



## The Basic Idea...

Chicago Bandits (NPF) will develop a network program with a goal of fostering the development of young women softball players, while increasing support within the immediate community.

This program launched in July 2014 and by the summer of 2015 it's to be implemented into a full-time program under the Bandits organization.



### **Benefits of Affiliate Program**

- Outreach into softball community
- More visibility and marketing to future Bandits
- Coaching opportunities for current and former players
- Create top level teams and training programs at the high school level
- Teaching "The Bandits Way" and developing quality players through fundamental skills
- Create goodwill and growth of the sport



#### **Benefits of Affiliate Program Cont.**

- Each affiliate will be assigned a club mentor (player or coach) who will train the players within the program once a week
- Receive two (2) coaching clinics a year with Bandits coaching staff
- Be involved in a game day simulation with access to player warm up, team talk and then a Q&A session with coaching staff after the game
- Invitation to "The Bandits Championship" which will be a tournament for all affiliates only
- Youth Development Curriculum and rights to run the Bandits Youth Development Program in a designated local area (2015)
- Discounted & preference scheduling for individual winter training sessions with Bandits players and staff
- Discounted Bandits uniforms and naming opportunities to represent Bandits brand
- Official Partner of Chicago Bandits and licensed to sell merchandise and tickets

### **Goals of Affiliate Program**

- To help affiliates grow their individual programs through involvement with Bandits
- Identify local area talent pool of players for continued development
- Create a process for top level players to compete at the regional and national level through Bandits academy teams
- Players to gain college and professional playing opportunities through academy structure
- Create strategic partnerships with affiliate members to help the development of softball in the region and country
- To produce home grown players who are drafted into the senior Bandits team after college



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- Stage 1 Meet with our Technical Director and Affiliate Committee Stage 2 – On completion of agreement announce partnership to all media Stage 3 – Player and parent meeting with Bandits personal
- Stage 4 Begin training in "The Bandits Way" with our staff and players
- Stage 5 Chicago Bandits NPF season starts receive discounted tickets, special offers
- Stage 6 Attend The Bandits Affiliate Tournament
- Stage 7 Try outs for "Affiliate Bandits" travel teams
- Stage 8 Travel teams selected and team meetings with new staff and Chicago **Bandits**
- Stage 9 Continued development of above
- Stage 10 Opportunity for your players to be choosing for Chicago Bandits Academy





### Timeline of Chicago Bandits Program

- 2014 (June) First Affiliate Program joins (Orland Bandits)
- 2014 (July) Second Affiliate program joins (Rosemont Bandits)
- 2014 (Sept) First tournament attended by a Bandits affiliate team
- 2015 (Nov) Technical Director and Assistant named
- 2016 (Jan) First Youth Training Program Announced (Oswego)
- 2016 (July) First Youth Training Affiliate Day at the Bandits (Oswego)

### **Major Implementation in Program**

- 2016 (July) Open tryouts for Rosemont Bandits 14U, 16U and 18U
- 2017 (Jan) Youth Training Program adds second and third program
- 2018 (Jan) Teams now in academy at following ages 14U, 16U and 18U
- 2018 (Jan) First Bandits Elite Teams are formed
- 2018 (July) Academy European Tour
- 2022 (Draft) Chicago Bandits signs first home grown player





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#### Chicago Bandits Affiliate Obligations

- Register all players within their organization with Chicago Bandits organization
- Pay \$30 per player 12U and above and \$25 per player 10U and below ٠
- Promote all Chicago Bandits games, camps, clinics and other news related items
- Send at least one team in each age group to the Bandits Affiliate Championship Tournament in July ٠
- Provide access to ticket and merchandise sales on your website and through newsletters, other media
- Follow "The Bandits Way" training curriculum
- Arrange two (2) Youth Development Camps a year
- Assign a local coordinator who will work with TD and staff assisting in schedules, communication and other items as agreed upon

### Be a part of something special! Become a Bandit today!



### Chicago Bandits Directors & Staff

General Manager: Aaron Moore

Technical Director: Mike Steuerwald

Assistant Technical Director: Sammy Marshall

Advisory Committee: Bill Sokolis and invited personal

**Coaching Staff**: Current and former players (Bandits, college)