



Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch

SPRING 2014 TRYOUT AND TEAM SELECTION

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2014 TRAVELING FASTPITCH TEAM SELECTION AND TRYOUT PROCEDURES

Welcome to the Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch Program. Team selection and tryout procedures are an essential part of the development of the program and success of the young females playing fastpitch in the program. Our program strives to ensure that the tryout and team selection is fair, consistent and grants every player the same opportunity to show her talents and skills.

GENERAL TRYOUT INFORMATION - SPRING 12U and 10U

Players will be divided by position into groups based on age levels. Independent evaluators from outside the program will evaluate the players. Every effort is made to find impartial evaluators at each age group. Coaches will be able to observe tryouts but will not be part of the scoring or team selection procedure. Parents are encouraged not to stay during the tryout process. If you would like to stay for the tryout process, you will be grouped in a section of the field and asked not to coach your child during the tryout process.

Players are evaluated and scored in three areas: 1). hitting/bunting 2). fielding (Infield and Outfield) 3). base running. Additionally, there will be a pitching/catching evaluation for those desiring to play these positions. The pitching/catching evaluation is used to help determine who can pitch/catch, but pitching/catching may also be used to separate two or more players that are close in their rankings.

10U and 8U players may petition to play at the age level above their own age group. To petition, send an email with the player's name, birth date, desired playing level, number of prior years playing fastpitch softball and rationale for playing-up to burnsvillefastpitch@gmail.com. The petition must be received by the Burnsville Fastpitch Board by March 7th. Upon approval, the player must meet both of the criteria listed below at the tryouts. Once tryouts are completed, the outside evaluators will make a recommendation to the Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch Board based on the criteria being met and the needs of the Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch Association.

1. Place in the top 10% of their own age group based on overall playing scores.
2. Place in the top 33% of the age group the player is petitioning to move up to.

Information about the date of tryouts, arrival time, and place is posted on our website at:
www.burnsvilletravelingfastpitch.com

The Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch Board is responsible for coordinating the tryout process. The tryout calendar timeline for the 2015 season will be posted on the website in June. This may include tryouts in August/September for the 12U levels and above for the 2015 season.

2014 TEAM SELECTION - SPRING 12U, 10U AND 8U

The goal of the Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch team formation process is to place players on a team where their skill set is the most appropriate fit to date and will give them the most confidence to develop as a player throughout the season.

Level	Age Groups Participating in this level of play:	Characteristics:
8U	Within the 8U level, all teams participate in one level of play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8U is a developmental league in which all teams talents are equally placed. The focus is on introducing the sport to the players and fundamentals of the game.
"C"	10U, 12U, 14U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developmental league for returning or new players to the sport or age group.• Pitching focused on accuracy, below average-average for pitching speed• Coaching is based on introducing the fundamentals: hitting, throwing, base running and catching.



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"B"	10U, 12U, 14U, 16U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • League for new or experienced players • Pitching is more accurate, speed is within group average for speed, pitcher may have multiple pitches • Coaching is focused on improving fundamentals and introduction of fine points of the game: bunting, stealing, and introduction to other strategies of the game.
"A"	10U, 12U, 14U, 16U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leagues for players whose skills are highly developed and have a high level of competition commitment • Pitching is at above to higher speeds for age group, high level of accuracy, most pitchers have multiple pitches. • Coaching focused on improving fundamentals, and fully executing on all fine points of the game: bunting, stealing, hit & run, slap hitting, double plays, etc.

2014 Spring Team Selections - 10U & 12U

After the general tryout and scrimmage is complete, the outside evaluators will recommend the appropriate talent to form higher level teams (Elite, A or B) at each level.

Upon completion of team formations, the rosters will be reviewed and approved by the Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch Board.

Other Team Selections Information

Each team will have a minimum of 9 players and maximum of 13 players. Target number of players on each team will be 12.

Once the team selections are complete and approved on March 19th by the Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch Board, the head coach will notify each player on their team via phone call.

Questions or concerns about the team selection shall be raised through the coach of the team and followed by the grievance process outlined in the handbook.

2014 LATE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Late Registrations, after March 7, 2014:

Any player that registers after March 7th will incur a \$30 late registration fee along with the normal age level fees. This will ensure a spot at the tryouts on March 9th.

Registrations after March 1st must be completed online. A player may be placed on a team only if we have not reached our limits on number of players on a team and where the organization has a need for players within their age groups. Tryouts will not be possible, so the player/parent needs to follow this procedure:

1. Late Registrants after March 7th, 2014: send an email indicating name and age to burnsvillefastpitch@gmail.com
2. Board reviews on a first come first serve basis
3. Board makes decision on whether or not to accept the player.
4. Board will notify player/parent of decision via email and the family will pay all applicable fees as determined by the Board.



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MEDICAL AND FAMILY EMERGENCY TRYOUT POLICY

Players with a minimum of **two previous consecutive years** in the program who are unable to participate in the tryout process because of either a medical condition, family illness or death may be placed on a team (A or B) under the following conditions:

1. A specific written request by the player's potential coach stating why he/she wishes the player to be placed on the team.
2. A letter written by one of the player's previous coaches stating why their placement of the player on that team is appropriate.
3. The player has previously played during those past two consecutive seasons at the level (A or B) of the proposed placement.
4. The Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch Board approves of the request by a majority vote.

Limitations on the policy are:

1. A player on a "B" team in either of the previous two seasons, may not be placed on an "A" team under this policy, however a previous "A" player may be placed at the "B" level.
2. Players who miss tryouts due to family vacations or other social, family or athletic commitments are **not** eligible for placement under this policy.
3. The Burnsville Traveling Fastpitch Board **may require documentation** to confirm the medical condition or family emergency.

REFUND POLICY BEFORE OR AFTER TRYOUTS

Refunds for tryouts will be based on the approval of the Burnsville Fastpitch Board.

Refund before tryouts:

- **An email to burnsvillefastpitch@gmail.com stating why a refund is requested must be submitted in writing within 5 days prior to the March 9th tryout.** The Board will review and approve/not approve the refund and will submit an email to the parent(s) regarding the final decision.

Refund after tryouts:

- If a team can't be formed, given the number of girls in a given age group, a FULL refund will be provided to the family.
- All other requests will be reviewed by the Board.