



# Velocity Softball 2023-2024 Travel Ball Information

## Travel Teams (10u/12u/14u/16u/18u)

### **PROGRAM OUTLINE**

#### **10U/12U**

- Instructional team practice two times a week indoor Dec-Mid April (Includes Hitting, Pitching, Defense, Throwing, Mental game, and learning the game of softball)
- One team outdoor practice mid-April thru July.
- Play in 5-6 tournaments (Possible Dome Tournaments in Winter/Fall)
- Player 12-month membership card to use the indoor facility for individual training.

#### **14U/16U/18U**

- Two hours weekly hitting instruction and two hours weekly arm care training December thru mid-March. Training offered 7 days a week for scheduling flexibility.
- One team indoor practice per week December thru mid-March.
- Mid-March thru end of May break for high school season.
- Play in 5-6 tournaments (Possible Dome Tournaments in Winter/Fall)
- Player 12-month membership card to use the indoor facility for individual training.

### **HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER VIDEOS**

- All high school players from the 15U-18U age groups will have a recruiting video made for them. Rapsodo will also be used for players needing data on either the hitting or pitching side.
- The Velocity staff will send out scouting reports to college coaches in the country at all levels with detailed information on each player. Rapsodo Data and Videos will be included.
- This will provide a great value to all players when it comes to recruiting. Player recruiting videos are becoming increasingly important for player exposure.

### **MISSION AND RECRUITING**

- Our mission is to develop and give our players the opportunity to play softball collegiately. We do this by offering some of the best softball training programs in the Midwest paired with our coaching staff to ensure our goal of fundamental development.

### **RECRUITING**

- The recruiting cycle can be a very stressful time for players and we are going to do everything we can to make this process as easy and stress free as possible. We are going to have personal communication with each player talking them through the process and helping them reach out to college coaches.
- Some of the things we offer will consist of a sit-down meeting with the athlete, and the parents, to determine where help is needed. This customization will allow the athlete to have an active voice in planning of which schools to target. Criteria areas that are looked at in schools for the athlete are college course work, student life, fit for athletic ability and coaching staff. Some of the services available are listed below. Recommendations on camps and showcases will also be provided.

- Recruitment Videos
- Sample letters and guidelines to help you get started
- Calls to Coaches on your behalf (Where your talent level matches)

- Q & A Sessions to help take the stress out of the recruitment process

Overall the athletes need to have the right fit and we are going to work tirelessly with the athlete and parents to find the right place for them to attend college. We are going to take pride in making this process as smooth as possible and allowing our athlete's hard work take them to the next level.

## Program Cost

### 10U/12U

- \$2200. Includes uniform jersey tops/visor/backpack and all training, practices, and tournaments listed above. Does not include weekend travel and hotel costs.
- \$400 non-refundable down payment is due as soon as possible.
- \$1800 will be paid automatically in 8 monthly installments of \$225. Payments will be paid the 1<sup>st</sup> of the months September through April.

### 14U/16U/18U

- \$2950. Includes uniform jersey tops/visor/backpack and all training, practices, and tournaments listed above. Does not include weekend travel and hotel costs.
- \$450 non-refundable down payment is due as soon as possible.
- \$2500 will be paid automatically in 8 monthly installments of \$312.50. Payments will be paid the 1<sup>st</sup> of the months September through April.

## MAIN TRAINING AND OPERATIONS STAFF

- **Mike Collins**
  - Owner Velocity Baseball Training ([www.trainwithvelocity.com/](http://www.trainwithvelocity.com/))
- **Jean Rivett**
  - Collegiate Softball coach D1 and D3 levels for 33 Years, 2014 Horizon coach of the year, winningest coach in UWGB history, ASA Fastpitch commissioner 5 years, ASA Hall of Famer, Top Major A softball player for 18 years.
- **Kristin Finlan**
  - Pitcher University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Unanimous All Conference Selection, Metro Player of the year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State, Ashwaubenon Female Athlete of the year, First Team all WIAC in college. Varsity Softball Coach and has been coaching/teaching for 20 years.
- **Paul Wagner**
  - One of the top hitting instructors in the Midwest, ASA Hall of Famer, St. Norbert's College Hitting Coach, Former Baseball/Softball Facility Owner for 7 years, 20+ years as a hitting instructor, has worked with hundreds of players in NE Wisconsin who have gone on to play collegiately. Rapsodo and Driveline Hitting Foundations Certified.
  - Son Max was 42<sup>nd</sup> Pick in 2022 MLB Draft by the Baltimore Orioles.
- **Cadyn Ehrenberg**
  - Pitcher Seton Hall University D1, Rock Valley Junior College, 3 time all-conference honors, State Runner up, 2019 All Region IV team, NJCAA All National Tournament Team. 17-4 College Record with 1.78 ERA.
- **Breanna Collins**
  - C, OF Rock Valley Junior College, Rockford University UTL, All Bay Conference Hitter in 2016, 2017, Conference player of the week April 2021.

## FAQ

### **Is training included in the cost of the teams?**

Yes, the training includes a 2 hour a week explosive hitting class and a 2 hour a week Arm Care/Throwing/Pitching class depending on your position. This is for 14u-18u only. Due to the training classes being strenuous 12u and 13u teams will have Instructional team practice two times a week Dec-Mid April instead. (Includes Hitting, Pitching, Defense, Throwing, Mental game, and learning the game of softball)

### **What are some of the tournament locations involved with the Travel Ball teams?**

10u/12u – Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota (Usually More Local)  
14u/16/18u – Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Indiana

### **What will be the Student to instructor ratio?**

Team training will be 6-1 ratio player to instructor. Private lessons are no more than a 4 to 1 ratio.

### **When will team, practices take place?**

Team defensive practices will be on Saturday afternoons, and Sunday mornings typically. This is to provide flexibility for families and players playing other sports. These practices are different from the Explosive hitting and arm care classes that are included in the team fees.

### **When will the Arm Care/Throwing, and Explosive hitting workouts be offered?**

Arm Care/Throwing, and Explosive hitting workouts will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday mornings and Sunday nights. This will offer flexibility for students playing winter sports. If you are unable to attend one day, the flexibility allows you to attend a different day.

### **Do I need to play on your travel team to train at Velocity?**

No, we believe in helping everyone achieve their dreams and goals.

### **Do you offer assistance to those who may be in a financial hardship?**

This is a case by case basis but if we feel that you are in a true financial hardship we will work with you on cost of the teams or setting up different payment plans. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to play and train with us and will do anything we can to help out.

### **Do you guys offer a practice player option?**

Yes, we do offer a practice player option for our teams. Included in the practice player option is everything that the full time players get minus the summer tournaments. A lot of the time our practice players want to join on and try to make the team throughout the winter months. This has been a great option and we have had quite a few kids prove to us that they belong on the team and have been offered summer roster spots. Cost for practice player is \$2000.