

Welcome to the Sauk Rapids-Rice Fastpitch Softball
Association Parent Meeting
January 30, 2025
6:00 Jersey Try-on, 6:30 Player/Parent Meeting



Meet Our Board Members

- *President: Jim Dorn
- *Vice President: Jenica Cmelik
- *Secretary: Whitney Kelm
- *Treasurer: Kelly Travis
- *Player Coordinator: Kara Barry
- *Apparel/Player Development Coordinator: Theresa Stang
- *Social Media/Photo Coordinator: Melissa Rowe
- *Fundraising/Concessions Coordinator: Open
- *Website/Registration Coordinator: Joline Hurst
- *League and Umpire Coordinator: Lora Gullette
- *Field and Equipment Coordinator: Adam Bauer



Coordinator Positions

- HS Level Coordinator
- 14u Level Coordinator
- 12u Level Coordinator
- 10u Level Coordinator
- 8u Level Coordinator





Program Overview

The Sauk Rapids Fastpitch Softball Association (SRRFSA) is a softball program for girls 18 and under that want to play competitive softball during the summer. We try to accommodate all age groups and we will be affiliated with the St. Cloud Softball League and Big West League on a team by team basis.

Player Equipment

Jerseys (8U t-shirts), shared bats, shared helmets (recommend personal helmet), catcher gear, softballs, etc. for all levels are provided by SRRFSA. Players are responsible for remainder of gear – examples below:

- **Black ball pants**
- **Green or Gold socks – MUST be consistent for the team**
- **Belt to match socks**
- **Gloves**
- **Shoes or Cleats - 12u and under may NOT be metal**
- **Facemask (required at all positions for 12u and under - 14u and high school (required for infield)**
- **Any other equipment the player believes they want above and beyond what is listed/provided**

Team Leagues and Game Days

All teams are moving to Big West with the exception of 8u - they are in an In-House Waite Park League - playing with local associations - Sartell, Waite Park, ending with a Jamboree tournament at the end of July.

2025 Potential Nights of Play (Games):

- 8u Thursdays (TBD)
- 10u Tuesdays and/or Thursdays
- 12u Mondays and/or Wednesdays
- 14u Tuesdays and/or Thursdays
- High School Mondays and/or Wednesdays



*Coaches will determine practice dates and times.



Tournaments -

All teams (except 8u) will play in Waite Park and Becker tournaments.

Waite Park Tournament Date - 10u/12u May 17-18; 14u/HS June 20-22

Becker Blast Tournament Date - June 13-15 2025

Each team will participate in 4-5 tournaments throughout the summer. Tournaments will be chosen by the coaches of each team and board members.

All teams will play in the State Qualifier, but may not qualify for the State Tournament.





State Tournament Info

10u & 12u Qualifier: June 28-29

10/12 State : July 12-13

14u & HS Qualifier: July 19-20

14/HS State: July 26-27

Player Expectations



- Support your teammates, encourage each other, and be a “team player.”
- Remain on your best behavior during practices and games.
- Be attentive and focused during all practices and games.
- If a player has questions or concerns, you are expected to first speak with the coach to try to resolve the issue.
- The use of any illegal substances may cause players to miss/sit out during games.

Practice Info and Expectations



PRACTICES:

- Most teams have 2 practices per week.
- Players must attend all practices and games, unless you are sick or have school, religious, or other family commitments. - Lack of communication and unexcused absence could result in limited playing time.
- Contact the coach if you are unable to make it to a practice or game (parents can assist with this as needed).
- Players must be ready to practice prior to the start of practice. We encourage players to be at least 10 minutes early.



Weather Updates

Cancellations or delays of games are often made in the moment on the fields.

Communication will come from the coaches and officials in these instances. Weather updates made ahead of game time are posted to the SRRFSA facebook page and within team communication methods on the Crossbar app.





Grievances/Concerns

If a parent or player has a concern or complaint they may appeal to the SRRFSA Board only after first attempting to resolve the situation with their player's coach(es). Please follow these guidelines:

- Please make every effort to have your child talk to the coach(es) about a concern FIRST. We encourage players to respectfully advocate for themselves by talking to their coach(es) about issues or concerns before a parent becomes involved.
- Parents and players should wait at least 24 hours after the incident in question to email or call the coach.



VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS (FORMERLY DIBS)

This year we are asking families to complete 4 volunteer hours per player. We currently have meat raffle opportunities available at Molitor's Quarry Grill and Bar and St. Cloud Eagles listed, and can be found under the "Volunteer" tab on the website. Families that do not complete their 4 hours by the end of September will be charged \$50/hour.

Other volunteer opportunities will be available during the season. Be sure to watch your email or check the website for dates and times.

Manea's Meat Packs

We will be selling Manea's meat packs as our fundraiser this year. Below are key dates. More info to come.

- Sales begin - Friday April 18th
- Order turn in due - Friday May 2nd
- Order Pick up - Monday May 19th



Panda Express Fundraising Night

Tuesday Feb 26th 10am-10pm

20% of sale back to SRRFSA
Use code 3835231 when ordering
online or show flyer in store

SPIRIT BLANKET FUNDRAISER



Please support our school by
buying a blanket, we profit over
50% with each blanket sale!

\$40



- Soft plush blanket you'll want to snuggle with
- Beautiful spirited full color vibrant print
- Great to have to spread school spirit
- Large warm gift that makes a great keepsake
- Keeps you cozy year after year

MASH OPPORTUNITIES



MASH offers opportunities for players to continue developing skills during the off-season. Here are the dates for our upcoming MASH program.

- 14u/HS Sundays 6:00-8:00pm (\$20 per session):
Jan. 26, Feb. 16, March 2, 16
- 10u/12u Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm (\$15 per session):
Feb. 2, 23, March 9, 23

Players can do one session, all of them, or any combination, however it works with your schedule.



Open Gym 8u, 10u, 12u Players

Unstructured gym times available to 8u - 12u players. Open for players and guardian. Batting net, tees and 10in and 12in balls will be available.

Pleasantview Gym Enter Door #8

Sun 2/9 11-1230

Sun 2/16 6-730

Sun 3/2 6-730

Sun 3/16 6-730



OPEN GYM - COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Open gym times are available through the
community ed program for grade 7-12 730-930.
Wednesday and Sunday's through March.
See Community Ed webpage for more details.

Fall Ball Opportunities

The purpose of the fall league is to provide players with more softball games in a more relaxed setting and to possibly prepare players to play at the next age division for the next summer season.

- Fall season is typically 5 weeks - beginning in August and ending the last weekend of September with a state tournament.
- Teams play 2 games per day with exception of the state tournament.
- Days of play are typically:
8u & 10u - Saturdays
12u & up - Sundays



Helpful Websites/Communication Sites

- Official Website: srrfsa.org - please make sure that SRRFSA (Sauk Rapids Rice Fastpitch Softball Association) is not sent to your junk/spam email
- Facebook: SRR Storm Fastpitch
- Instagram: Sauk Rapids-Rice Softball ([srrsoftball](https://www.instagram.com/srrsoftball))
- MNsoftball.com
- Crossbar Sports Management Platform: coaches will communicate through this platform





Tonight - Please Remember To:

- Try on a jersey to make sure it fits.
Players will be charged an additional fee if their jersey doesn't fit and a new size is needed.
- Players may also order and pay for a second jersey if an extra jersey is helpful to your family.
Payment for an extra jersey will be invoiced \$40 through Crossbar.

Questions??



Thank You For Coming Tonight!

We look forward to a fun
and exciting 2025 Summer
Softball season!

