

A New Foundation of Softball Development in Fort Wayne



Program Guide 2014-2015

Mission Statement

Synergy strives to develop a complete year round softball environment that is essential to educate youth players of all levels. In order to achieve this, the academy focuses on educating the correct technical, tactical, psychological, and physical traits essential to help players reach their maximum potential. Aided by passionate, enthusiastic, experienced, and dedicated coaches all under one philosophy, our objective is to provide every player the opportunity to develop softball skills and valuable life skills such as discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork. This objective is accomplished by integrating a sports organization of experienced full time staff members (The Plex) that manages the clubs operations and assist in the hiring of coaches. This allows coaches to separate themselves from administrative duties to focus on what they do best, coaching softball.

Philosophy

We strive to create the right environment to develop the player as a whole. By Focusing on developing in stages players can maximize individual and team development throughout their youth career. Players will be placed in situations that are challenging and demanding in order to foster this development.

We Offer:

- A consistent and competitive training environment that is demanding, challenging, motivating, and enjoyable with game-like situations.
- Access to top training facilities at the Plex all year round.
- A direct feeder system of players from age 6-18; this allows a true recreation program that feeds into higher level programs to maintain a balance of players involved in the club. Players will develop at a pace and level they are best suited for and most comfortable in.
- Quality training to help guide, direct, and assist players through their youth careers from coaches who have a comprehensive understanding of the game and how to teach it.
- A comprehensive student-athlete development program that offers tools and on-going educational resources from national experts to prepare kids for college recruitment, correct nutrition and college preparation.
- Tuition rewards program that guarantees \$1,000 per year, per player to be used towards select schools tuition.
- Ideal game environment that is age and ability appropriate against teams that will push players in individual skills and teamwork.
- Fees that are fair and affordable and a scholarship program available for eligible players.

Participation on Other Sports

Please Note: Academy Level Teams have, by necessity, strict attendance policies. Due to the high level at which our teams compete, the team cannot remain competitive without 100% regular participation from all players. Academy players are required to make all scheduled practices and participate in all scheduled events. Occasional absences due to illness, academic conflicts, or family conflicts may be excused and/or assigned make-up sessions as determined by coaching staff on an individual basis. However, absences may directly affect playing time. Regardless of reason; if a player has missed out on a practice, they may not be prepared for play. Excessive absences by an Academy-level player may require reevaluation and/or team-reassignment.

There is a Need

Many organizations come and go; some are run by passionate volunteers who love softball. However, they are limited to a part time commitment due to managing a full time job. Some focus on only one or two groups at a time. This pulls players in different directions developmentally as they jump from team to team.

Synergy offers Fort Wayne a consistent direction for softball development. Today's athletes are bigger, faster, and stronger than ever before. But, if they are not advised appropriately they will end up with limited or no opportunities to play at the next level. The vast majority of players do not realize (or believe) how few spots are available to play in college or the sacrifice required to make it to that level.

