

2025 Tomah Middle School Softball



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Coaches Contact information

We will be primarily using the Remind app for most of our communications. I suggest that players, parents, and rides all receive these updates and sign up for the app. I will provide that information and give you time to put it in your phone tonight!! Athletes will also have a Schoology Page in case of some virtual practices and workouts to do for canceled practices if we do not have field/gym space.

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Team Rules

1. Always Protect the Team
 - a. We do not lay blame on each other
 - b. We help each other improve
 - c. We are accountable to each other
 - d. Every member of the team is valuable.
2. No Whining, No Complaining, No Excuses
 - a. Our goal is to reach our fullest potential, to reach our perfection, these 3 actions prevent that.
 - b. Every drill has a purpose, each player has a role, and we are responsible for the outcome.
 - c. **Take responsibility for your gear and your behavior.**
3. Be Early
 - a. Don't be content with being on time, successful groups don't settle for average, neither should we.
 - b. Failure to be early hurts the team
 - c. Practice should start by 3:45. Do not dawdle on your walk to the field.
 - d. Unexcused absences will be dealt with by conditioning and loss of playing time following the same format as with behavior. You have our contact information, you need to let us know BEFORE a game or practice.

Individual Rules

1. Treat coaches and players with respect
 - a. Every adult assisting in our program will be called "Coach"
 - b. Fighting/bickering/arguing with a teammate will result in a team punishment.
 - c. Disrespectful behavior towards a coach or referee will result in a contact home and the following punishments:
 - i. 1st time: 3 innings
 - ii. 2nd time: 6 innings
 - iii. 3rd time: Full night and possible removal from the program.
2. Treat referees with respect
 - a. Do not question a referee's call and assist referee's when possible (pick up the ball for them, etc.)
 - b. If you have a concern to discuss with a referee, do so politely and at an opportune moment. Leave the talking to the officials to your coach.
3. Playing Time

*****This will be a challenge this year*** With our current numbers at both levels and many other school only having one team, or one combined team. A rotation will be worked out and communicated with as much advanced notice as possible. Please work with us as we are doing are best to make sure everyone gets better and the program (8-12) moves forward as a whole******

- a. Playing time is determined by skill, attitude, and work ethic at all levels. There is fair playing time at each level (A and B) for middle school. By fair playing time means that a player is following the guidelines will be given equal/fair playing time as every player is. If you have a question or concern about playing time, speak with your coach privately outside of the game or practice setting. The district has a 24 hour policy after games. Any questions or concerns can be addressed 24 hours after a game or event has taken place.
 - b. Being upset on the bench will decrease your playing-time, however being an active participant on the bench will show your coach that you can contribute positively to the team.
- Home Games

Home games will be held at Schroeder for 8th grade and Winnebago for 7th Grade. Please show up 30 minutes before game time dressed and ready to warm up.

- Away Games

The bus leaves the middle school at the assigned departure time, not after. To be late is to be left behind.

Players may ride home with parents. Parents must sign out with coach before they leave the game.

We prefer that B and A players stay for each other's games. A player who regularly leaves early will have play time affected. We play together, therefore we support both teams. (Special circumstances will be considered, but the situation must be brought to the coach's attention).

You are expected to be positive representatives of our school and community at all times. Inappropriate conduct at another school will result in appropriate consequences.

4. No Candy (gameday), No Pop (period!)
 - a. Candy and Pop reduce your stamina, if a coach sees you with candy or pop prior to a game, a team punishment will be enforced during the next practice.
5. Bus Behavior
 - a. All players must ride the bus to a competition unless there has been signed consent of parents.

- b. Any trash left on bus will lead to team conditioning.

Other Reminders

- Practice cancelations/schedule are subject to change.
- Behavior on the bus is to be 100% perfect. Team Consequences will be enforced.
- The bus will be clean before we get off and all garbage/equipment left will have a conditioning punishment.
- 8th Grade practices at Schroeder and 7th at Winnebago unless otherwise discussed.
 - Practice pick-up and post-game pick-up needs to be timely.
- Phone calls will be made on our way home from away games to assure rides are ready.
- We will be timely with practice and games and we ask your assistance to make sure rides are at the locations at the correct times.
- Responsibility for uniforms, being on time, and following rules is the responsibility of the PLAYER.
- Appropriate practice attire is required for all practices---pants are suggested as sliding, diving, scrimmaging may happen at any time. Other equipment is your responsibility, we have some helmets and bats and will work with everyone to make sure everyone has what is needed to participate. Please make sure your cleats (if you will be using them), helmets, infield masks, and gloves are ready to go for the first practice.

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23	24 Spring Break	25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29
30	31 Practice 3:30-5:30					

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6	7 Practice 3:30-5:30	8 Practice 3:30-5:30	9 Practice 3:30-5:30	10 Practice 3:30-5:30	11 Practice 3:30-5:30	12
13	14 Practice 3:30-5:30	15 Home vs Viroqua	16 Practice 3:30-5:30	17 @ Onalaska	18 No Practice	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 No Practice	22 Home Vs West Salem	23 Practice 3:30-5:30	24 @ Aquinas	25 Practice 3:30-5:30	26
27	28 Practice 3:30-5:30	29 Home Vs Sparta	30 Practice 3:30-5:30			

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				1 @ Westby	2 Practice 3:30-5:30	3
4	5 Home Vs Holmen	6 Practice 3:30-5:30	7 Practice 3:30-5:30	8 @ West Salem	9 Practice 3:30-5:30	10
11	12 Practice 3:30-5:30	13 Home Vs Aquinas	14 Practice 3:30-5:30	15 @ Sparta	16 Practice 3:30-5:30	17
18	19 Practice 3:30-5:30	20 Home Vs Westby	21 Team Party	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31



Sign up for important updates from Coach Tardiff.

Get information for Tomah Middle School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for **2025 Middle School Softball**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/bcchg78

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @bcchg78 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @bcchg78 to (415) 813-2646.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/bcchg78 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Parent/Athlete Contract

We have read the attached rules and applicable paperwork and understand what is expected in the TMS softball program.

Parent

Print _____

Sign _____

Athlete

Print _____

Sign _____

Pre-Season Softball Questionnaire

Name:

Primary Position:

Secondary Position:

Other Positions:

Years of Playing Organized Softball:

Right or Left Handed:

Do you have your jersey from last year?

Jersey Size?

Pant color preference: Black or White

Do you have black or white pants and which color?

Please rate your ability in the following areas (1 being needs work and 5 being excellent):

Batting:

Bunting:

Base running:

Throwing:

Catching:

If you had to name a skill that you need improvement on what would it be?

What is your greatest attribute that you bring to the team?