

Mariner Softball Contact Information 2024

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Be diligent in checking for updates to information.

1. REMIND will be the team contact of choice this school year for players.
2. Parents may have a separate WhatsApp account or join REMIND
3. Website: marinerssoftball.net- The ultimate resource for expectations, schedule, etc.
4. Gamechanger.com for scores, schedules, stats, live feed. (see below)
5. Social Media – There is a FB website for Homer Mariner Softball that can be used for pictures and comments but will not be used for specific information.

Direct contact by Parents / Guardians Text, phone or Email (respect 24 hour rule , if applicable)

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Player Contact by Remind, please

Game Information:

Game Changer app search zipcode and Homer Varsity 24 or Homer Junior Varsity 24

This has LIVE FEED, schedule, game scores and stats. Family can sign up and follow team. This year we may purchase a Premium subscription then all games and stats AND live game video, would be open to parents, players and friends of program. This is a good way for parents to follow away games.

www.maxpreps.com – Search on Homer Mariner Softball. Statistics that go to NFCA (National Fastpitch Coach Association) automatically from Gamechanger. Used for award purposes- player of the week, NW Region All-Star Team, ASAA reporting. Great recognition for a small school in Alaska. Should show all Northern Lights scores / standings

www.fieldlevel.com – a college visibility tool if you are interested in playing on after HS. Easy way to promote yourself. Let me know if interested.

Fund Raising- mostly through Raffle ticket sales and sponsorships. Sometimes a Garage Sale. Any ideas accepted and appreciated. Our budget is over \$20,000/year

Parent helpers/volunteers **will** be needed for Raffle Manager, concessions, planning a large tournament, field work, travel assistance, scorekeeping, scoreboard control, etc, etc...

2024 Addendum to the Team Manual

The online manual is still a good document to help guide you through the season. In a simpler form I would like to share some of the thoughts I have for the structure of this season as we develop team culture. It is incumbent on any business (or team) to have a mission statement or guiding principle that will be the cornerstone for any decision. In the manner of any good plagiarist, I have stolen these from Steve Kerr, the coach of the Golden State Warriors.

1. **JOY** – a necessary part of your participation and dedication. Maybe not every single minute but, overall, this needs to be very important for you and your participation.
2. **Mindfulness**- a clear focus on what you are doing, with the goal toward continual improvement.
3. **Compassion**- especially to yourself, for errors while learning, but also toward teammates, officials, coaches and opponents.
4. **Competition**- with yourself to get better and collegially with others for a goal of overall team improvement. Note that this has nothing to do with ranking or superiority, just improvement to be the best softball player you can personally be.

What should you expect of yourself when you come to practice?

1. Being grateful and appreciative of the chance to learn, struggle, be challenged, try harder, hang out with your teammates and have this magical time at the end of the year.
2. Working to be a personal champion every day for that is how Champions are made.
3. Leaving all your other daily baggage outside the field when you arrive and dedicating yourself to the challenges of softball. There will be plenty of time to pick up the baggage again when practice is over- and maybe it will be even less of an impediment then.
4. Be the Positive Force not the “Energy Vampire”.

This first month of the season makes it difficult to develop team cohesiveness with all the required distractions (musical, basketball, vacations, etc). One important skill we want you to develop is time management. You will be expected to attend all non-optional practices or let us know individually ahead of time about required absences. This does not include “I forgot about ...” Etc. But things do happen, so everyone has one no-questions-asked “GottaMissPractice Chit” to use during the season without having consequences.

This is your team, not ours. We as coaches will be there to push, cajole, teach, challenge and support. There will be a team meeting early on to discuss and agree on Team Culture and establish fair consequences for not meeting obligations – like getting to practice on time, etc. Please acquaint yourself with the full manual on the website.

The biggest ask that I do have of you is to support me in honoring the memory of one of our recent players who was tragically killed in a partner violence situation. My main goal in coaching is to develop self-confident women and foster support for each other, especially in a state that leads the nation in violence against women. We will be talking about Bri, wearing a memorial patch, seeing her number on our softballs, a poster of her smiling and having a memorial service – maybe with an alumnae game- later in the season. I thank you for your personal support to a main focus of mine.