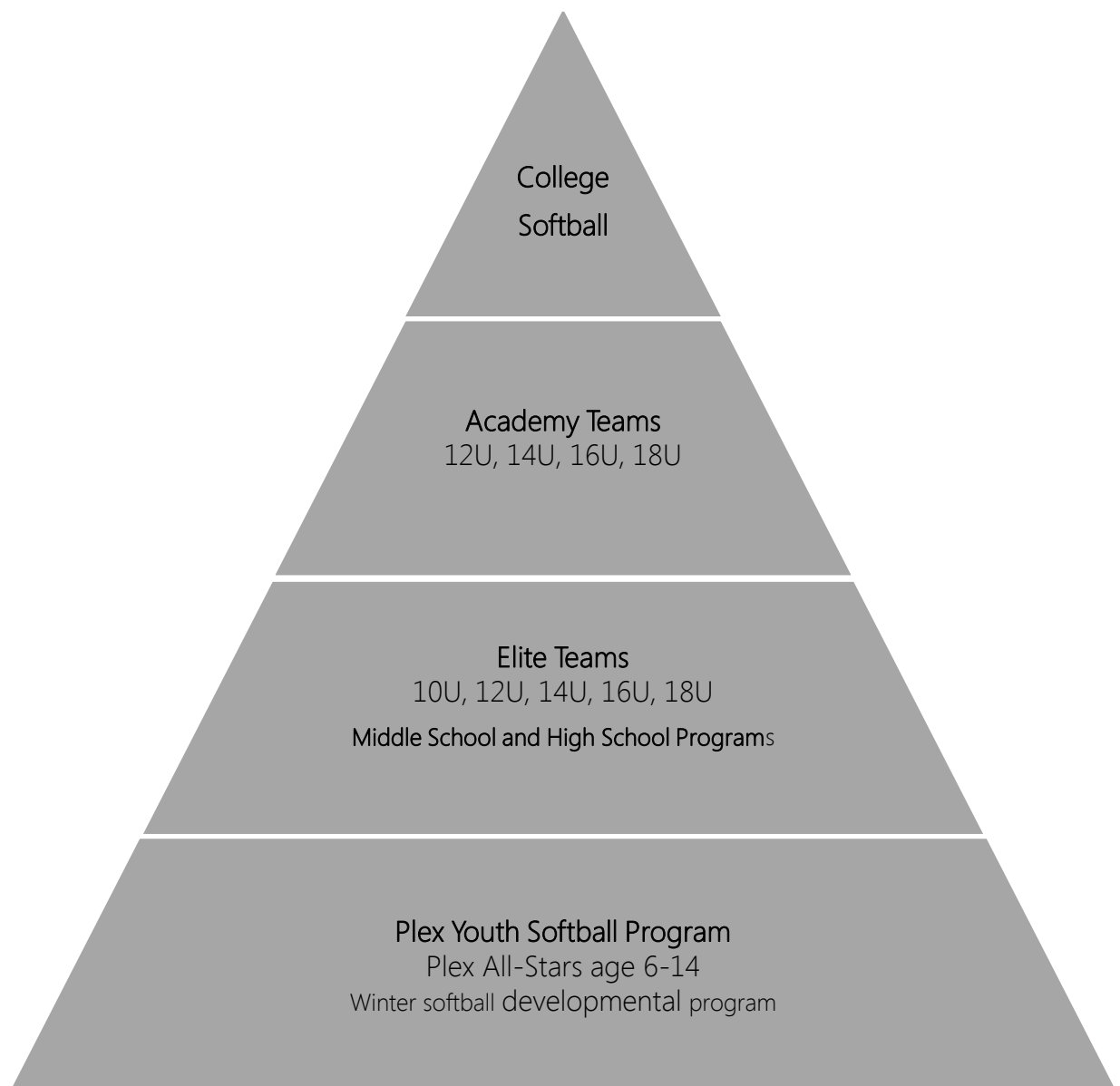
Academy

This is the top level. Players on this team will compete against the best talent in the state, regionally, and nationally. Coaches focus on educating players to reach their potential on and off the field. Whether it is to become a high school standout, college player, or become the best player possible the Academy team fosters the next step in softball development. This level requires a committed player and family.

Elite

The Elite player is inspired with a similar ambition as the Academy level player but cannot commit to the demands of the Academy level. This level competes locally and throughout the state. Player will look to advance themselves to the academy through individual play (players have the opportunity to move up) or team play (teams may advance to more competitive tournaments). Coaches focus on educating elite level players to advance their skills and meet their potential.

Direct control of development from ages 6 through 18 is important at both levels. Our goal with this structure is to create the next level of softball development by housing these teams under one roof to maximize developmental opportunities for all players. This comprehensive structure offers year-round training from experienced coaching professionals. Players develop by learning skills and strategies at appropriate age and skill levels. Each player will be exposed to the great coaching, training, and facilities to give them the leverage to grow in all aspects.



Fees and Description

Additional Tournaments and National Tournaments are not included into Player Fees. Teams must pay additional or fundraise for these events.

Academy

Elite

<p>10U Academy (September 2014 – July 2015)</p> <p>Includes: Cost: \$1,150</p> <p>1 Winter Indoor Tournament 5 Outdoor Tournaments</p> <p>Fall Training (Sep-Oct) at Plex South 2 Field training sessions per week 1 Tunnel session per week</p> <p>Winter Training (Nov-Mar) at Plex South 2 Field training sessions per week 1 Tunnel session per week</p> <p>Spring/Summer Training (Apr-Jul)at Plex South 2 Field training sessions per week 1 Tunnel session per week</p> <p>ACES Rewards Program (<i>See ACES Description</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$1,000 College Scholarship <p>Free Plex Membership 50% off Plex Hosted Clinics and Camps Batting Cage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Up to 50 tokens <p>Coaching Fees NSA Insurance Administration</p> <p>*Uniform and equipment not included*</p>	
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Indiana Synergy 2014-2015 Fee Structure + Payment Policies

