



Welcome to the 2019 Fastpitch Softball Season for Stow YES.

***Thank you for volunteering to coach this year. Our program
is only as good as the volunteers who sacrifice their time
and energy.***

Folders

Items in the left hand pocket need your attention.

Items in the right hand pocket are general information.

Stow YES Board Members

All contact information for Board Members can be found on the Stow YES website.

Please feel free to contact any Board Member with questions/comments or suggestions.

Stow YES Managers

A list of managers by league can be found in your folder along with their e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers.

Stow League Counts

I League - 4 Stow teams

A League - 3 Stow teams

B League - 3 Stow teams

C League - 1 Stow team

FORMS

Manager Application

All managers must complete an application to remain on file with Stow YES.

Coaches Code of Conduct

All managers and coaches must read. **Please sign sheet today.**

Equipment Agreement

I will need each of you to acknowledge that you have read and understood our equipment agreement. These boxes are located at the fields being used by Stow YES. **Please sign sheet today.**

Background check

All managers must complete this form. Any assistant coach/manager who will be placed in charge while the manager is absent from a game or practice must also complete this form.

Assistant Coaches

Each manager can name 2 assistant coaches for each team. These assistants once approved by the Board can manage the team in the absence of the designated Manager.

Ohio's Return-to-Play Law and Certificate Training Requirements

Stow YES needs all coaches to complete an on-line training course – **Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms of a Concussion**. This requirement is an Ohio Law.

Announcement from Ohio Department of Health:

Starting April 26th, 2013, individuals are not allowed to serve as a coach or referee for a youth sports organization, whether volunteer or paid, without:

1. Successfully completing, every three years, an online training program in recognizing the signs and symptoms of concussions and head injuries by the Ohio Department of Health
- OR-
2. Holding a Pupil Activity Permit from the Ohio Department of Education

Online Training

The following course has been approved for coaches and referees. There is NO COST to take this course.

- **National Federation of State High School Associations Concussions in Sports – What you Need to Know**
- <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000>

Am email will be sent home to all parents containing lindsay's law forms and Ohio's return to play law.



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Medical Information and Authorization Form

Each parent must fill out this form for their child. The manager is to retain a copy. Also Stow YES will maintain a copy for our records. If a parent has not filled one out, the player may NOT participate in practices – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Protest Form

In the event of a protest, a copy of the appropriate form can be found in your folder.

Game day equipment

Coaches are responsible for the safety of all the equipment. If there is a problem contact a board member to have the issue addressed.

Hitting Nets

Teams in A, B and C are being provided with nets to aid in hitting drills. Hitting off tees or soft toss into the fences is not permitted anywhere.

Pitching Machines and Additional Training Equipment

Stow Yes owns pitching machines. These machines will be rotated throughout the A, B, C and Ohio Fever Teams. Stow YES also has 2 sliding mats. If you would like to borrow one contact your league commissioner.

Note: No player is allowed to operate the pitching machines – ADULTS ONLY.

Uniform Distribution and Replacement Policy

Uniforms will be distributed at the April 14th Community Coaches meeting.

Replacement uniform policy – If a parent or coach ordered the wrong size, the parent will be responsible for the replacement cost of the item. If the league made a mistake in ordering the wrong size item, the league will be responsible for the cost of a replacement item.

Uniform name money is due at the Community Coaches Meeting.

Coaches Shirts, Visors, and Other Apparel Items

Stow YES would like the coaches or managers to coordinate their appearance. The players have matching uniforms and we feel the coaches should as well. Your league commissioner should have sent you an order form.

Stow YES Scholarship

Stow YES will be offering a scholarship to a graduating female from Stow Munroe falls High School. The scholarship is a \$1,000 non-renewable award. The application is posted on our website.

We firmly believe in stressing the importance of academics and higher education to the young ladies in our community.

Practice Schedule

Please figure out a day during the week and also which day and time of the weekend works for practice and get this info to your league commissioner ASAP.

Once May begins, fields are not available during the week to practice due to games. If you would like to reserve a field on the weekend, please contact Rob Tucker for availability.

Please Note: All vehicles are to remain on pavement.

Batting Cages/Training Facilities

Strike Force Baseball academy www.strikeforce-baseball.com

Stow Youth Baseball – website – www.stowyouthbb.org

Make the Change Fastpitch – www.mtcfastpitch.com

Emergencies

In the event of an injury, please contact your respective league commissioner immediately. Emergency medical forms must be filled out before players may participate in activities.

Season Game Schedule

To be distributed at the April community managers meeting.....more info to come.

- I League plays on Tuesday and Thursday
- A League plays on Monday and Friday
- B League plays on Tuesday and Thursday

Please note: Games can be scheduled on Saturdays due to field availability during the week.

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Porta-Potty Responsibilities

We will be placing porta potties at Woodland, Indian Trail, and the Kimpton fields starting April. They will be locked. You must unlock them before your game and make sure that they are locked when you leave the field. The school system allowed us to place them at the fields before the end of the season provided that they were locked during the day. Please make sure to lock them. We do not want to lose our ability to have them at the fields.

Combination code 1338

Field Set-up and Maintenance

Stow YES will be dragging fields through the season. All managers will be provided keys to the 6 storage boxes located at High School, Indian Trail, Woodland, and Kimpton. Stow YES managers will once again be collectively responsible for the contents in the boxes. See equipment box agreement in your folder..

Home field managers will be responsible for setting up the field prior to a game. Some fields will already be lined when you arrive but if not, the home manager should line it.

All fields will be equipped with Hollywood style bases. These bases will speed up the set-up process for everyone. **When using the Stow High school fields, please use only the bases in the Stow YES equipment box.**

All fields will be equipped with a batter's box template – chained and locked to backstop. **Combination code 1338.**

Scheduled Events

Community Coaches Meeting April 14th

We will be hosting a community coaches meeting from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at On Tap in Stow. All community **managers** are to attend. Schedules and uniforms will be distributed. This event is an opportunity to meet all the coaches in the program and more importantly those in your respective league.

Coaches Clinic today 3:30-5:30

Picture Day May 4th

Picture packets will be distributed at the Community Coach Meeting. Managers should keep and give to parents right before picture day so nobody forgets the ordering form. The photography company does not bring extra forms.

Stow YES June 1st Spirit Day

Details to be announced.....

Stow YES Lottery Raffle

We will be running a Lottery raffle program during the month of June this year. We are attempting to raise money to focus on improving the fields at Indian Trail, Woodland, and Kimpton as well as beginning to replace equipment. Ron Edmondson will be the lead contact for this activity.

Please remember.....Stow YES does not mandate fundraising activities for the players or coaches. However, the program needs money to continue to offer all the amenities for the young ladies in our community. All funds continue to be re-invested into the program to directly benefit the kids.

Tournaments Outside of Stow

If your team is interested in participating in a tournament outside of Stow, please contact your league commissioner to discuss.

Umpires

Isaac Edmondson is in charge of umpires this season. Stow YES will be having many high school varsity softball players from Stow umpire this season.

League Rules

League rules are available on the website under the Forms / Flyers Tab. We will discuss these at the upcoming Community Manager's Meeting.

Please read and carry a copy with you to all games.

Any questions on the rules, please contact your league commissioner.

Questions / Comments / Suggestions / Feedback

Please share any thoughts with us now or as the season progresses. Stow YES is ***OUR (coaches, parents, players and the community)*** program and we want to continue to develop and improve it's offerings for these young ladies.



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