

Barracuda Aces Youth

(10u-13u)

2025-2026 Player/Parent Agreement



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Sportsplex West

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About Us



The Barracuda Aces Youth Program is designed for softball players aged 10U-13U who want to play at the highest level. We strive to develop confident athletes on and off the field through focused instruction and a positive team culture. The Barracuda Aces Youth Program aims to compete with the best, both locally and regionally in tournaments. Barracuda Aces coaches are a combination of non-parent or parent coaches. The Barracuda Aces places strong emphasis on assigning coaches that have appropriate experience playing softball and/or strong experience to coach at the competitive level/age division.

Fall Season (August-October)

2 practice per week at Sportsplex West Waukeez, Sportsplex Norwalk & Fareway Fields

4-6 local and regional tournaments

Spring Season (February- May)

2 practice per week at Sportsplex West Waukeez, Sportsplex Norwalk & Fareway Fields

6-8 local and regional tournaments

Additional Training Opportunities Included

BA Development Days with collegiate players

Barracuda Pitching & Catching Academy with collegiate players

16 D1 training sessions to be used throughout the Fall and Spring seasons

Media Day & Social Media

WIN Reality

Free access to Sportsplex West and Norwalk when space is available

Discounts to off-season enhancements and camps

Parent/Player Agreement

The rules, philosophies, and procedures Barracuda Aces Softball will operate under are outlined in the following pages. Please read through each page closely, as we want you to be fully aware of what is expected of our players and parents.

Financial Obligations

Developmental Training Fees: Each player (parent) is responsible for training fees (2 payment options):

A \$300 down payment must be made with 48 hours of acceptance. That down payment will be applied towards your dues

Option 1: Paid in full by August 1

\$1,750- \$300 down payment = \$1,450

Option 2: Payment Plan 8 auto withdraw installments (August -March)

\$1,825-\$300 down payment = \$190 monthly payment

Training fees cover the expense of indoor/outdoor practice facility rentals and maintenance, softballs and various training equipment, coaches pay, insurance, office/advertising expenses, banking fees and director pay.

Tournament fees will be billed separately depending on how many tournaments the team decides to go to. When the team is formed the coach/players/parents will come to a decision of how many tournaments and how much travel they would like to do and that will determine the cost. These fees will include the following: Tournament fees + Gate Fees, Travel Miles reimbursement for coach (.66/mile), Coach Hotel (when applicable) and Credit Card Fee (4.5%)

Estimated tournament fees:

- Fall- \$200-\$300
- Spring \$300-\$500

Additional Costs

Uniforms and personal equipment costs will be paid per player in addition to the above fee.

If your player chooses to leave the Barracuda Aces Organization or is dismissed from the team due to rule violations; or disciplinary reasons, these fees are non-refundable. 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 on trips. It is not the coaches' responsibility to do so.

Training and Coaching Assignments

Practices, camps, and clinics will be conducted by the Barracuda Aces coaching staff. On occasion, as coordinators/coaches determine, practices may be held with the direction and assistance of the SportsPlex West staff.

Tournament games are conducted by the game coach. A member of the SPW staff may attend.

Coaches Expectations

Our aim is to develop citizenship, teamwork, and fundamental play. Coaches will, at all times, have the safety and general well-being of the players in mind. 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 answering to the Director.

1. All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to attend all softball clinics and practices prior to the beginning of fall practice, enhancing their teaching of the sport to help improve the skills of their players and to learn from the staff at SportsPlex West.
2. All coaches are asked to utilize the talents and abilities of everyone associated with their team; this includes parents, and other coaches outside the Barracuda Aces Organization.
3. All coaches are expected to aid other Barracuda Aces teams and assist with all Barracuda Aces functions

Parental Participation, Expectations & Rules

The success of the Barracuda Aces depends on the commitment of everyone in our organization. You may be called upon to help with practice drills, scorekeeping and other items. Game coaching responsibilities are assigned by the director to officially designated persons only.

1. We want the Barracuda Aces to be known as a “Class Organization” We ask that parents, relatives, and friends attending the games absolutely do not abuse umpires, opposing coaches or players as well as our own players in any way. Allow the players to play the game as they have been coached. This rule will be strictly enforced.
2. During games, parents are respectfully asked to remain a good distance away from the dugouts unless asked by the coaches. Players are instructed not to talk to their parents and friends while a game is in progress. Please allow only adult contact with your daughter during a game to be the coaching staff.
3. Any parent challenging the authority of a Barracuda Aces coach will be asked to leave the team. Verbal or physical abuse of coaches will not be tolerated.
4. The Barracuda Aces Softball organization reserves the right to “suspend” parents from attending games at the discretion of the Director.
5. Parents that may have concerns or questions are required to follow the proper procedure:
6. Never address the coach before, during or immediately following a game or practice.
 - a. Make an appointment.
 - b. Always follow proper chain of command – Coach – Program Directors
 - c. Never discuss other players when addressing a concern
 - d. Email is not for conflict resolution. It is simply for fact gathering.

Playing Time

The Coach will determine the best playing positions for each child. It is the goal of the Barracuda Aces 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 Barracuda Aces coaching staff feels that players should experience multiple positions numerous times throughout the season.

Players – Rules and Expectations

Barracuda Aces softball will set the standard for a professionally ran youth sports program.

1. Players are not allowed to argue with coaches, parents or umpires for any reason.
2. Foul language and profanity are not tolerated at any time.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Enforcement of Rules and Violations

The rules and expectations listed herein are in place to ensure the quality development of our teams while maintaining the integrity of our organization. Any (parents or players) violations of these rules will be handled by the following manner.

1. A formal warning will be issued and documented
2. A suspension from participation in at least one (1) game but no more than two (2) weeks will be issued and documented.
3. Possible expulsion from the Barracuda Aces Softball Organization.