

2025 GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL PARENT MEETING



Info to be discussed:

- BGFA Mission & Purpose
- Finances & Fundraising
- Softball Player Info
- 6U-8U and Traveling Programs
- Player Development Philosophy & Parent Involvement
- Future
- Q&A



THE BGFA SERVES A DUAL PURPOSE

- Girls Youth Program
 - 6U/8U
 - 10U – 14U Traveling



- Booster Club for HS team
- Varsity Coach
 - New Relationship



March

Spring Clinics

May- end of June

Summer
Season

Aug - Sept

Fall Ball

Jan/Feb

Dome Ball
Winter Clinics
Pitching Clinics

BGFA BY-LAWS

- **The BGFA 501(3)(C) non-profit corporation**
- **The BGFA is governed by a 11 member Board + 1 liaison**
- **By-Laws are posted on BGFA Website**

Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association

P.O. Box 403
Buffalo, MN 55313



Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association (BGFA)

2019 Bylaws

Article I

Name and Location

Section 1: The name of this non-profit organization shall be The Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association (BGFA).

Section 2: Its principle office shall be located in Buffalo, Minnesota 55313.

Section 3: Mailing of correspondence shall be sent to The Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association otherwise known as BGFA at PO Box 403, Buffalo, MN 55313.

Article II

Purpose

The Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association is established to promote fastpitch softball for young women residing in the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District, that are 19 years of age or younger, and meets the AFA, ASA, MSF, MMFL, NAFA, USSSA and participating league standards and will abide by the guidelines set forth in their philosophies.

Article III

Membership and Meetings

Section 1: Membership shall be described as all interested persons over the age of 19 to include all parents, guardians, coaches, and board members as active members herein.

Section 2: The annual meeting shall be in October as notified through mailings or by notice in the area newspaper. The purpose of this meeting shall be to elect the Board of Directors whose terms have expired. Voting shall be done by the general membership in good standing and proxies shall not be recognized. "Member in good standing" is defined as having all dues paid and adhering to the BGFA Code of Conduct.

Section 3: Bylaws shall be reviewed at the regularly scheduled meeting in November.

Section 4: Board meetings are open to all interested parties in good standing, and shall be held once a month during the softball season and as required during the off-season. Voting shall be done by Board Members only. The general membership has the right to make a motion and to second a motion. A motion can be tabled for a maximum period of 31 days.

Section 5: At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the Directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 11 Board Members + Liaison
- Elections - September
- Serve 2 year Terms
 - Some 1 year non voting members
- Team Liaisons
- Open Format:
 - Anyone can attend Board Meetings
- Board Meeting Posted on Website
- Members Wanted

Board Member	Responsibility	Term Up
Jeremy Carlson	President	2026
Chris Rustad	Vice President	2025
Sarah Decker	Treasurer	2025
Emily Martinson	Secretary	2026
Bobby Crane	Player/Coach Development	2026
Jason Peterson	Fields/Umpires	2026
Joel Swieton	Social Media/Web	2025
April Kiernan	Concessions, Pictures, Dibs	2026
Jackie Kotilinek	Registration/Fundraising	2025
Christina Boeckers	6U/8U Coordinator	2026
Beckie & Matt Gallagher	Uniforms, Dibs	2025
Jesse Violet	Booster Liaison	

