

2025 OMGAA Storm Tryouts – FAQ's

1) Is it a requirement to tryout for Storm in order to make a travel team?

Yes. Tryouts are an essential part of the process to ensure integrity in forming teams.

2) Is it necessary to attend BOTH tryout date(s) (where applicable)?

Yes, if your daughter is “called back” to attend a second tryout night, it is expected she attend. For ages 10U+, we are moving from a one-day to a two-day evaluation process to enable a more thorough evaluation of players.

3) Will ALL players be “called back” for a second tryout date (where applicable)?

Not all players may be called back depending on the total # of registered players and day one tryout results. Please check the Storm Travel Girl Tryouts results page on our [website](#) to see if your daughter is expected to return for the second tryout date.

4) What if my daughter is unable to make the tryout date(s)?

Please contact the Storm Travel Fastpitch Director (Mark Hosmann – hosmann@omgaa.org) immediately to discuss options. Most likely your daughter will be expected to tryout with another age group, keeping in mind this will likely be to the disadvantage of your daughter as she will not be able to be compared to her peers, nor evaluated by the same judges. Thus, it is in the best interest of your daughter to do all she can to attend the identified tryout date(s).

5) What if my daughter is sick or injured and cannot tryout?

You will be expected to provide a Doctor's note to the Storm Travel Fastpitch Director (Mark Hosmann – hosmann@omgaa.org) supporting the reason for your daughter's inability to tryout. You will then work with the director to determine alternative options considering the circumstances.

6) Can my daughter's score from last year be used in place of trying out this year?

We have made a number of changes to the tryout process this year with entirely new evaluation criteria. As such, prior years scores are not deemed a viable option.

7) Is it ok for parents to watch tryouts?

No. Tryouts are closed to parents and other family members.

8) Will scores and/or player rankings be shared with players/families?

No. Scores and rankings will remain confidential, only shared with Head Coaches during the team selection process. However, head coaches may share general feedback themes with players and families in terms of skills the players either excelled in and/or showed room for improvement.

9) What is the tryout evaluation criteria?

The tryout evaluation criteria can be found on the Storm Girls Fastpitch page on our [website](#) under the Storm Program Communications section.

10) If my daughter is a pitcher or catcher, does she have to do the all-around tryout as well?

Yes. The pitching and catching specific tryouts only evaluate skills for those positions. Players must all attend the all-around tryouts to get evaluated on their overall skill set.

11) Who is responsible for doing the player evaluations?

To the best of our ability, evaluators will be skilled, independent and unbiased individuals who do not have active kids in the Storm program. Examples include former Storm coaches, directors, etc. whose kids are no longer with Storm. If there are gaps, current coaches/prospective coaches may be asked to serve as evaluators, but NOT for the age group of their daughter(s).

12) Can coaches watch tryouts?

Prospective head coaches only (not assistants), will be able to observe day 2 of the tryout process for 10U+ ages. 8U prospective head coaching candidates (not assistants) will be able to observe the one-day tryout process.

NOTE – coaches attending are NOT to engage with players or evaluators. They are there to observe only. Any attempt to engage with evaluators (in particular) may result in your dismissal of the tryout.

13) How soon after tryouts are completed will results be posted and shared?

It is our goal to communicate tryout results within 2-5 days following the completion of the tryout. Head coaches will be contacted first in order to work with the Storm Travel Fastpitch Director in selecting their team. Once all coaches have been selected and teams formed, then results will be posted to our website.

14) How will teams be formed?

See the “Storm Team Selection” document on the Storm Girls Fastpitch page on our [website](#) under the Storm Program Communications section.

15) What if my daughter doesn't make a Storm team?

Your daughter will automatically be registered for the House softball program and you will be reimbursed (if necessary) for any travel fees already paid.

16) What if my daughter makes a Storm team but isn't happy with the team she was picked for?

With tryouts, there will always be some kids who are not happy with the team they were picked for. Encourage your daughter to learn from the experience and work hard to set themselves up for achieving their goal next year. Encourage them to be a leader on the team they were picked for, and to make the most of the experience.

NOTE - If your daughter chooses NOT to play on the team she is selected for, she will NOT be able to tryout for a Storm team again the following season.

Please contact the Storm Travel Fastpitch Director (Mark Hosmann – hosmann@omgaa.org) with any other questions you may have that aren't covered here.

Let's have a great season – Go Storm!!!