Indiana Synergy 2014-2015 Player Fees					
Age Group	In Full Check/Cash	In Full Credit Card	Payment Plan First payment due at acceptance	8 Additional Payments Sept. 10 – Apr. 10	Total Payment Plan Cost
10U Academy	\$1,150	\$1,188	\$132	\$132	\$1,188
12U Academy	\$1,500	\$1,548	\$172	\$172	\$1,548
12U Elite	\$1,200	\$1,242	\$138	\$138	\$1,242
14U Academy	\$1,500	\$1,548	\$172	\$172	\$1,548
14U Elite	\$1,200	\$1,242	\$138	\$138	\$1,242
16U Academy	\$1,300	\$1,341	\$149	\$149	\$1,341
16U Elite	\$1,100	\$1,134	\$126	\$126	\$1,134
18U Academy	\$1,300	\$1,341	\$149	\$149	\$1,341
18U Elite	\$1,100	\$1,134	\$126	\$126	\$1,134
Practice Player	\$675	\$702	\$78	\$78	\$702

Payment Policies

By accepting an offer to play for Synergy, player and parents are committing to the fee structure and payment policies listed in the program guide.

Payments

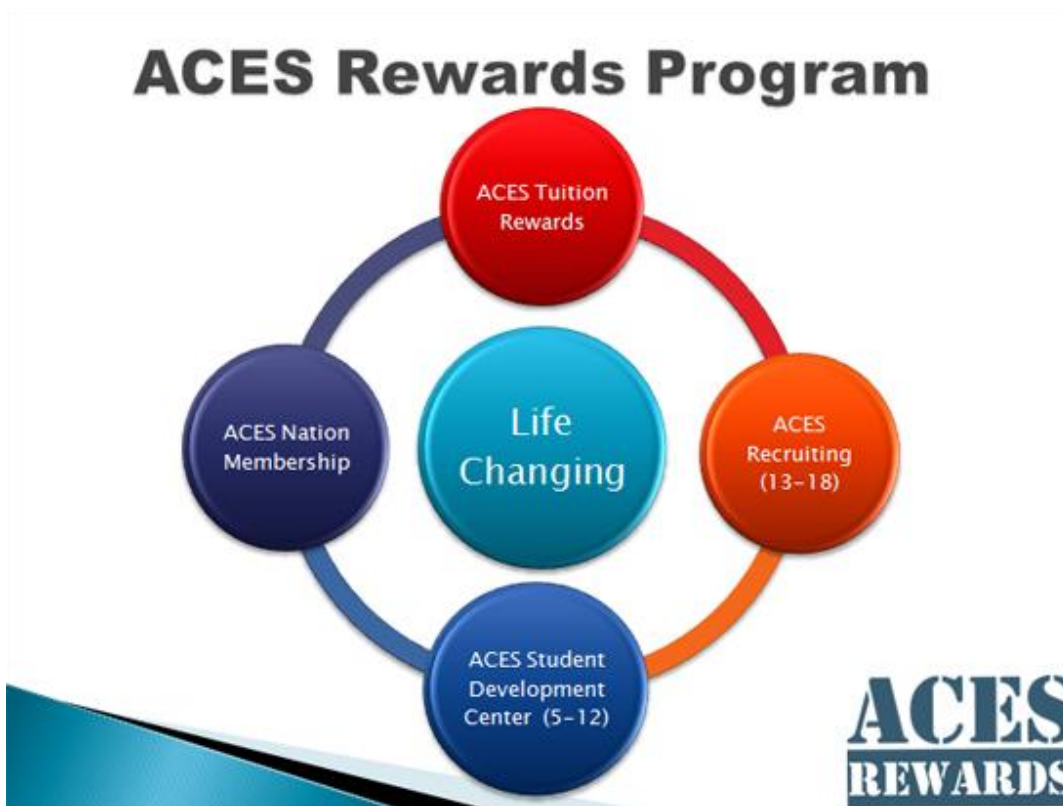
- Pay in full: Cash or Check payments must be turned into the Plex South Office. Contact Andrew Reynolds (260-496-9999 ext 307 – AndrewR@plexsports.com) to make arrangements.
- Monthly payment plan: This plan requires a credit card. Initial payment due upon acceptance and commitment to the program. Eight additional payments will be deducted on the 10th of each month (Sept. 10th – Apr. 10th).

Return Fees

- A fee of \$20 will be added to your account for each credit card payment declined.

Refund Policy

- *If a player decides to quit.* Payment must be made in full per the payment structure. No refunds will be given do to the comprehensive nature of the program.
- *If a player is injured.* If the injury is short term: (3 months or less), no refund will be provided. If the injury is long term (more than 3 months) medical proof must be provided and a meeting will be held to determine a possible refund for those who have paid in full.
- *Other circumstances.* A meeting will be held to determine a possible refund.



EARN \$1000+ COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP EACH YEAR BY
BEING A MEMBER OF SYNERGY

What is ACES Rewards?

