



The 411 from the Fast Club

Get your orders in! Extreme Gear is now available through the online store! All orders will be delivered before Christmas so get your travel players some club swag. This store is open until November 17th!

Website: <https://jaegerwi.itemorder.com>

Sale code: extreme19

A few parents have contacted me about fall practices for travel teams. Fall and early winter are down time for softball. A few like to extend their season, that's great, keep training but be sure the girls experience other sports, band, choir, ski club, student council, etc. Softball may be their favorite but even the highest level coaches will advocate well rounded athletes and students.

League registration will open in January of 2020, we are leveraging all of our contacts, business, school, non-profit and media to increase our players in 2020. Our summer 2019 seven-week season was a success with nearly 100 young ladies on 12 teams from 4 years old to 11 years old.

Not much new news this month so I'll toss out a few more softball trivia facts.

Did you know – it is estimated that over 40 million Americans will play at least one softball game during 2020?

The first softball glove was actually a boxing glove?

Softball is played in 140 countries!

The fastest softball pitch thrown by a female was Zara Mee from Australia. It was thrown at 68.9MPH on May 8, 2005.

The fastest softball pitch ever was by Eddie Feigner from Washington. 103MPH! These are fastest on record anyway.

(credit to Deckersports.com)

There are SIX professional women's softball teams presently playing in the United States including the Cleveland Comets, Chicago Bandits, USSSA Pride, Beijing Shougang Eagles (play in the US), Aussie Peppers (Minnesota) and the Canadian Wild.

USSSA Pride took the Championship this year with the Chicago Bandits as runner up for the 2nd year in a row.

(Wikipedia)

Over 600 NCAA member colleges are sponsors of women's softball programs. The women's softball championships are held in divisions I, II, and III.

As always the club is working on securing sponsorships for 2020, please email oshfastclub@gmail.com if you are interested or know of a company that could potentially help.

Last tip for November- most parents won't think of this but where is your glove? Where is your daughters? Stuffed away in a closet? Worse yet a sweaty gear bag? Get that thing out! Clean it with soap and water, no harsh chemicals needed. Keep it cool and dry. Not in a cold garage but not sitting near the furnace either. Keep a ball in your glove squarely in the pocket. Here are some links to clean, store and even break in a new glove if that opportunity exists this year. As always use your own judgement clicking on links- I've been there and the information is good.

<https://www.ussportscamps.com/tips/baseball/how-to-care-for-your-baseball-glove-during-the-winter>

<https://www.baseballmonkey.com/how-to-clean-baseball-gloves>

<https://fennellseeds.com/how-to-store-a-baseball-glove/>

<https://www.nokona.com/care-tips>

So much for the short winter but I hope for a dry spring, see you at the diamond!

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