



POPE HIGH SCHOOL FASTPITCH

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2014 AAAAAA STATE CHAMPIONS

Region champions
2012, 2017

GHSA Final Four
2012, 2013, 2014, 2016

GHSA State Runner Up
2012

GHSA State Finals Tournament
2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017

General questions / information

BE IN ATTENDANCE!

Attend all team events and functions, and be at the events ON TIME and prepared for their start.

- Each player, coach, and family in this program has to make certain sacrifices to attend all practice, games, and team functions. The sacrifices you make will be treated equally as no person's sacrifices are larger than another player's.
- Each person involved will be expected to show and embrace a full commitment.
 - A **FULL COMMITMENT** = attendance at ALL team events and arrival on-time for all team events.
 - Without the basic enthusiasm to attend all events, our team will never be able to achieve true success.
- **PENALTY:** If a player misses a practice or game, they will have to sit out the next game.
- **Out of school suspensions and In-school suspensions will also result in missed game time and will be dealt with on a case by case basis.**
 - **Our team will determine penalty for lateness!**
- Attendance for national summer tournament should be discussed with the coaching staff prior to the tournament. Players are subject to the Pope High School softball policies upon elimination from national tournaments.
- **Appointments / Lessons / Practices (summer / club) / SAT / ACT**
 - We ask that appointments that need to be taken care of during the months of the season be scheduled before school, on the weekends (if possible) or during fall break.
 - Please schedule lessons at times that do not conflict with practice. Practices will usually end by 6:30 as an approximate time. Take into account transit time to lessons when scheduling them.
 - We understand the need to "tryout" for club teams and tryouts are permitted, but missing a Pope event for a TRYOUT is not permitted.
 - **Please do not plan to practice with summer / club teams during the Pope season, especially during the STATE TOURNAMENT!**
 - **SAT / ACT should be scheduled on a weekend when we do not have a softball event.**
 - **ACT – 9/8 & 10/27**
 - **SAT – 8/25 & 10/6**
- **Sickness**
 - If a player is sick and cannot attend school. Please email or send a text message or phone call to Coach Turco (chris.turco@cobbk12.org) to notify him of the player's absence. If a player is sick and must leave school, please notify one of the coaches.
- **College Softball Visits for Softball – Sophomores, juniors, seniors**
 - Softball visits should be scheduled on weekends on which the Pope Fastpitch team does not have anything planned. If the official visits entails visiting on a Friday, the coaching staff and player will discuss.
- **Equipment**
 - Equipment can be kept in our locker room (or shed for catchers), but equipment is kept at the players own risk.
 - No equipment bags except for catchers.
 - Players will tote equipment in drawstring bag.
 - PLEASE BRING ALL NEEDED EQUIPMENT HOME FOR WEEKEND as coaches are unable to drive to Pope to unlock locker room on Saturday's and Sundays.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS RULE OF THUMB:

- **"Discipline isn't something you do to someone – it's something you do for their own good and the good of the team". – Jeff Janssen**
 - Discipline is not meant to hurt, it is meant to protect the program and everyone's effort and hard work.