All players in the Synergy Academy ages 8-16 are included into the Aces Nation/ Rewards Program

ACES NATION

ACES Nation is an international community network platform for ACES Rewards participants. This website provides players, parents and coaches access to their ACES Rewards benefits, which include:

- Education
- Event Access & Registration
- Social Connections
- Tuition Rewards Accounts
- College Recruiting System

- Performance Improvement Programs
- Sports Nutrition Guidance
- Coaching Tools & Resources
- Parenting Resources

ACES Nation is the entry into America's only complete resource for players, parents and coaches. It that helps address the commend questions below concerning how to get you student-athlete prepare for college opportunity and or the next level in life.

- "I had no idea....."
- "I am senior, what do I do now?"
- "We just assumed that he would get a scholarship"
- "The coach didn't do anything to help my kid get a scholarship"
- "I wish someone had told me about this a long time ago"
- "We should have done things differently. We really didn't realize how early this all begins."

ACES REWARDS

We believe there are four specific areas that must be addressed if a student-athlete wants to become the best possible version of him or herself in their athletic career and, more importantly, in life. As such, the ACES Rewards program was built to educate and develop in four primary areas:

- Recruiting
- College Planning
- Nutrition
- Performance

ACES Rewards is the most, an arguably the only, comprehensive student-athlete development program ever created. It provides an on-going educational resource from national experts, tools for players, parents and coaches to use to improve development, a complete college recruiting system and actual private college scholarships for all eligible participants. Additionally, there is a social connection component for students and families to gain additional insight, through the experiences of their peers, into what they are doing, what they have done, and what it takes to succeed at every level.

ACES RECRUITING AND COLLEGE PLANNING:

In today's excessively competitive sports environment, players are struggling to find opportunities at the collegiate level. In reality, times have changed when it comes to college recruiting. Gone are days where the majority of players were found because they were good enough. Additionally, the days of athletes getting accepted to college based on their athleticism and not their academics are vanishing at warp speed. Today's athletes must be true student-athletes. Athletes are bigger, better, faster and stronger than ever before, but if they are not consulted and advised appropriately, they will end up with limited or no opportunities to play at the next level. The vast majority of players and parents do not realize, or believe, how few spots there are to play in college and the level of personal sacrifice required to make it.

The College Recruiting Process – SPORTS WORXS

When it comes to understanding the college recruiting process and what it takes to have a chance to be one of the very few to ever play in college, ACES know exactly what to do. Their knowledge and passion for educating players and parents is unsurpassed. Therefore it comes as no surprise that the ACES Rewards program would incorporate a complete college prep and recruiting system called **Sports Worxs**. This System has resulted in one of the most comprehensive online educational recruiting tools in the country. This system was created to encompass "The Recruiting Process".

The Sports Work System offers something useful and beneficial to every player no matter how talented they are, whether they are highly recruited, not being recruited or just trying to understand what they need to do for when they are old enough to enter the recruiting process. It brings significant value to every organization, and assistance to every player, parent or coach using the program. For more information, please visit <http://www.sportsworx.com/sportsworx-system.cfm>

The SportsWorx System is a compilation of two programs - Junior SportsWorx and SportsWorx University. Each was designed for a specific purpose which is to educate the student-athletes and their families about what it takes academically and athletically to play and succeed at the next level. For some, that next level may be making their junior high school team, for others it may be playing at a DI program in the SEC, and for others it may be to get accepted and admitted to college. No matter what the level is or what type of athlete the player is, the SportsWorx System provides the tools and resources that will improve you and better prepare you for the next stage of your life.

SportsWorx recognizes that today's academic and athletic landscape is more confusing, competitive and stressful than ever before. Life as a teenager, in general, is more complicated and difficult as well. As a result, SportsWorx has decided to establish a one-of-a-kind

educational system to help navigate these tumultuous challenges. SportsWorx System covers the following topics:

Academic Improvement	College Research Database
SAT/ACT Test Prep	College Admissions Information
Athletic Training	Financial Aid/Scholarship Resources
Sports Specific Training	College Recruiting Education
Sports Nutrition	College Coach Database
Mental Training	Athlete Marketing Program
Personal Development	Online Recruiting Portfolio

SportsWorx athletes are better prepared, better educated and more motivated. They are provided all of the tools necessary to help them become the very best that they can be and have the ability to make informed decisions about their futures, including which school and athletic program is the best fit for them - academically, financially, and athletically.

ACES Tuition Rewards

"One of the greatest benefits of being an ACES Rewards annual member is that you are guaranteed a minimum college scholarship for your student-athlete(s) to over 300 private schools in the country."

YES....COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!

