

MSP STAR NEWS

October 2026
Edition

PAYMENTS

Payments are due on the 2th of the month. Playmetrics has been unloaded with all the information regarding the balance for the season. You can set this on auto payment as well. We do need payments to be on time in order to pay for games, practices and tournaments.

If we have not received payment we will start asking the player not to come to practice.

Please contact Coach Katie to make your payments

SOCIAL MEDIA

You may have noticed an increase in posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages. This is thanks to our new Social Media Director, Eric Beck.

Eric retired from coaching this year to spend more time watching his daughters excel. He truly loves MSP Stars and is dedicated to highlighting our athletes. You will continue to see new pictures, posts, and blogs from him across our platforms. Eric is a huge reason MSP Stars is gaining recognition, and his hard work is really starting to show.

Please make sure you are following and liking our pages, and help us spread the word!

Coach Katie Korner

WELCOME to the new season of MSP Stars. We are well underway. This year we are excited to have 7 teams competing. Our teams and are as followed;

12U Orange
Katie Moyer, Faye Stanek, Rose Howlett and Aleyna French
13U Black
Val Cohn, Jessie Weachter and Brett Doy
13U Orange
Rich Willix and Dave Trilling
14U Black and White
Kevin Jensen, Kyle Volk, Dave Carioscia, Kevin Rabaca
15U Orange
Bree Willix and Nate Volk

16U Black - Katie Moyer, Sara Montes Kennedy, Lindsay Stanek

Each team has been entered in the Carol Stream League, Melrose Park League, Lombard Park District League or scheduled friendlies.

This past weekend all of our teams competed in MSP September Showdown! Some were victorious and others not as much, but it was a great day for softball, with the wins and the losses. Each team is showing much promise and we want to remind parents this is an uphill climb for Fall. Players are getting use to coaches, new teammates and a new set of rules. The coaches and I work hard at practice plans, line ups and above all else seeing different competition.

We have so much to look forward to in the months ahead with league championships, tournaments and so much more before we head in doors.

Please be patient in all we do. As a reminder, practices are closed to parents. You can wait in the car but we are trying to get the trust from the players. As a side note, if you are at Pioneer Park for outdoor practice please ensure your headlights are off. They are distracting on the field.

Team Updates

12U Orange

Coach Katie see so much potential in this team. While we only have four players returning from last year's 12U team, our eight new players are bringing incredible dynamic power to the group.

This fall, we are focusing on the "Three B's": Ball, Base, Backup. Our goal is to get the team moving on every pitch and every play, every single time. Building these habits now will pay off significantly in the months ahead.

Next up, we are looking forward to the Wasco Warriors Tournament and the end-of-year Melrose Park League Championship!

15U Orange

Coach Bree and Coach Nate have faced a few practice challenges recently, as 9 out of our 12 players are currently playing a fall sport. While attendance at practice hasn't always been the top priority, it isn't stopping this team. They went 3-0 in the MSP September Showdown!

This team has incredible athleticism all around, and it really shows on the field. Once all the pieces fall into place, they are going to be unstoppable.

We have also entered the Lombard Park District League this year. Despite a few minor weather and scheduling issues, the team is handling everything well.

13U Black

Coach Val has been doing a fantastic job taking charge and coaching the team. Although the rain dampened the Round Robin, I was really looking forward to Sunday.

With only four returning players, this is a new team, and we are working on figuring out positions and stepping up our game. Hailey's mom has also been a huge help and is really stepping up. Additionally, our new players are bringing incredible intensity and energy to the team.

To build on this momentum, I would love to plan a team bonding event soon.

14U Black & White

We have been competitive in every game, but a single tough inning has been costing us the outcome. Coach Kyle, Kevin, Dave and Kevin all feel we are moving forward. Our focus needs to be on point with strong communication, keeping everyone engaged, and staying united as a team. We also need full commitment to attendance for all team activities.

Offensively, since we are currently struggling to hit, we are going to focus on bunting and putting the ball in play to force the opposing defense to make plays.

Let's stay focused and work together to turn things around.

13U Orange

Here is a quick update on the team:

While our record is currently 1-3, Coach Rich and Coach Dave are confident hitting has improved compared to last season. The team is locked in, ready to compete, and the girls are staying focused as they continue to figure things out.

Practices have been strong, steady, and engaging, with everyone holding their own and working on learning a new technique. Moving forward, I am hoping to see strong leadership and focus across the entire team.

17U Black

Coach Katie has a strong core this season with a couple of great new additions to an already dominant squad. Our biggest challenge so far is getting everyone to unify as a team.

Our players bring diverse backgrounds, playing styles, and habits, but they all share the same commitment to playing hard and winning. With most of our roster together for four or more years, our veteran players are ready to lead.

While we have fallen just short in a few close matches in the Melrose Park League, we are focused on turning things around as we head into the playoffs this weekend.

Double Good Popcorn Event

This month we have our first fundraiser which is Double Good Popcorn. This is a big fundraiser and helps out the program financially from tournaments, practices, games, and so much more. Our fundraising window begins on October 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM and goes until October 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

We are asking parents and players to reach out to family, friends, coworkers, or anyone that likes popcorn. Use social media, texting any avenue you can think of to get the word out to direct them to your popup store. The more you sell in your pop store, the more you earn toward MSP Star gear. We will be offering prizes as well.

