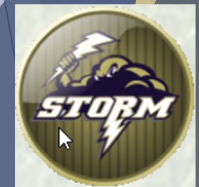


# 10U and 12U Parent Newsletter

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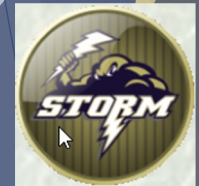


# The State of the Game

- Welcome to one of the fastest growing team sports in the United States!
- Youth Softball in MN has grown by **40%** in the last 5 years
- Softball is a **premier sport** at Chanhassen High School - multiple state appearances and multiple state 'players of the year'
- CAA will have **>150 girls** playing softball on **15 teams** again this summer

AND...

- It takes all of us to keep growing the game and building our program - so THANK YOU for your involvement!



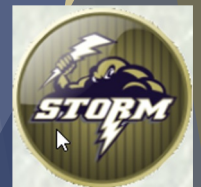
# CAA Softball Mission & Values

## Mission Statement:

To provide girls in the Chanhassen-Victoria area a place to play the great game of softball while **developing** lifelong physical and interpersonal skills, **learning** to compete and be a good teammate, and most importantly, **having fun**.

## Core Values:

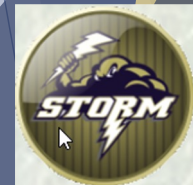
- Teamwork - We work together to achieve more
- Hard work - We give our all in everything we do
- Pride - We are proud to represent our team, association and our communities
- Respect - We treat ourselves and others with dignity, kindness and respect
- Fun - We have a positive attitude and enjoy being with our team on and off the field



# 10U & 12U Travel

- Enable skill development in a fun, competitive environment
- Part of the Big West League
- Season Timing: Beginning of April - Mid July
  - 10U: Should plan on Tuesdays and Thursdays all through the season. The girls will either have a practice or double headers on these days. After school gets out most night will be doubleheaders (add'l practices will be @ coach discretion)
  - 12U: Should plan on Mondays and Wednesdays all through the season. The girls will either have a practice or double headers on these days. After school gets out most night will be doubleheaders (add'l practices will be @ coach discretion)
- Tournaments:
  - Each team will have 3 weekend tournaments + state qualifier (included in registration fee)
  - State Qualifier - June 26-28
  - State Tournament - July 10-12
  - Nationals (must qualify) - Dates TBD (Additional cost may apply)

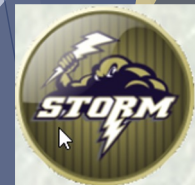
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# Travel Team Player Expectations

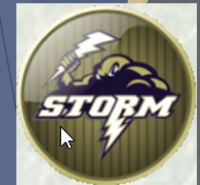
- Participants in the Spring/Summer program dedicate to Softball as their main in-season activity
- Softball is a TEAM game
- Players are expected to attend all practices, weeknight games and weekend tournaments
- Practice and game absences should be communicated to the coach as soon as possible (Please use sports engine for RSVPs)
- Unexcused and/or recurring absences may impact playing time
- Note for 12U Players in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - you are eligible to try out for the Chanhassen H.S. team. CAA players opting to also play H.S. are expected to attend all CAA practices and games -- this may mean multiple practices or games in the same evening

CAA Diamond Sports Commitment Policy:



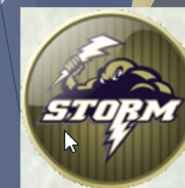
# Equipment

- Each player must provide their own:
  - Batting helmet w/cage,
  - Fielder's mask (required for all thru 12U)
  - Glove
  - Bat
- Catching gear provided by CAA if needed
- Nice to haves:
  - Batting gloves
  - Equipment bag (made for softball)
  - Cleats (must be molded plastic through 12U)



