

2012 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 sixth year as an organization. Last season we put 18 teams on the field, (2) 10u, (3) 11u, (4) 12u, (3) 13u, (1) 14u, (2) 15u, (2) 16u and (1) 18u. In 2012 we are scheduled to have 18 teams – located in Middletown, Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus. 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. Our 'top' teams will play strictly ASA 'A' level competition; all other teams will play ASA, USSSA and some NSA to provide a competitive, yet fair challenge to their abilities.

We have a relationship with the Miami University program and their head coach, Kelly Schoenly. Her staff and players have held clinics for our players in the past and our girls are scheduled to attend a game in Oxford in the fall and meeting with the Miami players and coaches afterwards. We also conduct private clinics with Thomas Moore's head coach and players, Lindsey Brahmhill.

As a 501(3)(c) organization the Ohio Hawks does contain an executive board and officers. 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

President – Doug Lenos

VP / Board Member – Derek Jacobs

Board Member – Jay Davis, Tim Shepherd, Chris Bower, Jeff Hart

Board Member/Coach Advocate – Mike Hoff

Board Member/Player Advocate – Daryl Cummins (*works with families to resolve disputes and financial hardship issues*)

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.

Fundraising - responsible to 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 2012 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.

Teams will play in approximately 8 tournaments from May-July, plus 1 or 2 'Hawks' tourney's. We will schedule several weekends off to allow families to plan their vacations in advance. The 2012 per player budget for our teams ranges between \$550 and \$800 depending on the team's schedule.

Tentative Payment Schedule

<u>Offer Acceptance</u>	<u>Oct 15th</u>	<u>Dec 1st</u>	<u>Feb 1st</u>	<u>Mar 1st</u>
\$200	\$200	\$100	\$100	Balance of Fees

\$200 Offer Acceptance Payment (August). Non-refundable. Due upon accepting offer to play for 2012.

Final payment – no uniforms will be given unless account in good standing.

Fundraising Opportunities - To assist families with the cost we have established several extensive fund raising programs.

Kroger 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 50 families earn over \$400 for their account via the Kroger program. The program starts as soon as you accept our offer; you can begin making money for your account in August!

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.

Player Donations – We will have 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.

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 90% in her account with the remainder to be donated to the Hawks general fund.

Schedule - The teams will play in 8-10 tournaments (1 to 2 of which will be Hawks tourneys like the Early Bird, Finale and Hawktober), and practice at least 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/or league night once the season starts. Outside practice will begin in approximately March as the weather allows.

Friendlies - We will schedule spring and fall ‘friendlies’ with other team around the area. The cost of the friendly is \$10 per player to cover the umpire fee for our teams – it is up to the coaches what friendlies their teams participate in. Typically, we will play 1 day on the weekend against 5-8 other teams, playing 4 games in a single day. It is a good, cost effective way for our girls to get live practice and playing time. Teams can expect to get 3-4 spring and 2-3 fall friendlies in each season.

Indoor - We have a relationship with SWOBAT. SWOBAT is a great indoor facility located in West Chester, OH. We will host several indoor tourneys/friendlies during the Nov-Feb timeframe. Generally, the Hawks teams that wish to participate divide the \$150 fee up among the players. Again, a great 6 hour, indoor opportunity for less than \$20/player.

Training – Hawks HIT Center - We have an established facility for indoor training that contains 2 full 60ft length hitting cages, jugs machines, Tee stations, pitching stations and more. Teams get a minimum of 2 hours/week all winter to train with additional time available on the weekends.

Each team will be expected to park cars 1 night from 7pm-1am in Sept or Oct. This is an organization fundraiser that pays for the HAWKS HIT CENTER rent. Each team will also be responsible to work 1 Hawks tourney each season, either the Dayton Metro, Fastpitch Finale or Hawktober. Hawks teams play in these tourney’s at no cost to the team budget in return for the team support.

Hawks Signing Day – held in September – all players and their families attend.

Hawks Christmas Party – all players and families attend and bring a covered dish, there is dancing, cards, raffle and fun!

Hawks Fish Fry/Monte Carlo – open to everyone, Hawks families can sell tickets and earn money into their account. Each family is expected to ‘buy’ 2 adult \$10 tickets which they can use for themselves or sell. This is a fundraiser for our Exposure teams and their non-parent coaches as well as we purchase equipment for the teams from the proceeds.

Hawks HIT Center



USA Olympic Coach Mike Candrea addressing Hawks players