Sell \$200 worth of popcorn and receive an MSP Stars T-Shirt.

Sell \$300 worth of popcorn and receive an MSP Stars sweatshirt.

Sell \$400 worth of popcorn and receive an MSP Stars jacket.

Sell \$800 worth of popcorn and receive an of ALL THREE!

EVERY PLAYER ON THE TEAM SELLS OVER \$800 IN POPCORN, THE TEAM GETS TO DESIGN THEIR OWN UNIFORM ON MSP!

Our fundraising window begins on October 14, 2026, at 5:00 PM and goes until October 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Before the fundraiser begins:

1. Download the Double Good app
2. Enter our event code JPB ABK in the app
3. Create your Pop-Up Store

MSP STAR OF THE MONTH

Every month during our coaches meeting, we review our games, practices, and team activities. The main highlight of our meeting is selecting the MSP Star of the Month.

These players are not necessarily those who hit the game-winning runs, pitch the most strikes, or throw the hardest. Instead, they are the athletes who stand out through their attitude, effort, and team spirit.

To honor these players each month, each Star of the Month receives a STAR necklace. This award exempts them from burpees, softball suicides, running, or any team punishments for the month, plus they receive the monthly swag.

This month, four players have stood out above the rest:

MSP STAR
Player of September
CHELSEA HOWLETT
TEAM: 12U Orange
POSITION: P/Utility
GRAD YEAR: 2032

REASON FOR PofM: Chelsea is in her fourth year as an MSP Star. According to Coach Katie, Chelsea has been stepping up for her team. Playing every position asked and helping gel the team to come together. She is a force to be reconge with thats for sure!
For these reasons and so much more, Chelsea is awarded MSP Star, player of the MONTH!



MSP STAR
Player of September
PAYTON GRAHAM
TEAM: 13U Orange
POSITION: 3rd
GRAD YEAR: 2031

REASON FOR PofM: Payton is in her third year as an MSP Star. According to Coach Rich and Coach Dave, Payton has stepped up for her team in a positive way. She encourages her teammates, but keeps them in check. Payton doesn't let players goof around she is taking this year staying focus on the prize.
For these reasons and so much more, Payton is awarded MSP Star, player of the MONTH!



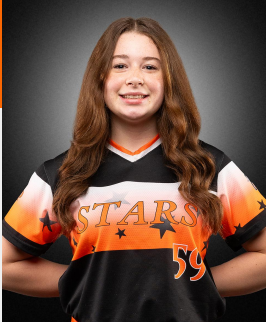
MSP STAR
Player of September
BROOKE FOSS
TEAM: 15U Orange
POSITION: P/Utility
GRAD YEAR: 2029

REASON FOR PofM: Brooke is in her second year as an MSP Star. Coach Bree & Coach Nate have seen such a positive change in Brooke. She is getting into the zone for her pitching, really helping out her team. Her positive energy, carisma and dedication to her craft is really shining this year.
For these reasons and so much more, Brooke is awarded MSP Star, player of the MONTH!



MSP STAR
Player of September
ALEYNA FRENCH
TEAM: 17U Black
POSITION: SS
GRAD YEAR: 2028

REASON FOR PofM: Aleyna is in her third year as an MSP Star. According to Coach Katie, French is a truly reliable player on and off the field. She keeps the peace with everyone, first to help out and give positive feedback and the first to admit her mistakes. She is helping coach the next generation and loving every minute of it.
For these reasons and so much more, Aleyna is awarded MSP Star, player of the MONTH!



Honorable Mention STARS OF SEPTEMBER:
Kathleen Bolan (13U Black)
Elyse Beck (15U)
Aylssa Busch (14U)

October 2026 Schedule

We understand that fall schedules can be busy, which is why we post the schedule in our newsletter.

If you are unable to attend your team's scheduled practice, you are welcome to join another session. To swap practices, please review the schedule below and contact your head coach. They will reach out to the host coach to arrange your attendance. Once approved, you will be added to that practice in PlayMetrics, so please ensure you RSVP "Yes" for the new time.

- As a reminder regarding attendance tracking:
- Practices: Please mark "Yes" or "No" in PlayMetrics.
 - Games: Please mark "Yes" or "No" in GameChanger.

MSP Hitting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5 13U Orange 5-6pm 15U Orange 8-9pm	6 12U Orange 7-8pm 17U Black 8-9pm	7 13U Black 7-8pm 14U 8-10pm	8	9	10
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MSP Fielding Schedule

Please review PlayMetrics for the October practice schedule and any recent updates.

Fielding practice will take place at Pioneer Park on Field #4, as it is the only field equipped with lights. Upon arrival, players should use one dugout, place their bags against the back fence, and be ready to begin. If a player is running late, please text the coach to inform them.

For weather-related practice updates, please check this link:
<https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/6302257876>.

The park district will update the status by 3:00 PM on practice days.

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