



## 2022/2023 Fury Information Packet – 12U

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### Introduction

We are so glad you all have chosen to consider the 12U Fury for the 2022 Fall / 2023 Spring season. The Fury are based out of St. Louis, MO. Our goal is not only to improve the level of play in the area by competing at the select level, but also to teach valuable life lessons learned through team sports.

This packet is stuffed with a ton of information about us and our team. It is important that just as much as we want to make sure your daughter is a good fit for us, we want you to make sure we are a good fit for you and your entire family. We understand this is a big time and money commitment on your part and want you to have as much information as possible available to you to make an informed decision and two-way commitment from now until July 2023.

### Fury - About Us

The Fury Organization started over 10 years ago. Your head coach - Adam Zemianek has over 16 years of softball coaching experience and has coached 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U to 18U all at the Select/Club level.

The Fury 2010 is a 2010 Birth Year centered team entering the 12U age group

- Must be born between 1/1/2010 and 7/31/2011 to be eligible to play on this team
- Must have prior competitive (Select) softball experience
- Must be committed to playing at an elevated level

One thing that is important to know about us is there is a whole lot more going on with our team than just softball. ... to name a few, New Friends (Parents and Kids), Travelling Tourneys, Team Camp, a focus on God, Respect, Class, and Commitment. Further, an encouraging and supportive atmosphere, select caliber softball, very competitive games, 1st place victories, last place losses, huge highs, and some in your face lows. But at the end of the day a great SOFTBALL FAMILY - a place where you can place some pride in your teammates, parents, and coaches. We feel we have one of the greatest groups of parents a team could ever ask for.

All infield and outfield positions are open at the beginning of every season; we will assess the talent of the team and place players where we feel they will most benefit the team and give us the best chance to compete and win games. If you have concerns about this please talk to because as coaches we sometimes have to make some unpopular decisions. We will do our best to be as open and honest as we can with

you up front always. Positions will be focused to allow girls opportunity to grow and develop in specific areas during the year. This is not an “everybody plays every position” team.

### 2022/2023 Game, Practice and Tournament Expectations

#### FALL PLANS

- League Play in Chesterfield, 8 Games, Doubleheaders Starting Late August
- 4-5 Fall Tournaments (Aug → Oct) (possibly 1 travelling)
- Will deconflict as much as possible from FEEDER LEAGUE so kids can do both!

#### SPRING PLANS

- First Spring Practice 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Jan 2023
- 10-11 Spring Tournaments (March → mid-July) with 2-3 travelling
- 2023 Women’s College World Series visit to OKC
- League Play in Chesterfield, 12 Games
- Practices likely on Thursday and Sunday Evenings
- Practices usually in New Melle, MO

### What you can expect from us

- Select Level Competition, Coaching, Strategy
- Roster Maximum of 11
- Guest players only invited if we have 2 or more absent that deems it necessary (rare)
- Organized Fall and Spring practices, scrimmages, and games
- Off Season Strength, Speed, & Agility Training
- Access to the Fury Off Season Hitting Program
- Experienced & POSITIVE atmosphere of instruction
- Sound Fundamentals for Hitting, Fielding, Throwing, Running, Pitching and Catching
- Inclusive environment for all families & a softball-family like culture
- Strong Regular communication from coaches via GroupMe App
- GameChanger & Facebook LIVE streaming of game
- Commitment to your daughter through the Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 season

### What we expect from the parents

As parents of our girls you are so important to your child’s individual success. More than you even realize! We care so much more about having a positive attitude than anything else, we need you to reinforce this often. Select level softball is challenging, and it will be disappointing at times, talk with your daughter often about their attitude on the field and in the dugout when they make an error, strike out, pop up, get tagged out at home. If they are crying, stomping, or being disrespectful they will be asked once to correct then they will be sat until the situation improves. Parents, please do not take this lightly, if you cannot support this then you should not play on this team. Your job as parents is to be their biggest cheerleader! 12U brings enough stress for these young athletes. They need your love and support first and foremost.

Kids on this team are expected to work at home outside of practice to improve their hitting & fielding skills. All batters are expected to receive some form of private hitting instruction, and the skill positions of pitcher and catcher will also need to be committed to regular private instruction to play those positions.

In addition to reinforcing our philosophy as coaches we expect a commitment to the team thru the Spring Season of 2023 (through mid-July 2023). This commitment means making 90% of the practices, notifying us when you cannot attend, and making the Fury a priority over other sports.

