

2012 Crimson Girls Fast Pitch Softball

March 1st, 2012 Maple Grove fast pitch softball Informational Meeting

To: Players

Welcome back for another great year of Crimson Girls Fast Pitch Softball. I hope that your school year is going well, and that you are ready for another great season. I would also like to welcome all newcomers to the program who are trying out for the first time. I am excited to begin my 10th season as the head girls fast pitch softball coach.

This letter has a couple of purposes. First, I want to remind all of you that captain's practice starts on March 5th at in gyms 4&5 at MGS the High School (10,11,12) students go from 2:30-3:30 and the Junior High students (7,8,9) from 3:45-4:45. (This is **NOT MANDATORY**) **it ends on March 8th**. Everybody who is trying out for the high school team is welcome to attend. It will be supervised by an adult and run by this years captains.

The second reason for this letter is to inform you of what needs to be done before you can tryout.

- You need to fill out the **GOLD** high school packet and pay your \$180 to register at MGS. (with Barb Neumann)
- A copy of your parent view grades
- Have your parents and yourself sign the tryout information sheet.

All of this needs to be done before you can tryout. Tryouts only last a few days to a week, so bring this information with you on the first day or turn it into me at MGS. **Remember you need to turn in the Gold Packet and payment (\$180) to the athletic office before your first day of tryouts I cannot accepted them. Don't Pay Me**

Thank you again for all your cooperation. The coaching staff and I are looking forward to another great season of Maple Grove Fast Pitch Softball. **GO CRIMSON!!!**

Sincerely,

Jim Koltes

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Maple Grove Girls Head Fast Pitch Softball Coach

Any questions call 763-585-7256 W# **612-961-3410 C#**

Participation Expectations

Dear parents/guardian and student athletes:

Over the past few years as a head coach it has come to my attention that some parents and students have some misconceptions about what a competitive high school program is. Please take a few moments to read this information and hopefully, this will help you understand how a competitive high school athletic program is conducted and what the expectations are for those involved.

Being a member of a team, regardless of time spent in actual competition, a person can learn many valuable life lessons. Among them: citizenship, sportsmanship, respect for opponents and others, teamwork, responsibility, commitment to a team and school, loyalty, placing team above self, learning to accept instruction and criticism, winning and losing with humility and dignity, self-control and being responsible.

A common goal of a competitive athletic program is to put the most talented and coachable members of the team in competition in an attempt to win a contest. Starting positions and playing time are not guaranteed to anyone. Each member of the team is valuable to the teams over all progress and success. Some members may play extensively in a contest while others may not see "significant" playing time and make their contributions in another way. Each student should have personal improvement and team success as two of her primary goals.

In each program, a coach and/or coaches are hired by the school district to be responsible for that particular sport. Team selection, practices, style of play, game strategy, playing time and decisions regarding game situations are the responsibility of the coaching staff. The head coach establishes the criteria for these decisions with input from the coaching staff. This may be a highly subjective process, but based on hours of evaluation and instruction by multiple members of the coaching staff. If you have any questions please feel free to address them directly to the head coach. Please call the head coach to set up an appointment outside of school, practice or game time, planning to have your daughter involved in this meeting. There is also a conflict resolution process in place that each parent and player signed at the beginning of the season and it outlines how steps need to be taken starting with meeting with the head coach first. This signed sheet is on file with the athletic department at MGSB.

Relationships involved in the girl's softball program at MGSB

- A. **Player-Coach Relationship:**
- **This is the most important relationship**
 - **Parents can affect this relationship by criticizing the coach to their daughter.**
 - **Parental coaching at home may impede the athlete's progress**
- B. **Coach-Parent Relationship:**
- **Allow the coaches to instruct and guide the team**
 - **Do not question or confront the coaches immediately after a game/ practice**
 - **If you want to discuss a problem with the coach, make an appointment and discuss your concern in a calm, courteous, and logical manner with your daughter present.**
- C. **Parent-Player Relationship:**
- **Do not try to live through your child**
 - **Be *positive* and supportive without adding undue pressure and unrealistic expectations on your daughter, causing undo stress and confusion.**

I sincerely hope this helps you to understand the goals and philosophies of a competitive high school program. Thanks again for your support and involvement in Maple Grove Senior High, the Girls Softball Program, the coaching staff, and your daughter in providing a positive experience through softball.

Sincerely,

Jim Koltas

Maple Grove Head Softball Coach and the Maple Grove Girls Softball Staff

MAPLE GROVE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

2012 MAPLE GROVE SOFTBALL TRYOUT INFORMATION

High school Fast Pitch Softball is an extracurricular activity. As an extracurricular activity it is a privilege to play on the team, not a right. The coaching staff has the sole responsibility for team selection. Criteria includes: Hitting ability, fielding ability, softball knowledge, proper behavior, schoolwork and adherence to rules and regulations established by Maple Grove High School and the state high school league. Because an extracurricular activity is a privilege, parents do not have any legal recourse against the school or its coaching staff if a player does not make the team or is released during the season.

As parents and players, we agree to adhere to the rules and regulations established by the high school, the softball program and the Minnesota State High School League. These rules include but are not limited to academic standing, attendance, tardiness, attitude, behavior, team curfew and all violations of MSHSL rules. If coaches, administrators, parents, and players work together problems should be kept to a minimum.

We have read and understand the policies herein described.

If you have any questions or reservations, please feel free to give me a call Cell 612-961-3410 or e-mail me at koltesj@district279.org

Jim Koltes
Head Coach

SIGN AND RETURN THIS PORTION TO MR. KOLTES

Parent's Signature: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Date _____

Tryout Schedule

All 10th, 11th and 12th Grader's all players who played Soph level or high last season (1st Group)

Check in is on Monday March 12^h at 2:15 in the DOME

Mon	12	Tryouts	2:30-4:30	at MGSB in Gyms & Dome
Tues	13	Tryouts	2:30-4:30	at MGSB in Gyms & Dome
Wed	14	Tryouts	2:30-4:30	at MGSB in Gyms & Dome
			6:00-7:30 PM	Pitchers and catchers
Thur	15	Tryouts	3:00-4:30	at MGSB in Gyms
Fri	16	Tryouts	2:30-4:30	at MGSB in Gyms & Dome
Sat	17	Scrimmages	7:00 am-11 11:00 am- 3:00	at Eden Prairie Dome Extended Group Team selection Varsity/JV

All 7th, 8th, 9th Grader's (2nd Group)

Check in is on Monday Monday March 12th at 4:00 in the cafeteria

Mon	12	Tryouts	4:30-6:30	at MGSB in Gyms
Tues	13	Tryouts	4:30-6:30	at MGSB in Gyms & Dome
Wed	14	Tryouts	4:30-6:30	at MGSB in Gyms & Dome
			6:00-7:30 PM	Pitchers and Catchers

All Kids Not in extended tryouts follow this schedule

Thur 15 Tryouts 4:30-6:30 at MGSB in Gyms

Fri 16 Tryouts Off until Monday

We will start selecting teams on Thursday the 15th and be done selecting teams by Friday or Saturday after practice. We will talk to each player and tell them if they have made a team for the upcoming softball season and if they have made a team which team it is. This can change throughout the season depending on the player.

*Notes:

Activity Buses Run From MGJH and OJH during tryouts and the season

Good Luck to everybody at tryouts! Any questions please call Jim Koltes at 612-961-3410 Cell#

Thank you,

Jim Koltes

Coach Jim Koltes

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