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2020/2021 Fastpitch Softball New Club Player Options

MN Vortex/MN A's Youth Fastpitch

Our Vision: Most admired girls fastpitch club in the upper Midwest.

Our Mission: We provide an uncompromising commitment to developing players on and off the field and knowing that the quality of our coaches and the satisfaction of our teams and families is paramount.

To: First Time Club Players

Subject: First time club players and city association conflict potential

Club tryouts for Minnesota are scheduled to begin August 17th -at least two weeks later than usual. We realize this comes after city association tryouts and team formation for the fall ball season and possibly the 2021 summer season. This puts all players new to club fastpitch in a difficult situation. If your top choice is to play with your local association/city team for the fall and next summer then there is no need to read further. However, if your preference is to play for a club team for the 2020/2021 season, here are suggested actions and options.

First, when you attend tryouts with your city association, or when registering for "fall ball" inform them that you also intend to go to tryouts for club fastpitch and that club fastpitch is your preference. It is important to be open and honest. Register and attend tryouts for the fastpitch clubs of your choice. When and if you receive an offer from a club team, consider the following options:

1. Inform the city association team that you no longer intend to play on that team since you have been offered a position on a club team and that it is your preference, as originally communicated.
2. Inform the club coach that you made a commitment to play with your city association team in the fall and that you prefer to maintain the commitment you made to your city association and would like to play on both teams. There will likely only be a couple weekend tournament conflicts that you will need to work around. You may also need to work through practice conflicts – but by sharing those conflicts with your club coach early, she/he may be able to accommodate your absence or even possibly create a practice schedule to avoid those conflicts. Gain support from your club coach that you intend to prioritize your association team in the fall since you committed to that team first.
3. Inform the club coach that you are unable to make a commitment to play on both teams during the fall, but that you would like to be considered to join the club team immediately following the end of the fall season with your city association team (typically immediately following the fall State Tournament in late September).

We want to work with players, families and associations to make sure that every player has a great softball experience and can choose to take part in the softball program that best suits their softball desires.