



THE CROW HOP

STORM'S NEWSLETTER



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Softball is Back

We have made it through the hard part of winter and Spring is right around the corner. I'm looking forward to seeing all the families again and especially getting back on the field with the athletes. Practices begin Sunday February 25th. All teams except Tropical and Dust will practice from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will use this time together to familiarize the athletes with new drills, review established drills and go over signs. Tropical and Dust will practice from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We will have a coaches meeting from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and everyone is invited to attend. Pitchers and catchers do not need to report early this Sunday.

As we have in the past, we won't schedule week day practices until later in the month. The cold wet weather is too unpredictable for early March practices. The plan is to start weekday practices the week of March 17th. Please make sure your daughter brings the following to each practice.

- Glove
- Tennis Shoes
- Cleats
- Helmet
- Bats
- Water
- Facemask
- Great Attitude

Tournament Schedules

A few weeks ago, we sent a list of tournaments to the head coach of each team. You should soon, if you already have not, receive a message from your head coach or manager requesting dates your daughter is available to play. We prefer to play USSSA tournaments because we believe they provide the best experience for families. With that said, teams can try other sanctioning entities. One last thought on tournaments. Games are fun and provide competitive opportunities, but the tournament schedule must also allow the teams to practice. Without practice, we cannot address our weaknesses.

Please

Competitive situations can be stressful on everyone and sometimes we become consumed with winning at all costs. Please remember, we're working with kids, we cannot expect them to be perfect. Not only are we sometimes too hard on our own athlete, but overboard when critiquing other athletes and or the coaches. Your daughter not only hears everything you say, but often repeats it. Please support not only your daughter, but all athletes and coaches. All of us are trying our very best.