



Welcome to the 2021 - 2022 Softball Season!

The Geneva Foxes Fastpitch Softball Organization is a **non-profit** fastpitch club softball program founded in Geneva, IL. Our primary goal is to advance young, female athletes and give them the skill-set necessary to compete at the highest levels throughout their adolescent softball career. There is a fine line in competing at the highest level without losing sight or focus on development of the multi-sport athlete, and we recognize this. Our goal is to provide a rewarding softball experience and to encourage each girl to advance to a level beyond their own expectations. We've developed and maintained a program recognized as one of the area's most complete for training the fundamental skills appropriate for a higher level of competition.

History of the Organization

Having just celebrated our 25th year, we are a self-funded, non-profit organization offering a softball skill development program (see *Offseason Training*) at a rate well below other comparable programs. We are not affiliated with any other Geneva organization but work in conjunction with the Geneva Park District and Geneva High School. We follow the guidelines of fast-pitch softball governing bodies such as USSSA, PGF and USA. In the 2021-2022 seasons, we will be adding select players for our 12U, 13U, 14U, 16U, and 18U age groups. This will allow between 60-80 girls to participate in competitive club softball.

Tryouts

During tryouts, teams, coaches, and players are determined for the coming season. Each player is required to attend at least one tryout but can attend multiples if necessary. Returning players are required to participate in order to secure their position and show support for new candidates. During the tryouts, each applicant will be asked to demonstrate skills in hitting, fielding, running, pitching and catching. The coaches will review and rate each player on these skills as well as watch the interaction with the other players and coaches during the tryout.

Not all players that attend the tryouts will be offered a position on a team. During the selection process, each Coach/Manager will offer positions to players meeting the needs of his/her team. Each player is notified by a face-to-face meeting, a phone call and/or email (Managers' discretion). **On-line acceptance and initial payment are required to hold a position on the team.**

Player Fees for 2021-2022 Season

Registration fees are for the entire season and are used for tournament costs, umpires, off-season training, professional player instruction, administration fees, field preparation & rental, practice equipment and indoor practice space rental. This also includes complete uniform and equipment bag / backpack. Foxes **"Spirit Wear"** or any other personal equipment such as gloves, bats and catcher's gear are not included. The uniform sizing will be done shortly after the teams are established. The time and exact date will be communicated through your Manager. Uniforms styles and choices are chosen with safety, style and functionality in mind.

The registration fee for the 2021-2022 season is \$1,850.00* per player.

Fee payment schedule is as follows:

- \$500.00 upon accepting a position, payable to the Geneva Foxes. Payment must be made to hold a position on a team.
- \$450.00 payable to the Geneva Foxes on or before October 1, 2021.
- \$450.00 payable to the Geneva Foxes on or before December 1, 2021.
- \$450.00 payable to the Geneva Foxes on or before March 1, 2022.

* Excludes Strength and Conditioning. This may be offered as an option in January 2022 - \$200.00 additional.

If fees are not received on-time the player will not be able to practice or play and their roster spot may be vacated to be filled with another player. Player fees are non-refundable.



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Parents will have the option to pay registration fees via personal check or by credit card on-line through our website registration page. There will be a service fee associated with this option. A link to the website will be provided upon offer acceptance.

Registration fee does not include lodging if the team is traveling where and overnight stay is required. Also, not included are any costs associated with the team(s) going to State or National competitions. If deemed necessary, specific fundraisers may be introduced to offset the costs of the event as voted upon by the traveling team. Should this occur, the fundraiser will be exclusive to that team, not across entire organization.

Offseason Training

Practices and "Fall Ball" games will begin in September. Training will begin late Fall and will continue throughout the Winter at the Fox Valley Strikers indoor training facility Geneva (fielding), All American Softball in North Aurora (hitting) with pitching instruction being held in at Bring-It Sports in St. Charles and general team practices taking place at Waubensee Community College. Players will receive professional coaching and performance training focusing on fielding, batting, pitching, catching, conditioning and overall game strategy.

