				Aug 1-2. TBD	

14u - HS Year-Round Travel Teams



Primary goals:

- Provide our girls an opportunity to play a higher level of softball within our own backyard
- Offer a year-round platform that emphasizes both player and team development
- Focus on in-house retention
- Provide “something different” while still being an integral part of the Association
- Family friendly
- Welcome multi-sport athletes
- Develop a feeder program for Wayzata High School
- Coaching opportunities for young women
- Keep it affordable

14u - HS Year-Round Travel Teams



History:

- 2023: (1) team summer only
- 2023-2024: (1) HS team + (1) 14u team
- 2024-2025: (1) HS team + (2) 14u teams
- 2025-2026: (2) HS teams + (3) 14u teams

2024-25 Highlights:

- In-house retention allowed for creation of 2nd 14u team (92% retention)
- HS team – 2nd place finish inaugural MN American Legion Substate
- 14 Gold - #1 ranked B team in both state and country. 3rd place finish in 14-A State
- (3) Paid coaches across 2 rosters

2025-26 Upgrades & Expectations

- Continued retention expanded overall team count to (5)
- (5) Paid coaches across 4 rosters
- 14's. Gold – A. Blue/White – B
- Results – ???

14u - HS Year-Round Travel Teams



Inclusions and Benefits to the Program

- **Fall:**
 - Big West Season and Fall State Tournament
- **Winter:**
 - Dome Ball Opportunities
 - Offseason Training Opportunities
 - Priority Access to Pitching and Catching Clinics with Windup Fastpitch
 - Sunday Dome Time at CMS - specific to 14/HS teams
 - Monday Night Cage Time at CMS
 - Tuesday Night Dome Time at CMS - specific to 14/HS Teams
 - Thursday Night Team Strength Training at Empower Athletics (with optional Saturday)
 - Friday Night Hitting Clinic at Windup Fastpitch
- **Summer:**
 - Big West Season, 4 weekend tournaments, State and Qualifying Tournaments & MN Legion invite (HS)
- **Other:**
 - Full uniform package - both fall and summer (Home/Away jerseys specific to YRTs)
 - Team Bonding and Charity Events (Medina Bowl, Top Golf, Game Show Battle, WhirlyBall, 2nd Harvest)
 - Combination of Paid and Volunteer Coaches
 - Player Photos and Bios on PWYSA website

Player, Coaches, & Parent Expectations



All TRAVEL Participants

BE RESPECTFUL – Umpires, Other Teams, Facilities, each other

WORK TOGETHER – coaches, travel, communicate...we will only be as good as the sum of our parts

CHOOSE POSITIVITY – players are hard enough on themselves

Players

- Attend all practices and games & be on time
- Be Coachable – listen, ask questions
- Work hard
- Support your teammates

Coaches

- Coaching is Teaching, help players grow
- Break instructions down for kids
- Teach players to think & learn the game
- Support dev mindset

Parents

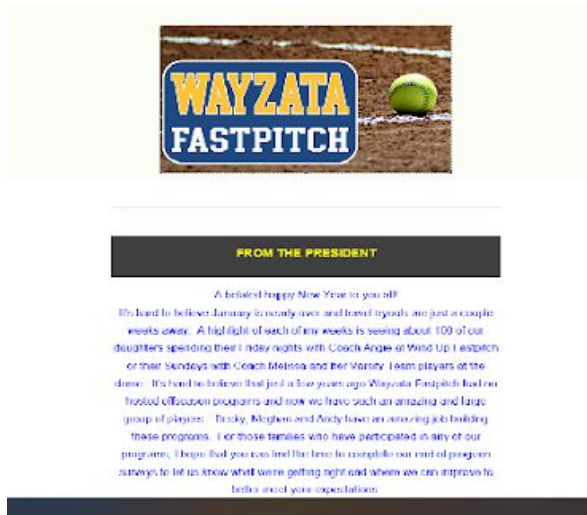
- Communicate with coach any scheduling conflicts
- 24 Hour rule – cool off before approaching coach

Helpful Digital Vehicles - Andy



PWYSA Website:

- www.pwysa.com/summertravel
- Facebook.com/Wayzatafastpitch
- Twitter (@The_PWYSA)
- Monthly Newsletter



App: Team Snap

- Schedules
- Attendance
- Messages
- Scores
- Photo Sharing



App: GameChanger

- Keep stats
- Live Steam Games (video or electronic)
- GameChanger University Training available

Fall Travel Softball



What is it?

- Opportunity to play travel softball and get more experience
- Flavor for the age group & level of competition you could play next summer

Age Division: Players move to the age group they will play next summer

Timeline: August - September

- Practices: 2x per week starting week of August 14
- Games: Doubleheaders on weekends
 - Saturdays - 8U & 10U
 - Sundays - 12U, 14U, High School
- 4 Game Dates: Aug 22-23, Aug 29-30, Sept 12-13, Sept 19-20
- Fall State Tournament: Sept 26-27

For more information, visit www.pwysa.com/FallTravel



Fall Travel Softball - 12U Changes



What is changing?

