

3T's BATS 8u SOFTBALL



8u – BATS FEES Fall & Spring/Summer

- Price - \$599
 - Fee Breakdown
 - \$250 non-refundable deposit is required when the contract is submitted.
 - ***This fee and contract must be submitted within 2 days of contract offer***
 - \$349 due by Oct. 1st

BATS FEES INCLUDE (\$599):

- **Instructional Practices**
 - Fall, Indoor Winter Practices & Spring Summer Practice
 - Softball Director – Kate Crow
 - Hitting Coach – Kate Crow & Assisting is ISU Softball Player – Carli Spelhaug
 - Pitching Coach – Riley Holmgren & Assisting is ISU Softball Player – Ellie Spelhaug
 - 2 outdoor practice a week from Aug. 23 – Oct. 1
 - 1 indoor practice a week from January 1 – Spring Break
 - 2 outdoor practices - After Spring Break – End of Season
- **Facility Membership**
 - Full use of the baseball & softball facility @ Sports Iowa
 - Batting cage & Pitching mound usage
 - Discounts on lessons & clinics

ADDITIONAL COST:

- **Tournament & Supply Cost**
 - Between \$45 - \$60 per tournament
 - 2 – 4 Fall Tournaments in the Des Moines area
 - 6 – 8 Spring/Summer Tournaments in the Des Moines area
 - When your team is playing out of town, each parent is responsible for all meals and lodging or makes other arrangements if they are unable to accompany their child. It is not the coaches' responsibility.
- **Uniform Cost**
 - Fall Uniform for New Players
 - Between \$99
 - 2 jersey (*we do have pants and socks if you want to buy those in addition but you can wear your own black pants & black socks, if you already have them.*)
 - Spring/Summer Uniforms
 - Between \$200 & 250
 - 2 jerseys, 1 pairs pant, 1 headwear, 1 belt, 1 pair of socks

AGES 8U

- Players age on Dec. 31, of the previous sanction year determines the age classification
- Teams will have a maximum of 12 players

DIVISION OF PLAY

- **Gold Teams:** A Level, this is the highest competitive level of local and regional competition.
- **Purple Baseball Teams:** B Level, this is very competitive level of local and regional competition.
- **Black Baseball Teams:** C Level, this is a competitive level of local and state competition.

FUNDRAISING:

- We offer a fundraiser for each individual family to help off-set fees.

**Bats fee, tournament fees & uniform fees are non-refundable.*

POLICIES

COACHES

Our goal is to develop fundamentals, teamwork and leadership. Coaches will have the safety and general well-being of the players in mind. Our coaches will not intimidate players, embarrass or ridicule them. Our coaches will treat the players with respect. All coaches will be held to the highest standard of child development and are ultimately responsible for the answering to the Director.

- *All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to attend softball clinics and practices prior to the beginning of spring practices, enhancing their teaching of the sport to help improve the skills of their players and to learn from the staff at 3T's All Star Sports Academy.*
- *Tournament and league games are conducted by the game coach. The game coach is chosen by 3T's and the Coach is put through a Certification process.*

PLAYERS - Rules & Expectations

- Players are not allowed to argue with coaches, parents or umpires for any reason.
- Foul language and profanity are not tolerated at any time.
- Good Sportsmanship is a quality that is exemplified by our players. Taunting of your own, as well as opposing players, fans or umpires, will not occur.
- Self-indulgence by players, such as hanging one's head after an error or mental mistake, pouting over personal failure, will have no place on the team.

PLAYER – Tournament Commitment

- Players are not only responsible to the Bats Organization but also to the 10 of families on their team.
- Due to our small rosters of only 11 players, all Bats players are expected to participate in each tournament game.
 - Bat players are NOT encouraged to play on another team during their tournament season.
 - If a tournament game is going to be missed, Bats Coach & Director must be notified 30 days prior.

PLAYER - Penalty for Violation of Tournament Commitment:

- If the 30 Day Notice is not turned in to 3T's All Stars the family will be fined a \$50 fee for each game missed.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION—Expectations & Rules The success of the Bats depends on the commitment of everyone in our organization. Parents are encouraged to attend practices and games. You may be called upon to help with practice drills, score keeping and other items. Game coaching responsibilities are assigned by the director.

Rules for Parents:

- We want the Bats to be known as a “Class Organization.” We ask the parents, relatives, and friends attending the games absolutely to not abuse umpires, opposing coaches or players as well as our own players in any way.
- During games, parents are respectfully asked to remain a good distance away from the dugout unless asked by the coaches. Players are instructed not to talk to their parents and friends while a game is in progress. Please allow the only adult contact with your son during a game to be with the coaching staff.
- Any parent challenging the authority of a Bats coach will be asked to leave the team. Verbal or physical abuse of coaches will not be tolerated.
- 3T's Bats Baseball reserves the right to “suspend” parents from attending games at the discretion of the Director.
- Parents that may have concerns or questions are required to follow proper procedure.
 - *Never address the coach before, during or immediately following a game or practice. **Must wait 30 minutes.***
 - *Wait 30 Minutes before discussing the game with your child*
 - *Always follow the proper chain of command — Coach — Director*
 - *Email is not for conflict resolution. It is simply for fact gathering.*

ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND VIOLATIONS The rules and expectations listed are in place to ensure the quality development of our teams while maintaining the integrity of our organization. Any violations of these rules by parents or players can lead to any of the following consequences:

- *Formal warning will be issued and documented*
- *Suspension from participation in at least one game but for no more than two weeks will be issued and documented*
- *Possible expulsion from the Bats Baseball Organization*

PLAYING TIME will be recorded by each coach. A running record of innings that a Bats player is on the bench will be kept and regulated. The Coach, with the direction of the Director, will determine the best playing positions for each child. It is the goal of the Bats organization to put players in positions in which we feel each child will have the most success. Playing all positions is not a goal

of the program; however, the Bats coaching staff feels that players should experience multiple positions numerous times throughout the season.