

EDINA GIRLS FASTPITCH

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CALENDAR

Date	Event
12/18	On-line Registration Opens
1/27	Make-up Evaluations
2/17	Summer Team player evaluations – EHS Field House ❖ 10U: 5:30 - 6:30 pm ❖ 12U: 6:30- 7:30 pm ❖ 14U: 7:30 - 8:30 pm ❖ 16U: No evaluation
2/18	Summer Team Hitting Evaluations – Players Only Last Name Beginning: ❖ A – M: 7:00 – 7:30 pm ❖ N – Z: 7:30 – 8:00 pm
2/24	MANDATORY Parent and Player Meeting – EHS Field House ❖ 8U: 4:30 – 5:30 pm ❖ 10U: 5:30 - 6:30 pm ❖ 12U: 6:30- 7:30 pm ❖ 14U & 16U: 7:30 -8:30 pm
3/2, 3/9, 3/16	10U-14U Team practices – EHS Field House ❖ 10U: 5:30- 6:30 pm ❖ 12U: 6:30- 7:30 pm ❖ 14U: 7:30- 8:30 pm
3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25	Pitcher and Catcher practices – CPC Gym, times TBD

2008 Fastpitch Season Begins!

REGISTRATION

Registration is available on-line for no fee at www.edinafastpitch.org or by mailing attached form.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS

All players 10U, 12U and 14U participate in our player evaluation night on Sunday, February 17th, at the EHS Field House (see times at left). Pitchers and catchers will be assessed after their general evaluation in the EHS Main Gym. The hitting evaluations will take place on Monday, February 18th at Players Only.

If for an unavoidable reason you cannot attend, contact Kent Kramer at KKramer@EdinaFastpitch.org. Make-up evaluations will be held on Sunday, January 27th at the EHS Field House. If you miss the evaluation without making prior arrangements, team placement will be made based on prior coach's assessment and needs of the teams.

TEAM PLACEMENT

We attempt to find a spot for every girl, but cannot guarantee it. The final placement decisions are based on a number of factors including skill level, safety, and the number of players per team. Players are notified of team placement after all player evaluations have concluded.

When there are sufficient numbers of players, two or more teams will be formed at an age level based on the evaluations. Players will be placed on competitive teams with players of consistent skills based on needs of each team.

In addition to the overall evaluation, pitchers and catchers team placement will be impacted by their specialty position assessment and needs of all teams.

Each team will play at league designated A, B or C levels based on the assessment of the teams' talent and experience.

EGFA reserves the right to change a player's team assignment during the first two months of practice.

More information relating to the evaluation and team placement process can be found at the Q&A on www.edinafastpitch.org.

TEAM PRACTICES

Team practices begin March 2nd for all 10U, 12U & 14U players. Practices will be held indoors during March. After Spring Break, practices will be held outdoors at Pamela Park for all teams.

For teams with players on the EHS Fastpitch teams, practices may be combined with other teams.

Commitment: Fastpitch is a traveling sport. It should be each player's extracurricular and recreational priority during the season. Excessive conflicts during the season may impact team placement.

8U Opens for Summer 2008

Edina Fastpitch will field 8U (born 1999 and later) teams for summer 2008. Teams will play one night per week starting in May. This will be a traveling team with games against neighboring communities. The general 10U rules will apply, i.e. stealing, sliding, etc. At this point, it is not anticipated that there will be weekend tournaments during the season. There will be an end of season

tournament sponsored by the league and a potential for exhibition games at existing 10U tournaments.

Registration: Not all plans are finalized; however, we anticipate the fee to be \$150 for 8U teams. Final registration information will be posted on our website in January. There will not be evaluations for this age level.

Pitching: The initial games will be pitched via machine. Live pitching will be introduced during the season.

Options: If your daughter is new to fastpitch, this is the perfect opportunity to get them started in this growing sport. However, if she is close to the 10U age cut-off, she may also be evaluated at that level.



More details on the Summer Season can be found in the Parent & Player Handbook which can be viewed online at www.edinafastpitch.org

EGFA Summer 2008 Season Details

SEASON PLAY

Our summer league season begins in mid-May for the 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U teams. The 16U season will begin after school ball has ended in early June.

