

Cedarburg Girls Fastpitch Club

Fall Player / Parent Meeting
November, 12th, 2013

Agenda

- Club History and Overview
- Player Eligibility, Team Structures and Coaches
- Player and Family Expectations
- Practice Schedules
- Games and Tournaments
- Club Fees
- Fundraisers
- Sponsorships
- Uniforms
- Volunteers
- Questions

Club History

- Formed in 1995 through sponsorship with Maxwell's under the name Maxwell's Softball
- Bridge between recreation softball and high school softball
- Feeder program to the high school
- Member of the Shoreline League

- Rebranded for 2014 to have a closer tie to the community and high school program:
 - Club renamed to Cedarburg Girls Fastpitch Club (CGFC)
 - Orange and Black team colors
 - New team name, logo and uniforms

Team Name and Logo

Cedarburg Crush

A1



B1



C1



A2



B2



C2



Club Overview

- CGFC is a select program offering teams from U8 – U14
- All teams play under the name Cedarburg Crush
- CGFC and Crush softball is a community-based program, not an elite travel program that consists of players and families from different communities
- Players are selected after try out sessions
- Not all girls who try out make a team
- Girls who do not make a team are encouraged to try out again the following year
- Crush is structured under CGFC umbrella and managed by CGFC board

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Erin Mann – CHS Varsity Head Coach

- Four year letter winner at Lockport Township High School (Lockport, IL), earning All-state / All-area selections, and a 2004 Illinois State Championship.
- Earned a full scholarship and was a four-year starter for the Northwestern University Softball team as a catcher/outfielder.
- Earned a second degree in physical education and health from Northeastern Illinois University.
- First year teacher at CHS teaching Physical Education and Health classes.
- Coach of Cedarburg High School's JV team in 2013.
- Coach with fast pitch softball program at B.A.T.S. Sports Academy based in Mequon.

Player Eligibility

- U8 Crush softball - born 2005 or later
- U10 Crush softball - born between 2003 and 2004
- U12 Crush softball - born between 2001 and 2002
- U14 Crush softball - born between 1999 and 2000

- Players are not allowed to 'play up' a level even if skills and ability are at higher level, or if friends or classmates are at the next level
 - Doing so takes a roster spot from deserving player
 - Intent is to retain more players in the program

- There is a definite gap in physical capabilities and maturity between the different categories

Number of Teams

- Goal is two teams at U8, U10 and U12 and one team at U14
- Increase participation in program and have feeder system for next level
- Develop skills over several years – hard to determine who will be top players over time
- Number of teams is dependent on having enough skilled players for the second team
- Typical number of players per team
 - U8 = 10 fielders + 4 extra = 14 player roster
 - U10 = 10 fielders + 3 extra = 13 player roster
 - U12 = 9 fielders + 4 extra = 13 player roster
 - U14 = 9 fielders + 3 extra = 12 player roster

Team Coaches

- Each candidate goes through interview process with sub-committee of CGFC board
- Selection of coaches based on specific criteria
- Background checks conducted by 3rd party
- Coaches will be trained to teach philosophies and fundamentals consistent with the CHS varsity program

Team Coaches

U8 Coaches

TBD

TBD

U10 Coaches

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Player and Family Expectations

- Players are expected to:
 - Attend at least 85% of Crush scheduled in-season practices
 - Attend at least 85% of Crush games
 - Girls who do not attend practices/games can expect to receive less playing time
 - Show up on time, stay for full game and practices
 - Participate in Crush softball as primary sport during season
 - Proper notification to coaches of conflicts expected
- Families should support daughters and team by attending games and volunteering to assist

Practice Schedule

- Off season Practice Opportunities
 - Team indoor practices/clinics start in December – April
 - Focus on Pitching/Catching and Hitting/Fielding
 - Combination of open practices and clinics each Sunday
 - Cedarburg High School Vintage Gym and other local facilities
 - All current practice information will always be on the CGFC Website - <http://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/?t=c&u=CEDARBURGFASTPITCH&s=baseball>