Think about it....what if your student-athlete never gets a scholarship? What if their grades aren't good enough? What if they don't score well on the ACT/SAT? What if they stop playing sports or aren't able to play at the college level?

- This may be the only scholarship they ever get.
- This may be their only chance to go to college.
- Instead of playing sports to maybe get a scholarship, what if you get a scholarship just for sports.....even if you are 5 years old?"
- As a Fort Wayne United Softball Academy member and an Aces Nation member players are provided \$1,000.00 increments per year in the form of a college tuition discount, which is accepted within a network of private universities throughout the country.

What's the #1 obstacle preventing that from happening?

Answer – AFFORDABILITY!

How can this program really help? Well, since the Fort Wayne United Softball Club is incorporated in the Aces Nation program, they will provide scholarships for *all youth participants. Any time you register for a Aces Nation supported program you child will receive a scholarship.

Historically, this points program has only been offered through and available to professionals in the financial services industry and scholarships were only earned through the use of one of these professionals and their investments and asset management vehicles. Now, first the first time ever, no financial services are needed. Through the creativity of, and our special strategic alliance with Game Changer Planning Network, as part of the ACES Rewards Program ACES is able to provide actual private college scholarships to 300 private colleges and universities in 45 states for all participants athletes. So how does this work? It works through a tuition rewards points system.

What are Tuition Reward Points?

Tuition Rewards is a unique **private** college savings program. Tuition Rewards Points are like frequent flyer miles – but for college tuition!

These Tuition Rewards are, in effect, discounts off tuition at participating private colleges and universities. The Tuition Rewards Points represent the **minimum scholarship** that an eligible student will receive if, and when, he or she attends a member school. Schools may count Tuition Rewards as part of their normal institutional and merit scholarships. For example, if a student has 10,000 Tuition Rewards Points, he or she is guaranteed to receive a minimum scholarship of \$10,000 (spread equally over four years) at a member school.

Earning Tuition Rewards Points

You will earn points just by being a member of an organization (i.e. school, team, club, etc.) or participant in a specific event (i.e. camp or clinic) that is partnered with ACES to provide the ACES Rewards Program as a member/participant benefit. For example you can register for the FW Softball Academy and receive 1000 point and also register for a Fort Wayne United Softball Summer camp and receive an additional 1000 point as long as the camp is a Aces supported program.

However, no one has to play in college to use the Tuition Rewards. The point of our program is to help everyone pay for college whether you are an athlete, dancer, musician, student or any combination. Don't be mislead into thinking that this is just for student-athletes. If your

student does not use the point he or she can give it to anyone in there direct family (mother, father, brother) to use.

How does this relate to my son/daughter playing sports in college?

Well, did you know that over two-thirds of all collegiate athletes attending four year universities attend a private school? Most people are not aware of that fact. Therefore, even if you are good enough and willing enough to play in college, you might very-well not be able to afford to play in college! With this program, you will enhance your "affordability factor" so you can embark on the recruiting process knowing you already have a minimum scholarship.

Quick Fact – 175,000 of the nearly 450,000 NCAA athletes play DIII. Over 80% of all DIII's are private and none of them offer athletic scholarships.

What divisions are represented in the 323 schools?

Levels for all four year institutions are currently represented (DI, DII, DIII & NAIA). Some examples include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DePaul University• Creighton University• Butler University• University of San Diego	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drexel University• Iona University• Valparaiso University• University of Dayton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loyola University• University of Tampa
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Co-Founder – Fort Wayne Synergy
President – Noble County Girls Softball League 2012
Board Member – Noble County Girls Softball League 2011
President – Wolf Lake Booster Club 2008-2011
Travel Ball Coach for 6 years
League Coach 3 years
10U Pitching instructor for 4 years

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Brad Rosenbaum

VP – Don Ayers Girls Fastpitch
Board Member – Don Ayers Softball 8 years
Regional Little League Appearance
Top 5 finish at NSA State Tournament
7th place finish at NSA World Series
Coaching Experience – 15 years

Ashley Kostelnik

Collegiate Playing experience at Trine University, Indiana
JV Coach at Indiana Tech
Travel Coach with Fort Wayne Synergy for 2 years
Fort Wayne Synergy Hitting Instructor
Coaching Experience – 15 years

Miriam McKay

Collegiate Playing experience at Hillsdale College, Michigan
Travel Coach with Fort Wayne Synergy
Played at the World Series

Mike Prumm

Coaching experience of 15 years
Fort Wayne Synergy Hitting Instructor 2 years

Bre Wojnarowski

Collegiate Athlete at Indiana Tech

Assistant Coach for Fort Wayne Synergy 1 year

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