



## MISSISSIPPI EXPRESS TRYOUT GUIDELINES

The Tupelo Softball Association proudly hosts the Mississippi Express program for competitive fastpitch softball. Teams are formed using an open tryout format, evaluating players based on skills and drills designed to allow players to display their talent in the various aspects of the ever-evolving game of fastpitch softball. Players selected to teams will compete throughout the year in tournaments and showcase events on the local, state, regional, and national level.

Mississippi Express Softball has established policies and procedures to assure the optimal development of each player in our program. We strive to provide age-appropriate balance of fundamental, mental, and physical training for our players. Our focus is player development!

### Registration

Tryouts will be late-June and mid-July at Veterans Memorial Park Softball Complex.

2018 Tryout Dates: \*8U/10U/12U – June 18 & 24, 14U/16U/18U – \*July 14 (\*8U-12U attendees are encouraged to also attend the July 14 date in addition to a June date).

Check-in will be 30 minutes before your tryout, at the concession stand located at Veterans Memorial Park Softball Complex.

Please be sure to bring your glove, bat, helmet, and cleats.

Private tryouts could be arranged for individuals unable to attend the group tryout; however, it is highly encouraged to attend the group tryout.

### Tryout Session

Each session will include fundamental and physical activities, including but not limited to: timed base running, defensive drills in the infield and outfield, offensive drills, and pitching/catching drills. Each participant will be graded by the Mississippi Express staff and qualified evaluators.

### Rules of Communication

We ask parents/participants not to engage with prospective coaches and evaluators before, during, or upon completion of tryouts. Communication may resume **only** after the Mississippi Express teams are posted.

### Posting of Teams

The Mississippi Express team rosters will be posted on the Tupelo Softball and Tupelo Parks and Recreation website on Monday, July 16, 2018 by 5:00pm unless a tryout date was altered due to weather.