- We are going to form full year 12U Teams

What does this mean?

- Tryouts will be in July (last 2 weeks)
- Players will be placed on a team that will play together for Fall 2026-Summer 2027



Why are we making this change?

- Provides longer window for coaches and players to develop together
- Combats losses players to club softball teams

Open details:

- If you don't want to play fall but want to play summer, you would tryout in July and we'd flex players as needed for teams during Fall Season
- This program will NOT include offseason programs (skills, training sessions, dome ball leagues or tournaments) - all of this would be up to individuals and/or teams



For more information, visit www.pwysa.com/FallTravel

Fall Travel Softball - 10U Changes



What is changing?

- We will NOT do 10U tryouts in the Fall

What does this mean?

- We will form teams based on previous tryout scores and coaches evaluations

Why are we making this change?

- Hundreds of hours planning and executing tryouts for an 8 week season
- Provides chance for some of the summer teams to remain together

Open details:

- TBD

For more information, visit www.pwysa.com/FallTravel



Wayzata Elite Update - Sean Porter



Objective: Provide a high level, winter development team to train and play during the offseason

Benefits:

- Continuous development over the winter with live game play, practices, and training
- Compete with high level competition (Tonka, Prior Lake, Bloomington and others)

Results: 19-3-1, 3 1sts and a 2nd place

Details

- **Age Division:** 10U & 12U
- **Playing Level:** A/B Level
- **Timeline:** October - February
- **Estimated Cost:** \$1,200-\$1,300
- **What's Included:**
 - Practices, Games: Dome Ball (Nov-Dec or Jan-Feb)
 - Tournaments: 3-4 (ie. Monster Mash, Turkey Trot, Winter Bash, MLK, President's Day)
 - Training: hitting, catching, pitching, skills & drills
 - Flexible for multi-sport athletes



"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail"

~Benjamin Franklin



More detailed information will be coming in future newsletters or www.pwysa.com/wayzataelite

Coaching Director – Matt Richter



Family: Jaycee
Kylie (15, 16U)
Liam (13)
Aiden (10)



Why do i do what i do?

So glad you asked!



Contact: Matt.richter@PWYSA.com



Rules before approaching your coach..

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- *24 Hr cool down period
- *AFTER the cool down period, come with both the issue you saw AND a potential solution. Your Coach still has the final decision.

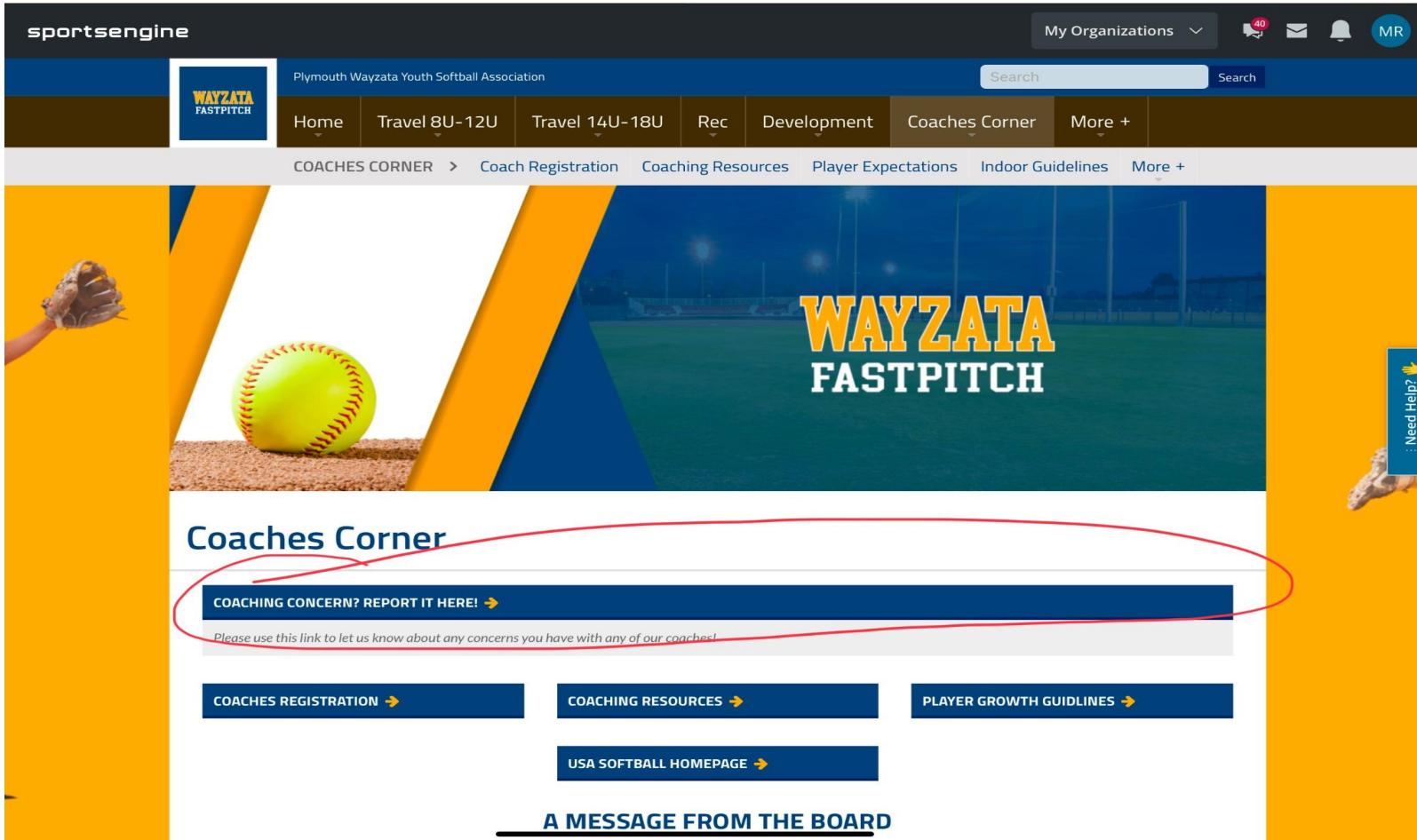
(We are always looking for volunteers in the future!)