- In season – at Willowbrook Park in Cedarburg

Games and Tournaments

- Games scheduled from late May thru July
- 10+ games for U8, 15+ games for U10, 20+ games for U12 and 30+ games for U14
- Schedule is a mix of Shoreline games and tournaments
- Tentatively Shoreline home games on weekends and away games on weekdays
- Shoreline games are typically doubleheaders but some single games
- Number of tournaments will vary team to team
- Overnight tournaments for U12 & U14

Playing Time

- Goal is to provide playing time for all girls on roster
- Positions based on skill, aptitude, knowledge, physical maturity
- Shoreline games are typically used for player development
- Tournament game positions tend to be more specialized – play to win and advance
- Strong preference is to use continuous batting order – all girls on roster should bat in game
- Some U12 & U14 tournaments permit limited player participation, substitution, batting

Willowbrook Park Project

- Partnership with City of Cedarburg
- Similar to Adlai Horn Park with Cedarburg Select Baseball
- Home field of Crush U8 and U10 games
- Practice field for all Crush teams
- 3-year Improvement Plan in the works
 - Fencing
 - Dugouts
 - Concession Stand / Storage Shed
 - Scoreboard
- Local Sponsorship key to success

Club Fees

- Player fee for 2014 will be:
 - \$75 for each U8 player
 - \$125 for each U10 player
 - \$175 for each U12 player
 - \$200 for each U14 player
 - Fee is due to be paid in full by December 1st, 2013.
 - If you require additional time to pay this fee, please contact one of the coaches and arrangements can be made
- Fees help cover the following expenses: game/practice field rentals, winter practice gym rentals, umpire fees, equipment replacements, team tournament entry fees, and club indemnity insurance

Fundraisers

- Fundraisers help pay our expenses to allow us to keep player fees down.
- Two focused fundraisers each year; Fall and Spring
 - Fall – is selling cookie dough through the Raising the Steaks
 - Spring – is selling gift certificates to Groth's Country Gardens or opt out for the \$75 buyout option
- Sell concessions at home games
- Tentatively host the end of the year Shoreline tournament on July 25-27, 2014

Sponsorships

- Sponsorships from local businesses
- Long standing sponsors – Maxwell's, Master Screen Printing, RJ Herron and the LJW Fund
- With rebranding, more sponsors likely to contribute
- Working with a new large sponsor to help pay for new uniforms
- Depending on contribution level, sponsor could be mentioned on website, banners and uniforms
- Always looking for leads on new sponsors

Uniforms

- U8 players:
 - Team t-shirts will be included as part of the player fee and the girls will be able to keep at the end of the year
- U10, U12 and U14 players:
 - Uniform shirts and pants will be provided to the players for that season
 - Each player will be required to turn the uniform set back in at the end of year
 - If the uniform is damaged due to non-playing reasons or lost, the player will be charged a replacement fee
 - Socks, sliding pads/shorts and visors will be required and purchased by each player
 - Replacement orders for these items can be purchased for current players in the program as the girl moves up through the program
- Mouth guards, purchased by player, must be worn all times during practice or when playing in games
- Team apparel and other equipment will be available for purchase but not mandatory
- All orders will be placed in the early February

Volunteers

- Volunteers are key to the success of the club
- Parents of players are expected to volunteer 4-6 hours per season helping out:
 - Concessions
 - Field Prep
 - Scoreboard
 - End of Year Tournament / Picnic
 - Fundraiser Coordination
- Online sign-up will be available for volunteer opportunities
- Chairpersons to coordinate the following:
 - Fundraising (2), Concessions (2), Field Prep

Questions?

Before You Leave

- Complete Forms (Player Medical Form, Player Conduct Form, Player-Parent-Coach Agreement)
 - Submit Player Fee Payment
 - Pick up Cookie Dough Fundraiser Form
 - Logo Vote

Spring Player / Parent Meeting
February 10th, 2014

Go Crush !