# Tournament Schedule

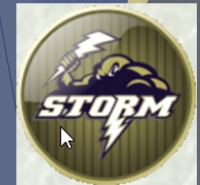
Team	Event Name	Location	Dates
10U Blue	Shake the Lake	Prior Lake	May 1-3
	Annual Rally in the Valley	Apple Valley	May 15-17
	Wayzata Warmup	Wayzata	May 29-31
10U Gold	Rising Stars	St. Peter	May 9-10
	Delano Dazler	Delano	May 30-31
	Royal Rumble	Watertown	June 5-7
10U White	Season Opener	Belle Plaine	May 30-31
	May Daze	Rochester	May 16-17
	8th Annual Spartan Spectacular	Inver Grove	June 12-14
10U Silver	Wayzata Warmup	Wayzata	May 29-31
	Royal Rumble	Watertown	June 5-7
	Rock the Ponds	Prior Lake	June 12-14
12U Blue	Annual Shake the Lake	Prior Lake	May 1-3
	Annual Bloomington BASH	Bloomington	June 5-7
	8th Annual Spartan Spectacular	Inver Grove	June 12-14
12U Gold	Tonka One Day	Minnetonka	May 10
	May Daze	Rochester	May 16-17
	School's Out	Belle Plaine	June 6
12U White	Burnsville Fireball	Burnsville	May 8-10
	Rock the Ponds	Prior Lake	June 12-14
	Shakopee Father's Day	Shakopee	June 19-21
12U Silver	Annual Lakeville Classic	Lakeville	May 9-10
	Royal Rumble	Watertown	June 5-7
	Rock the Ponds	Prior Lake	June 12-14



# CAA Events

## Key Dates for the 2026 Season

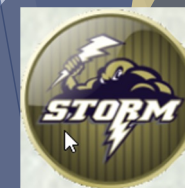
- ▶ League Play (Outdoor practices will begin as soon as the fields are ready; please continue to attend the indoor practices)
  - Big West 12U League Games Begin: April 27, 2026
  - Big West 10U League Games Begin: April 28, 2026
- ▶ Tournaments
  - Big West 10U/12U State Qualifier: June 26-28, 2026
  - Minnesota Softball 10U/12U State Tournament: July 10-12, 2026 (must qualify)
- ▶ Community & Program Events
  - University of Minnesota Gopher Softball Game: April 19
    - We head to campus and celebrate Sydney Swartz, a Chanhassen softball legend
  - Picture Night: More information to come once confirmed
  - Youth Softball Night: April 20
    - Come cheer on the JV and Varsity teams at Chanhassen High School
  - College World Series Softball Watch Party (Tentative): June 3 or June 4



# CAA Events Continued

## ▶ Clinics and Training

- Chanhassen Storm High School Clinic: April 10
  - Free to CAA Players
- Nike Softball Camp @ Crown College: June 9-11
  - [Nike Softball Camp at Crown College in St Bonifacius, Minnesota - 2026](#)
- Stadium Series: Weeks of June 8th and 16<sup>th</sup>
- Coaches Meeting: March 23rd 7:00PM (Virtual)



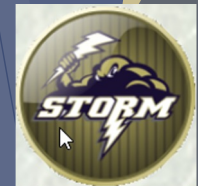
# Getting Involved

**This is YOUR program - we can't do it without YOU!**

- CAA is a parent volunteer organization
- Volunteers are **CRITICAL** to making our kids' programs a success

## Top Ways to get involved

1. Follow us on Instagram
2. Sign-up for Volunteer Opportunities through Dibs
3. Be a Coach
4. Join the Softball Operating Committee (SOC)

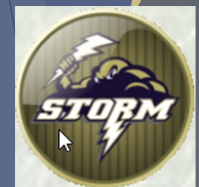


# Join the Softball Operating Committee

- Help shape the experience for your daughter and all CAA softball families
- Design, organize and execute the CAA Softball Program
- Fulfills CAA volunteer responsibilities
- Flexible Commitment with huge impact
  - 1-2 meetings per month
  - Position-specific projects & responsibilities

## Current Board Members & Key Volunteers:

- Brett Sween- VP Softball (opening soon)
- Chelsea Folta - Travel Director (New this year)
- Julie Vasatka - Player Agent & Eval Director (opening soon)
- Matt Birkenholz - Player Development Director
- Mike Miller - 8U & K/1/2 Director (New this year)
- Brianna Tongen - Uniforms Coordinator (New this year)
- Ryan Anderson - Equipment Coordinator (New this year)
- Open - Tournaments Coordinator \*\*\*



# Chanhasen Store Open:

Chanhasen Youth Softball Team Store is  
live and open for orders!

Team Store Link: <https://chansoftballapparel.itemorder.com/>

Review the Details:

- The store will close on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Orders will ship to the address provided at checkout for a \$15 shipping fee

