



Maple Grove Crimson Softball

2026 Season Information Letter

Notes from Coach Koltes

Greetings to all Maple Grove Softball Athletes and Parents! With the season right around the corner and our first in **THE Lake Conference**, I wanted to bring you all up to speed with what is going on for the upcoming season and give you some important dates to mark on your calendar. I am very excited to get back to working with the players and preparing for another great season of CRIMSON softball. We look forward to building on our successes throughout the past 24 years, including going to the State Tournament 10 times, 7 NWSC Championships & the **2019 AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**.

Every year we strive to build on our successes from past seasons. We achieve this by instilling in each player the understanding that we have successful seasons at all levels by fostering individual player development, as well as developing the culture for the whole program. Then, together, we can attain our goal of ending the season at the State Tournament. Each player should be setting personal development goals for themselves as well as how they will personally contribute to the success of their team and program, keeping our program goals in mind. I am excited to get the season started and I am looking forward to the first day of tryouts.

HUGE FUNDRAISER for the Softball Program this year is a Golf Tournament, with more information to follow. This is our **Largest Fundraiser!!!**

Informational Season Meeting

Please fill out the [2026 Player Information Form](#) (Coaches use this to create a tryout list!)

Tryout Dates, Spring Break and Open Softball Practice Times before the Season

The 2026 Season Start Date is March 9th. Tryout information and times will be covered in our informational meeting listed above. If you are not on a Spring Break Trip and are in town, the expectation is that you are at the practices: M-W 8:30-10:00 am in the Maple Grove Dome. For those who are on a Spring Break Trip, enjoy your time with your family. Let me know you will be gone. **Teams are fluid throughout the season, and we spend a lot of time coordinating pitcher development.**

All times and information will be posted at: www.crimsonsoftball.com, Crimson Softball Facebook Page, X (formerly Twitter) @coachkoltes Open Softball Dome Times will be March 2nd & 5th: 9-12 Graders at 2:30-3:30 & 7-8 Graders 3:30-4:30 **ALL players there will be in a throwing program to help with arm safety and development, along with skills & hitting.**

Encouraged to TRYOUT: All players in 7-12 grades who live in the MGSB school boundary area are eligible to Tryout for the High School Softball Program. We have a 9A Team, B-Squad Team, JV Team & a Varsity Team. 7th and 8th graders are placed where they will be the most successful and can make any of the teams/levels. This is a true tryout.

I am very excited for the upcoming season and I look forward to getting back out on the softball diamond. Please put these dates on your calendar. Email me at koltesj@district279.org or call/text with any questions.

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