*Is It Helpful, or just opinion?

*Please, Let the Coach's interact the Umpires!



Coaching Concerns...



You Have a Voice!

Click on the link to bring a concern to me anonymously.

- * Inappropriate Language
- * Inappropriate Conduct
- * ETC...

(This is NOT for complaints about batting order, field rotation, etc... those concerns should be brought to the Head Coach AFTER the 24hr rule.)

You Have A Voice!



END OF YEAR SURVEY

New Tool This Year...

We build coaches “Feedback Reports” based off of the end of year survey. We need to hear the good, bad, ugly, or indifferent. The more data points I have, the better decisions i can make in the future years.

Player Development – Jenny



2025/2026 Off Season Highlights

Multiple Offerings:

- Hitting
- Pitching
- Catching
- Skills & Drills
- Year round team practices
- 10U Elite and 12U Winter teams
- Strength & Agility training
- W-Club Blankets

Continued Relationships with Training Partners!



Carrie Carlson
Empower Athletics
www.clarkleadersfitness.com

Partnership with P2P

P2P ACADEMY OFFSEASON PROGRAM

UNLIMITED P2P FACILITY
ACCESS DURING PROGRAM

6:1 LESSON RATIO

16-WEEK PROGRAMS

8- WEEK PROGRAMS



Join Pitch2Pitch and Wayzata Fastpitch for
an electric offseason program this winter:

Players will practice 1.5 hours/week

Each day consists of 2-45 min sessions per
day

1st session is a choice of pitching,
catching, and defense*

2nd session is hitting training

*If demand allows, slap hitting will be an option

2026 In Season Opportunitites

- Pitching Clinics
- Strength Training with Carrie Carlson
- **Summer Camps: Wayzata Camp Open NOW!**

Wayzata Softball Summer Camp 2026



Registration open NOW:
www.pwysa.com/softballcamp

Wayzata Fastpitch players (8th grade & younger) are invited to join Becky Ivory (softball coach and former player development director) for drills, skills, and fun on the diamond.



****NEW THIS YEAR****

Pitching (Britt Stroup) and Catching (Sydney Strelow)

**requires separate registration*

Dates: June 16-18 (3 days)

Location: Elm Creek Playfields

Ages, Times, Prices:

- 8U: 9:30-11:00am, \$100
- 10U: 11:15-12:45pm, \$100
- 12U-8th grade: 1:15-3:15pm, \$110

****Register by Friday May 29th for tshirt****

Wayzata Warm Ups – Adam Thompson

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- FIVE tournaments this season!
 - 8U– May 16-17
 - 10U (split from 12U)– May 30-31
 - 12U– June 6-7
 - 14U & HS– June 27-28
- We are excited to showcase our teams, facilities, & local hospitality
- New for the 2026....PAID field prep crews for tournaments!
 - We are looking for current and former players who are interested



Questions or interest? Please reach out!
thompsonhawkeye@gmail.com

DIBS Change – Steph Horton



What Changed

- Transitioned from required Dibs volunteer hours to \$100 fee per family
- Certain event & field crew roles shifting to paid positions for youth