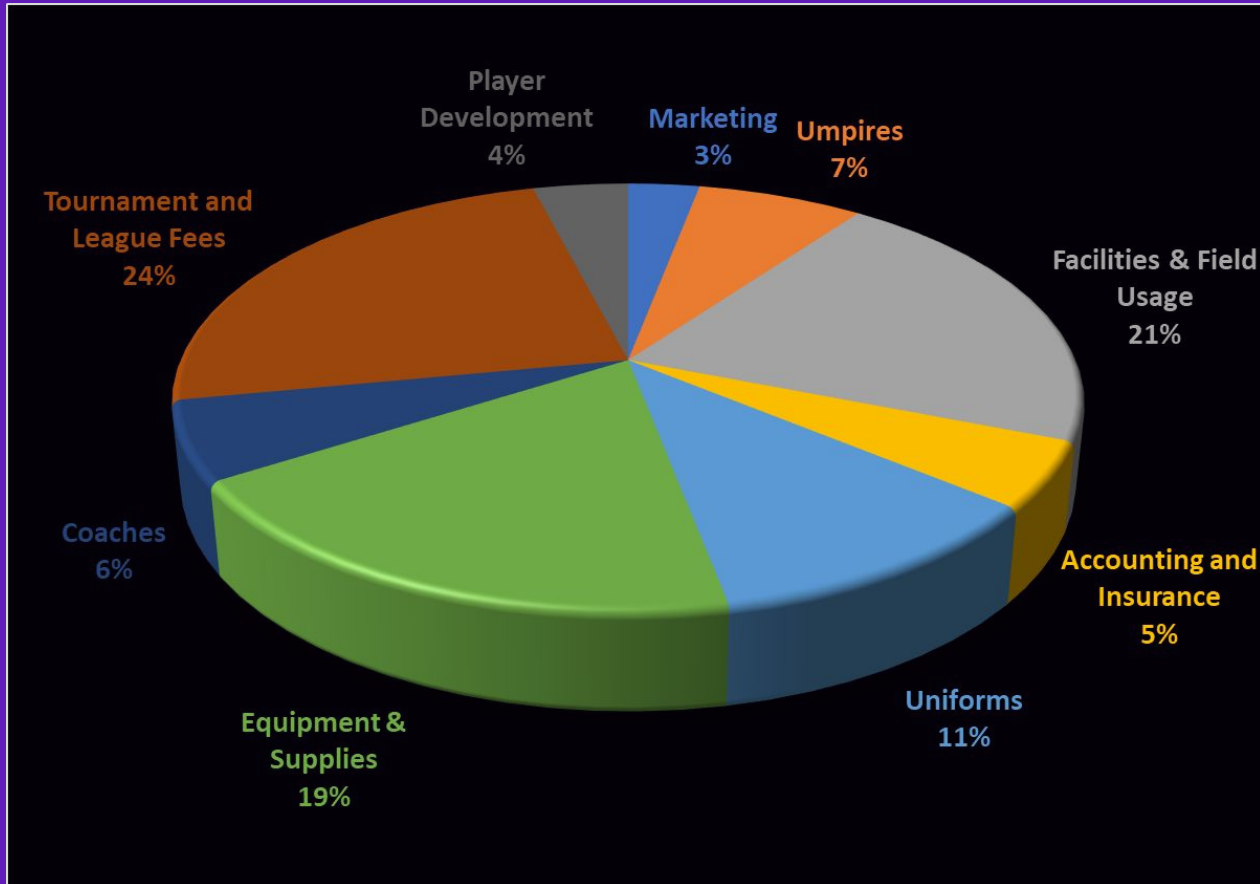
Finances and Fundraising



BGFA FINANCES

- March Balance-\$92,263.81
- Goal: Maintain approx \$35,000 for Annual Program
- Expenses:
 - City Usage Fees
 - League Fees (Big West)/Tourn Fees (3+ State)
 - Umpires – League and Bison Tournaments
 - Insurance
 - Activity Center – Clinics/Gym Space
 - Paid Trainers – Coaches/Clinics
 - Equipment: Travel, Training, Tournament
 - Varsity Program Requests
- Future Year Round Facility

Cost to Put a Player on the Field \$400



FUNDRAISING

- Bison Showdown
 - June 6-8, 2025
- State Qualifiers & State Tournaments
 - Hosting a 12U State Qualifier, June 28-29
 - Hoping to host a State Tournament, date TBD
- Heggies Pizza
 - Opens March 14
 - Closes April 7th
 - Pick up on April 21 - Civic Center 5-7 pm
- Fish Fry Fundraiser Huikko's
 - Friday, April 18, 2025

HEGGIES PIZZA FUNDRAISER

- Raised \$15,946 in 2022 , \$11,694 in 2023
- All Traveling and 6U/8U Teams Sell Pizzas
- Cost: \$12.00 (basic) and \$14.00 (specialty) per pizza
- Timing: March - April
- Requirement:
 - 15 Pizzas/family 6U or \$100 buyout
 - 20 Pizzas/family 8U or \$150 Buyout
 - 25 Pizzas/family 10+ or \$200 Buyout
- Top Team: Pizza Party



Huikko's Fish Fry

Friday, April 18, 2025

- 2022 BGFA Fishfry- raised \$1,862
- 2023 BGFA Fishfry- raised \$1,770
- Profits
 - Presale tickets- Higher profits for BGFA
 - Donations from Huikkos
 - Portion of the drink sales/pulltabs





Softball Player Info



REGISTERED PLAYERS 2025 SPRING

- 14U - 11 players
- 12U - 24 players
- 10U - 39 players
- 8U - 17 players
- 6U - 12 players (registration still open)