All league games are double-headers starting at 6:15 pm. Players are usually required to be on the field at least 3/4 hour before game time to warm up.

The 8U and 10U teams will play one night each week all season. The 12U & 14U teams will play one night per week during May and two nights per week starting in June. Teams 10U and above will also participate in 2 - 4 weekend

tournaments throughout the season. The state qualifying tournament is typically held at the end of June with the state tourney in early July. Individual team practice times are set by the team's coach.

UNIFORMS

All players 10 and above will receive a jersey, shorts and socks as a part of their registration fee. The EGFA has switched their uniform in the current year to a moisture management material.

8U players will receive a t shirt, shorts and socks as part of their registration fee.

Players are responsible for

purchasing sliding pads, sliding shorts, cleats, visor, and extra socks (if desired).

This year, as in the past, we will be offering other team merchandise for sale - such as additional uniform pieces, sweatshirts, under armour, t-shirts, helmets and bat bags. Items will be available to order at the February 24th meeting.

Helmets and Bats

The EGFA supplies bats and helmets for the 8U and 10U teams. The EGFA does not supply team bats or helmets to teams ages 12U and older. Players may rent a helmet from the EGFA with a refundable deposit.

What's included in the 2008 Summer Fees?

Our registration fees cover full uniforms, league participation charges, tournament entry costs, umpires, insurance, and city fees. For teams 14U and older, the fee includes an assessment for a paid coach. The fees are break even with the costs of the summer program. Scholarships, equipment and training costs are covered through fund raising efforts.

National Tournaments

The top team at each age level has the goal of earning a national tournament berth. Some national tournaments are local, while others are out of state. These tournaments require an extra time commitment both during the season to prepare and after the season to attend the tournament. In addition, players are expected to be available for all tournaments and games. The EGFA realizes that it is not every player's goal to be on a team with a goal to reach a national tournament therefore we ask the question on the registration form if the player will agree to the extra commitment required. If you indicate yes, it is presumed that the player will attend the national tournament, if their team earns a berth.

When a team qualifies for a National Tournament, the EGFA will cover the cost of entrance. These fees are not included in the registration fee, but will be covered through fundraising. Players and parents are responsible for their own travel, lodging and other tournament related expenses. Tournaments are typically held in the Midwest with local options sometimes available. Last summer Edina teams participated in national tournaments in locations ranging from Eagan, MN to Kansas City, MO.

FLOWER SALE – FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

In addition to the registration fees, each player will be required to make a \$50 deposit on their flower sales. This deposit is refundable to all players who sell \$150 or more in flowers during our sale. It is also tax deductible if you choose to not have it refunded or sell flowers.

Gorgeous flowers will be available for EGFA family and friends again this spring so start planning your garden now! The flowers and potted plants our players sell are all locally grown at Pearson's Greenhouse and always receive rave reviews from our buyers. The proceeds of this fundraiser go directly back into the program to help us provide, among other things: equipment, scholarships and clinics.

Every EGFA player and her family needs to help with this fundraiser so that we can keep our fees low...talk to family, friends, and co-workers. Help support fastpitch in Edina! Order forms and sale information will be distributed to families at the parent/player meeting on February 24th. Flowers will be ready for pick up and delivery on Wednesday, **May 7th** – just in time for Mother's Day!

Flower Sale contact: Flowersale@EdinaFastpitch.org

EGFA Summer REGISTRATION Form

Please write clearly.		
Player's name		
Date of birth	Age on 12/31/07	
If selected for a top team, do you agree to the additional practices and travel schedule? YES NO		
Does player have any disability, allergy or special needs? (circle) YES NO		
Will player be trying out as a pitcher or catcher? YES NO		
If yes, placement will be <u>partially</u> based on pitching/catching evaluation.		
NOTE: If information is the same as last year you do not need to complete the remaining information on this form.		
Player's primary address		
City	Zip	Cell Phone
Primary parent/guardian contact information:		
Parent/guardian name		
Address		
City	Zip	Home Phone
Cell Phone	Email	
Secondary parent/guardian contact information:		
Parent/guardian name		
Address		
City	Zip	Home Phone
Cell Phone	Email	
YES...I want to help EGFA! (circle) Coach Asst. Coach Team Manager Board Member Committee Member		

