



# *Welcome to Mahone Softball 2024!*

## Coaches

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REMIND: text @mahonepony to 81010 to enroll

### Team Rules, Expectations, and Philosophy

#### **Philosophy and Expectations**

1. Mission statement: Mahone softball is dedicated to providing a positive, competitive softball experience for each player and parent. We are dedicated to the long term advancement of each player's physical skills as well as confidence. We strive to develop strong, well rounded, young women that are leaders on and off the field.
2. Philosophy: We strive to win but more importantly we strive for achieving our maximum potential and improvement. We believe this can translate into a good life philosophy: try and achieve to your maximum potential in everything you do.
3. Academics are most important you must keep up with your school work. Poor academic performance can result in loss of eligibility.
4. Behavior in school is important. Any inappropriate behavior will result in team discipline up to and including suspension (see code of conduct). You represent Mahone Softball!!!
5. Be on time! Practice will start by 4:15. You need to be on the field dressed, cleats on, hair back, with your equipment.
6. Practice will end by 6 pm every day. They players need to have rides.
7. Be at practice! We need you at practice and at the games. Absences will lead to a loss of playing time. If there is a pre-arranged or excused absence I need an email from the parent. This becomes a safety issue.
8. Mahone softball players are to show respect to their teammates, coaches, umpires, and opponents at all times.
9. Mahone softball players are expected to play hard and give their best effort at practices and games! We may not always succeed but we will put forth the effort!
10. You must have indoor and outdoor gear ready. We will practice inside in the event of rain. You will also need cold weather gear! Check the forecast!

11. Rides home from games. We highly encourage the team to ride together and help put away an equipment. However, players may sign out and leave with parent or guardian only.

## **FORMS!**

### **Forms and Fees Found on KUSD Athletics Website**

**All paperwork must be done online except physical- online opens July 8!**

**All physicals and paperwork must be submitted and reviewed by Ali Tenuta by Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>!**

1. We will need a current physical dated after April 1 2023 on file before try-outs must be in to the office by August 5th

### **After Final Cuts**

1. \$50 Athletic Fee- check to Mahone athletics
2. \$25 Team Fee – socks/armbands- check to Mahone Softball

### **League Rules**

1. At the varsity level we will hit 12 players in a continuous batting order. Every player must play two innings in the field.
2. The JV will hit a continuous order of 14 players and each player must play two innings in the field.
3. We are allowed to make free substitutions in and out of the game.
4. All other WIAA softball rules will apply.

### **Where We Play**

We practice and play at the Bosman softball complex located on Indian Trail High School's campus. The girls will walk over as a group to the diamonds. This year we may have a team at Mahone

### **Try-Outs/Cuts and First Week of Practice**

**Dates: Monday August 26th 4-6pm – Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm. Final cuts will be made by Friday.**

### **Second Week**

**SCHOOL STARTS Tuesday Sept 3rd! We will then start after school practices 4:30-6pm**

The most difficult part of the job is making cuts. However, it is a necessity. We cannot safely supervise 50 players that want to be on the team. Kids will also get bored from lack of playing time or standing around during practice. We will have an evaluation scoring system and make judgment calls as a coaching staff. We will discuss with the players that do not make the team after the final try-out practice. We will do our best and understand there will be some close decisions. Once the decision is made it is final.

We will normally keep 14 players on the JV and 12 players on the varsity. Playing time is NOT guaranteed. It is earned but we will make every effort to get kids playing time.

For each try out date please meet on the bleachers for check in.

### **Equipment**

The girls should come every day with cleats, water, bat, glove and other equipment. Infielders and pitchers are highly encouraged to wear a facemask or mouth guard in the field.

### **Coaching**

We believe in providing high quality instruction. We want to develop the mental game as well as the physical game of softball. We hold ourselves to high standards and the players should expect a planned practice to help the team improve. We will explain any drill or technique, we will demonstrate the technique and we will supervise and help the players get the most out of their ability.

### **Remind 101**

Please sign up for reminder text messaging system called Remind 101. Text the phrase @mahonepony to the following number 81010. Then follow the instructions. I will send you rainout information, diamond changes etc. If you need to contact me please do so at [mbradley@kusd.edu](mailto:mbradley@kusd.edu).

### **Schedule**

Games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a couple exceptions. The varsity will play two Saturday morning district tournaments and the JV will play one Saturday tournament. Game start the second week of school and will end on October 5<sup>th</sup> with the varsity city championship tournament.

Area Travel Teams- Try-Outs are soon! You are encouraged to look for a team that best fits you!

Kenosha Hawks – feeder program B/C level

PBA- A/B level

Wisconsin Lightning – A level

Warren (IL) Wave- A/B level

Wisconsin Twisters- B/C level