- Total Registered = 103

MARCH PLAYER CLINICS

- Primary Goals:
 - Focus on Fundamentals
 - Gear up for Team Practices
- Dates: Tues/Thurs in March
 - 6U/8U/10U 6pm- 7pm
 - Pitching/Catching 7pm-8pm
 - 12U/14U 8pm-9pm



Example of Clinic Schedule:

6:00 – 6:15pm : Introduction and Stretch

6:15 – 6:25pm: Warm-up arms

Divide into groups:

6:35 – 7:00pm BAC: Fielding

- Group 1: Fielding Grounders
- Group 2: Catching Pop Flys
- Group 3: Sliding Pad
- Each station = 10 min

6:35 – 7:00 pm Gym : Hitting

- Group 4: Hitting off Tee
- Group 5: Live Pitching
- Group 6: Soft Toss/Bunting

6U TEAMS

- **6U: no experience needed**
- **6U Fastpitch**
 - Practices and Games - Tuesday and Thursday evenings
 - Coach pitch
 - Playing local teams with most games at home
 - (St. Francis school fields)
 - Season - May through June
 - T-shirts included as uniform



8U Teams

- **No experience required**
- **8U Fastpitch Summer (May- June)**
 - Practices and Games - Monday and Wednesday
 - Games against surrounding communities
 - Buffalo, Rockford, Rogers, St. Michael
 - End of Year Tournament- June 18th, 23rd, & 25th, 2025
 - Schedules will be finalized after registration closes for all communities .
 - Machine pitch by a flinger going 33 mph
 - Uniform cost (\$60) was included in registration amount
- **8U Fall ball (August- September)**
 - Saturday doubleheaders
 - Practices at Bentfield based on coaches schedule/availability
 - Games at home and traveling to other communities
 - State tournament the end of September.
 - Big West league

Equipment Needs

- Softball glove
- Bat
- Batting helmet
- Facemask highly recommended
- Black softball pants and purple socks (Not required for 6u)
- Water bottle
- 8U - purchase uniform with registration
- Softball cleats (recommended)

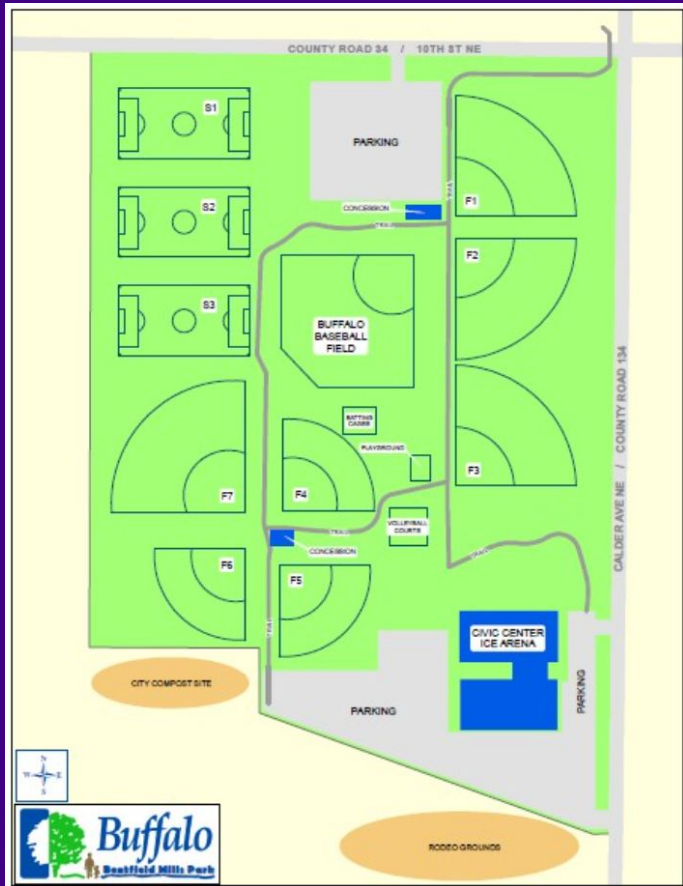
Check out Play It Again Sports in Buffalo for equipment needs

6U/8U Location - St. Francis Xavier School Fields



- 6u/8u primary location
- Access - May & June practices/games
- Bring lawn chairs for seating
- Playground
- No supplied supervision
- No access to the school
- Porta Potty available
- Games TBD due to #'s

