

## **Fall and Winter Indoor Schedules:**

The New England Diamond Gems are proud to announce our 2015/2016 fall and winter indoor schedules at our new indoor facility the Hampshire Dome in Milford, NH. The Dome is one of New England's Premier indoor facilities. The facility has netting that encompasses the workout area, high clear span ceiling height, outstanding lighting and a full track surrounding all playing fields for families and players to use while workouts are going on.

The fields are set up into thirds giving a large space for our athletes to train and to perform softball skills and drills throughout the fall and winter. The space can be separated into two thirds so scrimmage games can be played while the other one third can be used for skills and drills.

Our 6 week fall training session will begin on Saturday November 14th and will end on December 19th. We have field 1 from 4-8 pm. During this time our 12U & 14U age divisions will train from 4-6 pm and our 16U & 18U age divisions will train from 6-8 pm

This will be a 6 week player development program covering individual position play, pitchers & catcher training. Each athlete will go through the proper mechanics and fundamentals of throwing, fielding, catching, pitching, base running and conditioning.

Our 10 week winter training session will begin on Saturday January 16th and end March 26th. We have the entire facility using all three fields. On January 16th and 23rd our times are 5 pm-8 pm. Each age division will have a two hour training and team work session. From January 30th to March 26th our times will be from 4pm-7pm using the entire facility. Once players have been selected through the try out process for each age division the final winter indoor schedule will be posted on our web site and handed out to our coaches for distribution.

Our teams will hit once during the week and on Saturdays. Once teams have been selected we will geographically determine where each team will do there hitting training. This will allow families to limit transportation and give our athletes the best training centers throughout the area.

## **Organization Goals and Mission Statement:**

Our organizational goals and missions are to provide quality coaching, instruction, player development and college preparation by using the resources of indoor facilities, outdoor fields and a strong relationship with college coaches. It is in the best interest of our organization to enhance our programs by entering our teams in quality invitational, college show cases, and national tournaments this fall and 2016 summer season. Tournament schedules will be determined on the talent of each team and a tentative will be posted by September 15th.

It is very important that all athletes understand that grades are the most important part of your lives and not just getting by in the classroom. Sooner or later you will be in the working world, the better grades you have, and better opportunities will be available down the road. You must have a minimum of a 3.0 to be recruited by most colleges, the higher GPA the better as you will have more opportunities at your schools of choice. Yes, there is a college for everyone, but you need to choose your path in the classroom now before it's too late.

The organization is determined to do the right thing for all athletes at each level, ability, age group and aspirations. Our dedicated administration staff is more than happy to sit with individuals and parents to set goals, expectations and the reality of what it is needed to accomplish each player's aspirations.

We do not in any way promise or recruit athletes by telling them they will get a college scholarship or

academic scholarship. Our mission and goals are simple; we will place athletes on the appropriate teams, let them perform at their ability and use our resources to help guide them through the college recruitment process.

### **Our Teams Philosophy:**

Our **12U** teams will play locally to ensure player development and to get the ready for their middle school teams; they will do up to two over night tournaments which will require hotels.

Our **14U** elite team will compete locally and regionally with a few over night tournaments. Our 14U Gold will compete locally and regionally and will represent the organization in a national tournament setting. Our goals for the 14U age divisions are to get them ready to make their varsity teams as a freshmen and to be exposed to the next level of the show case trail.

Our **16U** elite team will play locally and regionally in quality tournaments and enter into local show case tournaments so they can be exposed to the next level of play and maintain a high level of competition throughout the fall and summer.

Our 16U Gold team will travel locally, regionally and nationally, playing in show case tournaments and a few 18U tournaments to get the prepared for the next level of play. This team will represent the organization in a national tournament.

We will have a minimum of four **18U** teams. 18U premier gold will travel regionally and nationally while competing and show casing our athletes in the highest level tournaments throughout the fall and summer and will represent the organization in a national tournament.

Our 18U other show case teams will compete and show case at the local and regional levels entering top quality tournaments throughout fall and summer and may enter a national tournament.

The organization will be entering teams into fall tournaments, locally, regionally and nationally. Teams will practice throughout the fall either during the week or on weekends to prepare for upcoming tournaments and to continue our player development programs. We understand that school sports could interfere and that high school sports come first, with that being said it is up to the athletes to communicate with coaches about any possible conflicts.

We will have an 18U & up team for the seniors who have aged out and any current college players who wish to compete during the summer. This team will play locally so the athletes can maintain summer jobs and still have an opportunity to prepare for their fall college try outs or work outs.

The organization will help build player profiles, collect a list of prospective colleges of your choices and educate parents and players in the recruiting process using our resources and setting up time lines when materials are due.

We provide one of the best fall tournament schedules, one of the best fall and winter work out programs throughout New England.

We have been proven at the national, regional and local levels for the past several years. We have had over 80 athletes placed at the college level of their choice. Over the past two years, we have had over 24 athletes graduate with a degree and play four years of college ball. All of the athletes are thankful for the opportunities that the organization has provided. We have recognized over 35 athletes at our hall of fame event. This coming spring we will have another 12 plus athletes graduating from college with a degree while playing four years at the college level. Each year 99% of our athletes have made their middle school and high school teams.

Please check our web site for our 2016 try outs at [www.nediamondgems.com](http://www.nediamondgems.com)