

2010 Ohio Hawks Information Packet



Thank you for allowing your daughter to participate in today's tryout session. While she is doing so please take a few minutes to read this handout. It will answer many of your questions about the tryout process and the organization. Following the tryout the coaches will address the parents briefly and be available to answer any additional questions that you may have.

The Ohio Hawks Organization

This will be our fourth year as an organization. Last season we fielded 5 teams, (2) 10u, 12u, 14u and 16u. In 2010 we are scheduled to have 6 teams and maybe as many as 7. Our goal is to provide an environment where the girls can improve on their fast pitch skills and prepare for high school ball and beyond. As an organization our vision is to be in a position to assist girls with college recruiting and exposure.

We have a relationship with the Miami University program and their head coach, Kelly Schoenly. Our girls will be attending a game in Oxford in September and meeting with the Miami players and coaches afterwards.

As a 501(3)(c) organization the Ohio Hawks does contain an executive board and officers. The executive board does not discuss issues like uniforms, playing schedule, team accounting, etc. That is reserved for officers of the organization working with parents on committee.

The board is responsible for the overall fiscal, legal, administrative and the establishing the direction of the organization. They do have final approval of deliverables from the officers and committees to ensure that everything conducted is in alignment with the organizations vision.

The organization officers work with the teams to ensure their needs are met.

Ohio Hawks Executive Board

Director – Ken Cox

President – Doug Lenos

Board Member – Derek Jacobs

Board Member – Jay Davis

Board Member - Brian DePeel

Officers - the officers report to and are approved by the executive board

Treasurer - appoints team treasurers and develops accounting responsibilities and controls for each.

Secretary - records meeting minutes

Travel Secretary - responsible for establishing committee to create schedule and travel plans as needed.

Uniform and Equipment - responsible for providing uniforms and necessary equipment to the teams. May appoint and delegate to a committee.

Fundraising - responsible to research, manage and implement organizational fund raisers such as raffles, auctions and spirit wear.

Coaches

Each team will consist of a Head Coach, and up to 3 assistant coaches.

Costs, schedules and other team / player information

The 2010 budget for each age group has been established based upon the following projected costs: winter indoor training, summer league fees, uniforms, tournament schedule, team equipment needs, sanction fees, operating expenses, fall league, banners, player spirit wear, practice jerseys, player bags, team medical kit, player and organization insurance, scorebooks and lineup cards, OneCallNow phone notification subscription, and the cost of the year-end banquet and awards.

Teams will play in approximately 8-9 tournaments from May-July. We will schedule several weekends off to allow families to plan their vacations in advance. The 2010 budget for our teams as been set at \$500. We do will offer a \$100 discount for multiple players from the same family participating. Our FALL Hawks Softball Tournament set for July 31st-Aug 2nd should generate over \$5,000 for our program. Our fall golf outing will allow families to raise \$50 for every hole sponsor that they secure for the outing.

The assist families with the cost we have establish extensive fund raising programs. Last season, the 10u parents paid \$200 up front and thru donations and fund raising covered their remaining costs including a trip to the USSSA World Series in Orlando, FLA.

Payment Schedule, Amount Due, Fund Raiser Opportunity

<u>Sept 1</u>	<u>Nov 1</u>	<u>Jan 1</u>	<u>Mar 1</u>
\$150	\$150	\$100	\$100
Initial Payment/ Golf Outing	Land of Illusion	Papa Murphy	Accrued Kroger

Fundraising Opportunities

Kroger – Each family can receive up to 5 Kroger reusable gift cards. Every time you shop at Kroger you can ‘load’ the card prior to checkout and then use it to checkout. You will get 4% of each dollar you add to the card. You can give cards to family members, friends etc. As they use them, you get credit. Many of our families averaged \$20-\$40 deposited per month into their account from Kroger. It will start in September, by spring most families will have earned \$150-\$200. This is good at any Kroger across the US, and is good for food, gas and prescription purchases. This season we have had over 20 families earn over \$250 for their account via the Kroger program.

Land of Illusion – We will park cards for 5 hours at the Land of Illusion/Haunted trail in Sept/Oct. Families participating can earn up to \$100 per night. We have Saturday nights parking, the best night of the weekend.

Papa Murphy Pizza sales – We get \$5 for each \$10-\$14 pizza that we sell. We did this twice last season and most families earned in excess of \$100 each time. The pizzas are great tasting, huge (16”) and everyone that buys them wants to order more. It is a great and easy fund raiser.

Player Donations – We will produce a player donation flyer for your daughter with photos of her and an explanation of the program. Businesses, family members, friends, etc can donate up to \$150 to your daughter at get a tax write-off as a result of our charity organization status.

Large Corporate Donations – As a tax exempt organization we get corporate sponsorship which we divide among the players. If you are responsible for bringing in a large donation, your daughter gets the first \$150 in her account with the remainder to be divided among the other teammates.

Schedule

The 10 and 12u squads will play in 8-10 tournaments, a mid-week summer league and practice 1 day a week during the season. Leading up to season we will practice up to 2 days a week, reducing that to a single practice and league night once the season starts. Outside practice will begin in approximately March as the weather allows.

Training

We have established facilities for indoor training from October to March. The organization is prepared to invest over \$6,000 into securing indoor training facility usage this winter. We are only weeks away from a major announcement concerning the Hawks training academy... Our board will be signing a contract with the premier indoor facility for our players to train this winter!