



# *Welcome to Mahone Softball 2026!*

*Home of the two-time defending champions!*

*The only middle school program to have three teams!*

*We are glad you are interested!*

## **Coaches**

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Varsity 2 Coach Willie Cox

JV Coach TBD

### 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 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. The 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 or text through Parent Square 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 any equipment. However, players may sign out and leave with a parent or guardian only.

## **FORMS!**

**Forms and Fees Found on KUSD Athletics Website or Mahone middle School Website  
All physicals and paperwork must be submitted and reviewed by Ali Tenuta by Friday  
August 7<sup>th</sup>!**

1. We will need a current physical dated *after* April 1 2025 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. I will meet them at Mahone, they can load gear on my truck and we will walk over together. This year we may have a team at Mahone if we have three teams again!

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

**Dates: Monday August 24th – Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Final cuts will be made by Wednesday.**

For the past two seasons we have been able to have three teams. Two that play on the varsity level, and one JV team. This allowed us to keep nearly 40 players. This is not a guarantee to have three teams every year. This will be determined later by numbers of students registered at all four middle schools.

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 each of the varsity teams. 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 at Indian Trail** for check in.

**Calendar View**

Sun Aug 23	Mon Aug 24	Tues Aug 25	Wed Aug 26	Thur Aug 27	Fri Aug 28	Sat Aug 29
No Practice	Try out Day 1 4-6pm	Open house 5-6 Try out 6:30-8pm	Try-out Day 3 4-6pm Cuts and teams divided	Practice 4-6pm	Practice 4-6pm	No Practice

## Second Week

**SCHOOL STARTS Tuesday Sept 1st! We will then start after school practices 4:20-6pm.**

This is when the kids load up my truck and we walk to the diamond.

Sun Aug 30	Mon Aug 31	Tues Sept 1	Wed Sept 2	Thur Sept 3	Fri Sept 4	Sat Aug 29
No Practice	Practice 4-6pm	1st day of school! Practice 4:20-6pm	Practice 4:20-6 pm	Practice 4:20 -6pm	NO Practice Labor Day Weekend!	No Practice

### Equipment

The girls should come every day with cleats, water, bat, gloves 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.

### 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. Games start the second week of school and will end in October with the varsity city championship tournament. We will post the schedule as soon as possible.