10U & Up Location - Bentfield Mills Park



- 10U & UP primary location
 - April to July practices/games
 - Outdoor practices will start as soon as weather permits and city opens up fields
- Fields used for play 3,4,5,6 typically
- Nights of Play
 - 10U Tues and Thurs
 - 12U Mon and Wed
 - 14U Tues and Thurs

KEY DATES

- Bison Showdown (10u/12u/14u) – June 6-8th, 2025
- 8U- End of the season tournament- June 18, 23, & 25, 2025
- State Qualifiers 12U - June 28-29, 2025
- Heggies Pizza Fundraising Deadline - April 7, 2025
 - Pizza pick up - April 21st, 2025 - Civic Center
- BGFA clothing deadline - TBD
- Team pictures - April 21st time TBD

SEASON STARTS in MAY (depending on weather)

Practices as soon as weather permits or will check indoor

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY & PARENT INVOLVEMENT



Player Development Philosophy

10 THINGS THAT REQUIRE ZERO TALENT

1. BEING ON TIME
2. WORK ETHIC
3. EFFORT
4. BODY LANGUAGE
5. ENERGY
6. ATTITUDE
7. PASSION
8. BEING COACHABLE
9. DOING EXTRA
10. BEING PREPARED

Parent Conduct & Sportsmanship

- Be respectful
 - Volunteer coaches and board members
- Be a role model for the players
 - Appropriate language and behavior in the stands.
- Parents volunteering and young umpires
 - Give some grace
- You represent our community and our association which impacts our ability to obtain opportunities to play and grow our organization.
- Issues - contact the BGFA Board or President
- Parent/Guardian Conduct Policy- will be enforced.

Coaching/Parent help?

- Program is run by volunteers
- Help at Winter/March clinics
- Be present at practices/games if possible
- Volunteer to bring snacks, help during practice, etc.
- Business Sponsorship
- Join the board
- Positive sportsmanship



Dibs Hours

6U- 6 hours (per child)

8U- 8 hours (per child)

10U and up- 12 hours (per child)

Max hours per family- 16 hours

or \$500 (opt out available)

- Program is run on volunteers. We'd much rather have you volunteer your time than have the money
- \$500 charge at the end of the season if you do not complete dib requirements

Opportunities :

- BISON SHOWDOWN - June 6-8th - primary volunteer opportunities are concessions, grilling, field maintenance, setup/take down, etc.
- State qualifiers - June 28-29
- Coaching- 2 coaches for each team fulfills dibs hour requirements

BGFA Apparel

- Live on BGFA website
- Watch Email and Social Media soon for more information



Future of our program: Evolving....





- New Varsity Coach - Kennedy Youngren
- Adding non parent coaches to older BGFA teams
- Booster Club for HS team
- Future Club ball development - Revolution & Twisters
- Year round opportunities
 - Training & Future Facility

QUESTIONS?

- ❖ We want to hear from you!
- ❖ Website: bisonfp.com
- ❖ Like us on Facebook: Buffalo Girls Fastpitch



BUFFALO
AREA YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Buffalo Girls Fastpitch | Fall Ball | Travel Program | 6U & 8U Program | Calendar | Dibs

Current Section
Buffalo Girls Fastpitch
General Info
2021 Registration Info
2021 Fall Ball Teams
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Bison Showdown
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Home of Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association

BGFA Board Meeting
Next BGFA Board Meeting Scheduled For:
Sunday, Sunday March 21st 2021
4-5pm
closed meeting for team formation 5-7pm
Location Hulikkos

2021 BGFA REGISTRATION LINK
Welcome to the 2021 Summer Fastpitch Season!
Registration has currently closed. We will continue to accept registrations. For the link to register, please email president.bgfa@gmail.com.
Many of our teams still have openings and availability.
Thank You for being part of our Bison Family!

2021 Coaching Opportunities
2021 Fastpitch Coaching
If you are interested in coaching this upcoming summer season, please submit a note of interest vicepresident.bgfa@gmail.com
Please include your daughters name age group and a note about any particular coaching experience you may have.
The board members will reach out to potential coaches after final registration is complete.

New Jerseys for 2021 Season

WELCOME to the Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association

A graphic featuring a yellow softball with red stitching, positioned in the center. Two wooden bats with black grips are crossed behind the ball, forming an 'X' shape. The background of the graphic is dark grey. The text 'Thank you!' is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font across the middle of the softball. Below the softball, the word 'Softball' is written in a white, cursive script font. On either side of 'Softball' are three white stars.

Thank you!

*** Softball ***