



Fall 2026 Waukee Fastpitch 14U / 16U Select Program

Head Coach & Program Overview for Families

The Waukee Fastpitch Select Program is designed for players seeking a highly competitive softball experience with the goal of preparing for high school varsity and potential collegiate play, while maintaining a positive, development-focused culture.

Below is an overview of what families can expect from the Select Program and its Head Coaches.

Program Philosophy

- The Select Program emphasizes player development, accountability, teamwork, and love of the game.
 - Winning is important at this level, but it is not the sole measure of success.
 - We strive to create an environment that challenges athletes while supporting confidence and growth.
 - The program supports multi-sport athletes, with the understanding that school sports (especially volleyball in the fall) may impact availability and playing time when communicated in advance.
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Coaching Structure

- Each Select team (14U and 16U) has one dedicated Head Coach.
 - This is not a shared coaching model, though coaches may collaborate when beneficial for practices or player development.
 - If a Head Coach is unavailable for a tournament, a designated assistant coach will step in with advance communication to families.
 - Coaches are compensated by Waukee Fastpitch and are held to clear expectations for professionalism, communication, and development.
 - Volunteer assistant coaches will be utilized at the discretion of the Head Coach.
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What to Expect from the Head Coach

Head Coaches are expected to:

- Communicate clearly and respectfully with players, parents, assistants, and the Waukee Fastpitch board
- Create a positive, structured environment that:
 - Supports skill development
 - Encourages accountability and effort
 - Promotes sportsmanship and teamwork
- Use experience and expertise to teach:
 - Position-specific skills
 - Game strategy and situational awareness
- Plan and run organized, purposeful practices



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- Manage games and tournaments, including lineups and in-game decisions
 - Represent Waukeee Fastpitch positively at all events

Tryouts & Roster Formation

- Open tryouts are held annually:
 - 16U: Mid to late May
 - 14U: Mid June
- Tryouts are open to all players; however, the program makes every effort to align with Waukeee Fastpitch's mission of supporting players from the Waukeee School District.
- Teams are typically built with approximately 12 players, including appropriate pitching and catching depth.
- Roster decisions are based on:
 - Tryout evaluations
 - Positional needs
 - Coach and Waukeee Fastpitch Board collaboration
- Substitute players may be used when needed due to injury or schedule conflicts.

Practices & Scheduling

- Typical weekly schedule:
 - Two outdoor practices per week at Triumph Park
 - One indoor practice per week at the Waukeee Fastpitch Fieldhouse (when scheduled)
- Practices are generally:
 - Weeknights starting after 6:00 PM
 - Approximately 90 minutes
- Indoor practices are often scheduled on Sunday evenings during non-tournament weekends.
- Weather adjustments may shift practices indoors when possible.
- Teams may practice independently or together depending on player availability and practice goals.

Tournaments & Travel

- Teams typically participate in 6–7 events during the fall season.
- Events may include tournaments, doubleheaders, or showcases.
- Local and out-of-metro travel decisions are made by the team.
- The Head Coach is expected to attend and coach:
 - All local tournaments
 - Most travel events whenever possible, with advance notice if unavailable



Club Support Provided

Waukee Fastpitch supports teams and coaches by providing:

- TeamSnap for schedules, communication, and billing
- Tryout evaluations through Team Genius
- Practice scheduling and field reservations
- Access to:
 - Triumph Park softball fields
 - Waukee Fastpitch Fieldhouse
- Roster management for USSSA (and support for PG or Top Gun events)
- Insurance for applicable events
- All standard softball equipment, plus additional equipment support as needed

Cost

Estimated Total Cost = \$1,535

- Club dues are \$1,035 which covers the following items:
 - **Paid Head Coach for Fall Season Only** – Sami Miller (16U) OR Jayme Scheck (14U)
 - 2 Champro uniform jerseys (\$110 value)
 - Practice shirt (\$20 value)
 - Free individual membership to the Waukee Fastpitch Fieldhouse July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 (\$900 value)
 - Field time for outdoor practices 2x per week
 - Indoor facility time for practices at the Waukee Fastpitch Fieldhouse
 - Equipment like softballs, tees, nets, pitching machines, etc.
 - Maintenance of equipment and facilities
 - Other general operating costs of the club
 - Tournament fees are expected to be approximately \$500 per player. They will be finalized once the team determines all events they want to play.
 - Expect to play some Perfect Game (PG) Tournaments in addition to some CIS Events.
 - Estimate playing at least 6 tournaments.
 - Payments:
 - First Payment: \$500 Deposit at offer acceptance
 - A second invoice for \$700 will be issued for the 2026 Fall Season on August 1, 2026, and due by August 15, 2026.
 - A third invoice will be issued for the 2026 Fall Season on October 1, 2026, and due by October 17, 2026. This invoice will be the remaining balance of fees = \$335
 - A final true up invoice will be issued if necessary to true up tournament fees to actual.
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Our Commitment to Families

Waukeee Fastpitch is committed to:

- Transparent communication
- Consistent coaching expectations
- A competitive but supportive environment
- Providing players with opportunities to grow as athletes and teammates

If you have questions about the Select Program or coaching expectations, we encourage open communication with the Head Coach or the Waukeee Fastpitch Board.