Why We Made This Change

- Inconsistent volunteer coverage
- Paid concession pilot improved staffing consistency and event flow
- Last-minute scrambling to hire support

The Goal

- Paid opportunities for players and other youth
- Reliable staffing
- Higher-quality tournament experience for players and families

Crew Application Process

- Training at Elm Creek Fields mid to late April
- More details coming soon on how to apply



Facilities – Tim Lyons

- **Indoor Practices**

- CMS Dome = Multi-team usage (3-4 teams)
- Brower Baseball = Multi-team usage (2 teams)
- Gym Spaces
- Practice days will vary from standard M/W & T/Th schedule

- **Outdoor Practices**

- Starting as soon as Mother Nature *approves* our permit
- Shared field spaces - 2-3 teams per field, per night

- **Weather Related Closures**

- Notification via Email by 4:30PM on impacted days

- **Additional Info**

- Coaches should discuss plans for multi-team practices before the practices occur
- Bring softballs to Brower Baseball

Contact: tim.lyons@pwysa.com



Uniforms & Apparel – Bruce Rohrich



• Travel Uniforms

- 8U-12U remain the same - (ordering closed)
- 14U-HS - New Navy option (ordering closed)
- **NEW** - Cold Weather Hoodie Jersey
 - Number on the back
 - Orderable until Wed, March 4th
- **NEW** - alternate script logo apparel available
- Coaches order closes March 13th. Get the orders in!
- Pre-Order Apparel – First order closes March 13
- Apparel Shop www.wayzatafastpitch.com
- Contact Bruce @ apparel@wayzatafastpitch.com
- Promowear – Will again have some items available during the season.



Umpires – Peter Kim



- **National Umpire Shortage - Accept Call, Move On, Be Kind**
- **2 Umpire Groups**
 - o Walks & Balks assign travel team umpires
 - o PWYSA assigns umpire gaps
 - 8U Rec and Travel
 - 10U Rec
 - 10U B/C Travel (requires safety equipment)
 - 12U Rec (requires safety equipment)
- **PWYSA is always looking for new umpires**
 - o Umpires need to be 12 years old or older
 - o New umpire training is 4/13
 - o Reach out if interested (shpk80@yahoo.com)



Equipment – Sean Porter



- Please take care of equipment to minimize replacement costs (batting tees!)
- Thank you to the MN Twins Community Fund for support
- Notable improvements: catcher's gear, improved Jugs pitching machines
- Game balls are precious - keep them all
- Key dates:
 - Softie exchange coordinated around spring break based on weather



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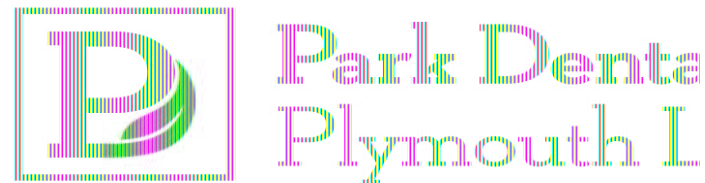
Fundraising/Sponsors - TBD (Open)



Wayzata Fastpitch is a 501c3 non-profit

Thank you to our 2025 Sponsors!

Please consider supporting -
Contact: TBD



PWYSA Board of Directors: Growing the Program



Accomplishments:

- Largest travel association in MN (2nd year)
- Grown Rec and 14/16U program. Against trend
- Edina joining our Rec program
- 14 State Championships, 8 State Runner-ups since 2020
- #3 ranked 12U & 14U teams 2025
- Joined American Legion softball League
- Established Elm Creek concessions
- Added off-season Elite and dome team options
- Partnerships with P2P & Wind-up Fastpitch
- Hosting 4 Travel Tournaments (8U-18U)
- Apparel sales, online and event based

Coming Soon:

- Expand Wayzata Elite offseason program
- Student staffed field crew/maintenance
- Adding 16U-18U Tournament this year



PWYSA Board Members - Help Needed!



Tim Lyons – President

Andy Stellmacher – Travel Director (8U-12U)

Tim Ryan - Travel Director (14U-HS)

Chantell Bazewics – Rec Director

Jenny Graves – Player & Development Director

Matt Richter - Coaches Development Director

Ryan Bohlen – Mktg & Comms Director

OPEN - Operations & Facilities Director

Jenny Sobiech - Director of Events

Peter Kim – Umpire Director

OPEN – Fundraising Director

Sean Porter – Equipment Director

Steph Horton – Event Staffing Coordinator

Tom Brindley – Secretary

Bruce Rohrich – Apparel Director

Adam Thompson - Tournament Co-Director

Sara Mast - Tryout Coordinator

What's next?!

- *Drive the next generation* [**www.pwysa.com/board**](http://www.pwysa.com/board)

This is OUR Travel program

- It is what we make of it!



Q&A



Team Breakout Time

