

# Hadley Girls Softball

Hadley Softball is a very competitive program with a proven record of success. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are eligible to try out for the team. The season begins in early August and continues through September. The team is a part of the IESA and participates in the Illinois State Playoffs.

**Equipment needed:** Glove, cleats, plain black softball pants and sliding shorts (socks and jersey are provided in the uniform).

**Costs:** Activity fee after making the team and **current physical by the first day of tryouts.**

**Location:** Tryouts, practices and home games are held at Ackerman Park. Students are responsible for transportation to and from Ackerman for practices and home games as well as any games played at Glenside Middle School.

**Tryouts:** Tryouts are held in early August. Athletes will be judged by the coaching staff on various softball skills including throwing, catching, fielding, hitting, and base running as well as pitching if applicable. **There are no makeup/early tryout dates.** Please see Tryout Flyer for more details and link for online registration form.

**Practices:** Practices typically occur immediately after school for two hours at Ackerman Park. Practices during the summer are typically in the morning for 2 hours at Ackerman Park. A practice schedule will be provided.

**Schedule:** Tryouts, practices and games begin in early August. There will typically be one or two Saturday double headers during the season. The team participates in the IESA State Playoffs. These games often occur on Saturdays. Buses will be provided from Hadley for away games unless the game is at Glenside Middle School, in which case, students must get their own transportation.

**Athlete Expectations:** Adhere to student-athlete code of conduct. Be present and on time for all practices and games. Be a positive teammate. Be a focused participant in the game whether playing or on the bench.

**Playing Time:** Playing time is determined based upon what is deemed best for the development of the team and individual players.

**Communication:** Communication is accomplished through a parent meeting at the start of the season, emails and through announcements at practices.

## **Head Coach:**

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