We have conduct expectations for our parents, during and after the games. Our parents are all role models to these young ladies, there is no place on this team for bad mouthing umpires, players, coaches, or other fans...Please do not put us coaches in the uncomfortable position of having to address this. In the 16 years I have been coaching I have seen many parents and coaches lose their cool on other teams, and in a few instances on my team. Any negative feelings always get back to the girls and they disrupt the trust built within the entire TEAM FAMILY. If there is an issue or question about our coaching, we are always willing to discuss, so please come and talk with us coaches privately.

**What we expect from the players**

Yes, you guessed it...100% positive attitude, a willingness to learn and work hard. Respect for the coaches, respect for the umpires, and respect for other teams regardless of the circumstances. We expect 100% effort when at practices and at games.

Practicing at home; Players should practice on average at least 4 times a week. With 11-12 girls we can only spend so much 1 on 1 time, and with only 2 practices a week you have to perfect the fundamentals at home or with private instructors.

Responsibility & Commitment. There will be uniform expectations for practices please wear Fury attire to all practices. 90% practice attendance and a commitment to the Fury thru mid-July 2023.

**Costs you can expect**

You will be responsible for procuring your own uniforms, bags, and matching helmets, we will utilize Fischer’s Sports & Boombah to help get you equipped with 2 game uniforms and 2 practice shirts. These uniform costs are between \$100-\$200 (depending on your current softball wardrobe), and are unfortunately over and above the cost of the team fees. Returning players will be able to utilize uniforms, jerseys and equipment from prior seasons. 2021-2022 Actual Costs Incurred before fundraisers are captured in the table below. This is used to project costs and payment plans for the following Season.

Row Labels	Sum of Transaction
Equipment & Consumables	\$ (1,380.00)
Field & Cage Rentals	\$ (2,100.00)
Holiday Party	\$ (360.00)
Team Mgmt, GameChanger & Social Media	\$ (567.00)
League Fees	\$ (2,175.00)
Scrimmages	\$ (250.00)
Strength & Agility Training	\$ (2,500.00)
Tournament Costs	\$ (7,449.66)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ (16,781.66)</b>
Divided by 11 Players	\$ (1,525.61)

**Payment Schedule**

Payment Plan	Due Date	Items
<b>\$300</b>	Immediately	Fall Deposit, Fall League, Fall Tournaments
<b>\$300</b>	10/15/2022	Due before end of fall to covers Indoor Practices and early Spring Fees
<b>\$300</b>	1/15/2023	Due at 1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Practice
<b>\$300</b>	3/15/2023	Due Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Game
<b>\$300</b>	5/15/2023	Final Parent payment (adjusted down pending fundraisers)

If at the end of the season we have over budgeted, the balance left over will be returned to the players. You have our commitment that there is nothing “for profit” with anything we do as a team. This includes **the coach’s player(s), they pay the exact same as every other player.**

Closing Comments

Again we are so excited you chose to make the Fury an option. Thank you for checking us out, please do not hesitate to discuss options with us, or if you have any questions at all, no matter how silly you think they are please ask. We want to hear from you, we've always maintained great relationships with our parents and do not expect this new team to be any different. God Bless!

Equipment Annex

Determine Your Bat Length by Your Height and Weight

Height	36" - 40"	41" - 45"	46" - 48"	49" - 52"	53" - 56"	57" - 60"	61" - 64"	65" - 68"	69" - 72"	73" +
Weight 60 lbs or less	26"	27"	28"	29"	29"					
61 - 70 lbs	27"	27"	28"	29"	30"	30"				
71 - 80 lbs		28"	28"	29"	30"	30"	31"			
81 - 90 lbs		28"	29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	32"		
91 - 100 lbs		28"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"		
101 - 110 lbs		29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"		

BATS Must have a USSSA  
"Thumb Print" Stamp on it...

**GLOVE SIZING**

Determine Your Glove Size by Your Age

This table is a general guide for determining which glove size an athlete needs.

Softball			
Level	Type	Position	Glove Size
Youth	Fastpitch	Infield	10.5" - 11"
Youth	Fastpitch	Outfield	11" - 11.5"
Adult	Fastpitch	Infield	11.5" - 12"
Adult	Fastpitch	Outfield/1st Base	12" - 13"

**Face Masks Mandatory**

Recommend Rip-It Defense or Schutt, (haven't tried Boombah or Champro yet)  
(Metal & Lightweight are most important factors. Plastic ones get really hot)



**Helmets**

Rawlings VELO 2 (or similar) White/Navy ~\$55 (MUST have FACEMASK)

