



LISLE SLAMMERS 12U TEAM PROFILE 2017 – 2018 SEASON

TEAM PHILOSOPHY AND VISION:

The 12U Lisle Slammers full time travel team will provide girls that love the game of fastpitch softball the opportunity to continue developing their personal skills as part of a competitive team. Beyond fundamentals, we will work with the girls to reach a higher level of play both physically and mentally, to help prepare them for higher levels of competition through our season. One of the main goals is to encourage the passion of playing softball and keeping the fun and love of the sport present on and off the field. All players will have playing time for both infield and outfield positions throughout the season and will work on these during practice. The team will have multiple regular pitchers instead of relying on just one or two. Each girl putting forth their full effort through attendance, participation, hard work and positive attitude will be given the opportunity for playing time shared among team members. Our goal will be to play the highest quality competition that will allow our girls to be in a competitive, challenging environment. Most of this competition is likely to be at a "B" level.

PARENT AND PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES:

It is the responsibility of the family to maintain the player's attendance at scheduled practices and games. Parents will be responsible for all correspondence regarding the team (email, checking Team Snap, etc.) and for making sure the line of communication is open to the coaches. It is expected that the girls will train outside of practice and game time in order to reach their desired level of play. Pitchers should work with a pitching instructor and all players must work on hitting and fielding. We will need parent help to assist in practices, games and other activities as needed.

SCHEDULE

Fall: We will practice outdoors one weeknight evening and one weekend day starting mid-August and continuing through October, weather permitting. In addition to practices, we will play some friendly games locally, a round robin and one tournament. Total games played during the fall season should be around 10-20 games.

Winter Training: November-December weekly or bi-weekly indoor practices. Starting in January, we will have weekly indoor practice sessions in Naperville (Jan-March). Additional batting and/or other training will supplement these practices throughout the winter.

Spring/Summer Season: Starting in April, we anticipate playing about 45-55 games through league play (West Suburban League), friendly games and tournaments/round robins. Games will generally be within a 30-minute drive from Lisle. Most league games will be weeknights; 4-5 local Tournaments on weekends with the season likely finishing mid-July. It is possible that we may choose to do an out of town tournament in July, which will be discussed and decided upon with the team families and coaches. Practices will be weekly throughout the spring season.

FEES \$650

Fees will consist of a \$300 non-refundable deposit due by August 20, 2017, and a second installment of \$350 will be due when practices resume in early January 2018. These fees will cover uniforms, player helmets and bags, tournament fees, all field and umpire fees, and team equipment. The team will earn additional funds through hosting fall and summer round robins and Slammer Tournaments. Parent help will be needed during these events, typically with setting up the fields for play.

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