

Welcome to the Sauk Rapids-Rice Fastpitch Softball  
Association Parent Meeting  
January 21, 2025  
6:30 Jersey Try-on, 7:00 Player/Parent Meeting



# Meet Our Board Members

- \*President: Carrie Pantzke
- \*Vice President: Jenica Cmelik
- \*Secretary: Rachael Felche
- \*Treasurer: Jen Bauer
- \*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, 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



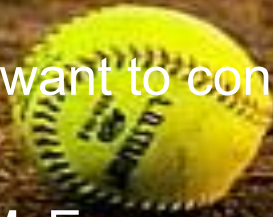
# Easton Ghost Matte Helmet - Green

SRRHS will begin to recommend a matching helmet for high school season.

As families replace helmets may want to consider using using the high school recommended helmet.

Questions contact Coach Emily McEwan

Recommended families check that helmets are not expired.



# Team Leagues and Game Days

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

## 2026 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 -

Waite Park Tournament Date - 10u/12u May 15-17 ; 14u/HS June 19-21

Oriole Opener Tournament Date - 14u/HS June 5-7

Becker Blast Tournament Date - 10u/12u June 19-21

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 26-28

10/12 State : July 10-12

14u & HS Qualifier: July 17-19

14/HS State: July 24-26



## **Construction Update**

**Fields will be impacted by the construction of the new athletic complex at the high school. Field 6 will be removed.**

**We are working with the school district and city on fields for this summer. More information will come out.**

**Anticipate parking impacts and utilization of fields and/or other locations in the city.**

**<https://www.isd47.org/about/onestormonefuture>**



# Crossbar Communication

- Crossbar is the communication platform SRRFSA uses.
- App is used for team management and communication, RSVP to practice/tournaments and chat with team.
- Website has more features like volunteering, registration, resources.

# 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. RSVP to events in Crossbar. Last minute change in attendance, message coaches.
- 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. Opportunities can be found under the “Volunteer” tab on the website. Hours by the end of September will be charged \$50/hour. If you wish to buyout your volunteer hours please see a board member.

- 8u players are not required to complete volunteer hours.
- Other volunteer opportunities will be available during the season. Be sure to watch your email or check the website for dates and times.





# Danny's Dugout Meat Raffles

SRRFSA teams have been assigned Thursday meat raffle dates at Danny's Dugout from November 2025 - April 2026. Families can earn DIBS volunteer hours by helping run their team's assigned night. Each event raises \$200 for the team, with any extra funds supporting SRRFSA general fund.

Assigned team dates are:

- November 6th: High School
- January 1st: 14U Gold
- March 5th: 12U Gold
- December 6th: 14U Green
- February 5th: 12U Green
- April 2nd: 10U Green

Meat raffles start at 6:30pm and depending on the crowd will run 2-3 hours. You will be responsible for running the meat raffle with the instruction sheet provided at Danny's Dugout. Board members may not be present.





# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Families are expected to be engaged to make the best experience for the athletes. This may include running score boards, game changer, keeping book, taking photos or bringing snacks.

These do not receive credit for volunteer hours for the year.

Submit photos by messaging the SRRFSA facebook/instagram page or by emailing [srrfsasocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:srrfsasocialmedia@gmail.com).



## **Panda Express Fundraising Night**

Tuesday Feb 3 2026 10am-10pm

20% of sale back to SRRFSA  
Use code 3852083 when ordering  
online or show flyer in store

# SPIRIT BLANKET FUNDRAISER



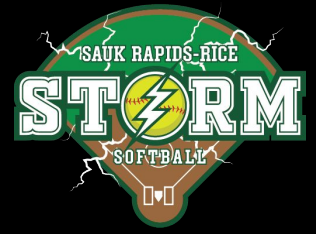
Please support our school by  
buying a blanket, we profit over  
50% with each blanket sale!

**\$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





## Fill The Ballpark Fundraising April 3 - 20

1. Print off the graphic and have family/friends sponsor a spot on your card for \$10.
2. Spread the word (social media, email, etc) that you are hosting a Fill the Ballpark fundraiser for your player.
3. Collect money through Venmo, cash, check. Give funds to SRRFSA at turn in night Monday April 20th
4. All players who fill in at 16 spots on the card receive an SRRFSA hoodie.

# FILL THE BALLPARK

SRRFSA FUNDRAISER



## HOW IT WORKS:

- **Sell All 16 Spots!**  
- 9 Positions + 3 Bench + 4 Fans
- **\$10 Per Spot Sold**
- **Once All Spots Filled...**

**EARN A SRRFSA SWEATSHIRT!**



**FILL THE BALLPARK & EARN YOUR SRRFSA SWEATSHIRT!**



# Super Fan Shirts or Tank

Super Fan shirts are available for purchase.  
Order by Feb 6th. Cash, check or invoice  
\$15 (+\$3 3x and above)  
T-shirt available in black, white, grey  
Tank available in white and black











# Open Gym - Community Education

Open gym times are available through the community ed program for grade 9-12.  
See Community Ed webpage for more details.

[Sauk Rapids Community Ed Catalog](#)

# 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](http://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))
- Crossbar App - coaches will communicate through this platform

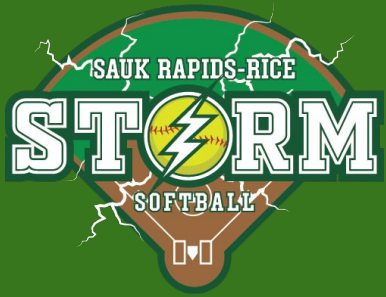


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- One Storm One Future Project Updates  
<https://www.isd47.org/about/onestormonefuture>
- Community Education  
[https://isd47.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/getcategory/program\\_id/6](https://isd47.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/getcategory/program_id/6)
- [MNSoftball.com](https://mnsoftball.com)
- Big West League  
<https://mnsoftball.com/pages/cms-v2/big-west>







# 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 2026 Summer  
Softball season!



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