Please complete the **on-line registration** or the form above and return with fee by mail **no later than February 17, 2008**
 Late Registrations will be accepted however team placement will be made at the discretion of the Team Placement Committee.
Mail to: EGFA, Edina Park & Recreation Dept. 4801 West 50th Street, Edina, MN 55424

2008 Team Age Guidelines & Fees

Please refer to the chart below to determine your daughter's age level and fee.
 EGFA is required by the league to use these guidelines to place players on teams.

AGE	AGE GUIDELINES			
8U	A player who is 8 years of age or younger on 12/31/07, born 1999 or later (registration info available online)			
10U	A player who is 10 years of age or younger on 12/31/07, born 1997 or later			
12U	A player who is 12 years of age or younger on 12/31/07, born 1995 or 1996			
14U	A player who is 14 years of age or younger on 12/31/07, born 1993 or 1994			
16U	A player who is 16 years of age or younger on 12/31/07, born 1991 or 1992			
	REGISTRATION FEE	FLOWER DEPOSIT	COACH ASSESSMENT *	TOTAL DUE
10U	\$325	\$50		\$375
12U	\$350	\$50		\$400
14U, 16U *	\$350	\$50	\$200 *	\$600

Contact the EGFA Treasurer for confidential scholarship information, if needed.

The City of Edina and the EGFA are committed to providing reasonable accommodations and accessibility for all residents. If you require a sign language interpreter, or assistance to register or participate please indicate your need on this registration form and contact the Adaptive Recreation supervisor at 952.826.0433, (TTY 952.826.0379). To assure that we meet your accessibility needs, please contact the City at least 3 weeks prior to the desired program start date.

***Coaches assessment for the 14U and 16U players is payable after team formation.**

Contact one of the following people with questions on this or any other information:

Bruce Johnson, President	Lori Marquette, Vice President	Debi Peterson, Secretary	Cathy Clarke, Treasurer
BJohnson@EdinaFastpitch.org	LMarquette@EdinaFastpitch.org	DPeterson@EdinaFastpitch.org	CClarke@EdinaFastpitch.org

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www.edinafastpitch.org

Liability Waiver

– PLEASE READ & SIGN

In consideration of your acceptance of me or my child as a participant in the Edina recreations program, I hereby waive all claims against the City of Edina, its employees and agents, from all claims for injuries suffered by me or my child incidental to, connected with, or arising out of the recreational activities for which I am or my child is enrolled, including injuries suffered as a result of negligence by the City of Edina or its employees or agents but not including injuries suffered as a result of their willful or intentional misconduct or gross negligence.

I do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Edina Girls Fastpitch Association (EGFA), its Board of Directors, members, organizers, sponsors, coaches, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my child to or from activities, from and against any claims of injury or harm to my child incidental to, connected with or arising out of EGFA activities.

I understand that the program described on the reverse side for which I have enrolled or for which I have given my child's permission, may be hazardous and that injuries may occur in the normal course of participation or instruction and I assume all risks and hazards incidental to me or my child's participation including transportation to and from activities.

I understand and acknowledge that EGFA and the City of Edina have no medical or health insurance covering me or my child. I agree to return upon request the equipment issued to me or my child in as good condition as when received, except for normal wear and tear.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, I have or my child has no physical injury or sickness except as follows:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DATA PRIVACY: The Data Privacy Act requires that we inform you of your rights about the private data we are requesting on our forms. Private data is available to you, but not the public. This information is shared with Edina Park & Recreation and the various Fastpitch Softball organizations which EGFA is governed by: Minnesota Sports Federation and the Amateur Softball Association, as well as the communities hosting tournaments. You can withhold this data, but we may not be able to complete your registration and/or you may not receive updated program information.

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★ EDINA GIRLS FASTPITCH SUMMER REGISTRATION ★ REGISTRATION IS DUE FEBRUARY 17TH! ★
PLAYER EVALUATIONS FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH ★ PARENT/PLAYER MEETING FEBRUARY 24TH