Offseason training program from professional coaches (see coaches' profiles below) typically includes:

- 14 weeks of hitting lessons
- 8 weeks of catching lessons
- 16 weeks of pitching lessons
- 10 weeks of indoor infield/outfield training at a climate controlled 50,000 sq. ft. athletic facility in Geneva, IL.
- **8 weeks of Strength & Conditioning (Optional: \$200 Additional Fee)**

Offseason Professional Coaching Staff Profile

| Fundamental Backstop Catching & Fielding Instruction | Jill Waldron Fastpitch Pitching Instruction | Heather Harner Training Multi-Step Hitting Instruction |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 Years – Kaneland Varsity Head Coach• 2018 State Championship Runner-Up• 33 Years Catching Instruction Experience• 26 years Coaching Experience.• 1985 All State, All conference Catcher• Naperville North• 1986-87 Starting Catcher at College of DuPage• 1989 Played one Season Biloxi Dolphins Biloxi Mississippi (K.C. Farm)• 1990-1993 Assistant Coach at College of Dupage• 1993-1998 Head Coach Naperville Boys Travel• 1998-2006 Head Coach at Elburn Express Boys Baseball• 2006-Present, Head Coach Girls Softball Travel organizations• 2010 Inductee into Naperville North High School Hall of fame• ASEP Certified | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offering private and group instruction to over 100 athletes a year for the past 20 years. Successfully aided in the development of division I,II and III NCAA and NAIA collegiate athletes with monies awarded over 500,000 in scholarships.• Elmhurst college pitching coach 2006, 2008• North central college 1994-99• All Conference Pitcher for 1999• All American scholar athlete• BA exercise science• 5 time marathon finisher• 2 time triathlete figure competitor npc• High School Driscoll Catholic 90 94• 4 year varsity starter• 3 year all conference• 2 year Daily Herald all area first team | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor Training facility• Staffed by professional trainers with over 30 years combined experience.• Specialized lessons for developing key batting fundamentals:• Power Hitting• Bunting• Slapping• Team environment while maintaining focus on individual development.• Multi-stage technique development with 2-cages of live hitting and evaluation. |



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Parent Participation and Sponsorships

Parent opportunities are unlimited and very essential in running a well-organized program. Just as the managers and coaching staff volunteer their time and efforts for the girls, so can our parents. A key point to remember is to ask your daughter's Manager what they need. Helping where not wanted or needed, can cause confusion and complications instead of assistance. Each Manager determines the need for the respective team. Some examples of where you can help include: help in running practice stations, team managers, drivers, field maintenance, etc. Most importantly being a positive, supportive and enthusiastic fan. If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors or Coaching please contact our Board President. You can email him via our website – www.genevafoxes.org and click on the "info" and "Board Members" link to find out what positions are open and available.

Sponsorships are another integral part of the organization. Sponsors can be any business or individual who wishes to donate to the organization, individual team or specific player. Besides getting a possible tax deduction, the sponsors may be honored in a variety of ways. These include their name on each of our team's travel banners and their logo/name on our website with a link to the sponsor site. The Geneva Foxes are a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

Fundraising Events

The Geneva Foxes do not require participation in any fundraising event. Individual teams, however, may have the option of selecting a fundraiser to offset travel expenses. These are typically Super Bowl Squares, March Madness, etc.

Organizational Commitment

The Geneva Foxes Travel Softball Organization is committed to entering highly competitive teams in all tournaments and inter-league play. Parents, players and family commitment are also required. The team managers will distribute tournament, game and practice schedules no later than March 2022 to assist families in vacation planning. **Taking vacation during the tournament season is discouraged.** However, the organization is aware of family commitments and fully supports the multi- sport athlete. Any conflicts in dates should be discussed with the head coach and/or manager as soon as possible to allow for time to adjust game schedules or expand the team's roster.

For additional information, please visit: www.genevafoxes.org