

## About the Program

Rhode Island Fire N' Ice is an elite youth fast-pitch softball organization based out of East Providence, RI. The program was founded by Director and Coach, Rob Traverse, in 2010 for the purpose of providing exceptional softball training and instruction to young athletes. Our intent is to provide each player with the opportunity to develop and compete as they strive toward successful high school and college careers. While we compete in regional tournaments and showcases, we take pride in creating an environment that optimizes each player's ability while maintaining a "team first" approach to the game.

## About the Director

Rob Traverse just completed his 20th year as head softball coach at East Providence High School. He coached the Townies to the Southern Division Championship in 2001, 2004 and 2005 and has over 230 wins to his credit in division I. During his tenure, the Townies have qualified for the Division I state playoffs 19 out of 20 years. Traverse was named "Division I Coach of the Year" in 2013. In 2016, the Townies were named the "It Takes a Team" Sportsmanship Team of the Year by the Providence Journal. In 2017, Traverse guided the Townies to the Division 1 Final Four. In the last two years, the Townies compiled a 23-12 record while receiving the Sportsmanship award from the RI Softball Coaches Assoc. and the RI Softball Umpires Assoc. respectively. As a player, Traverse was an "All-State" second baseman for East Providence High School in 1985. He went on to play Division I collegiate baseball at the University of Rhode Island from 1985 to 1989 and was named team captain in his senior year. Traverse has been a teacher/guidance counselor for 28 years in the East Providence School System.

## RI Fire N' Ice 2019 Summer Schedule

June 14-16	Xtreme PONY Qualifier	Swansea, MA
June 21-23	NE College Showcase	Ft. Devens, MA
June 27-30	NE Fusion Showcase	Londonderry, NH
July 5-7	OFF	
July 12- 14	Northern Exposure Showcase	Wallingford, CT
July 19- 21	USA Softball Select Showcase	Delcastle, DE
July 26- 28	NE Finest Showcase	Plainville, MA

**Note:** We are proud to have two very competitive 18U teams, in addition to a 16U and 14U team. Both the BLUE and RED teams play at the tournaments listed above so please be sure to check out the talent on each team!


## RI Fire N' Ice 18U - RED TEAM Fast Pitch Softball 2019




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### About the Coaches

**John LaRose- Head Coach 2<sup>nd</sup> Season (Red Team):** LaRose became the Asst. Athletic Director at Johnson & Wales Univ. last summer. Prior to that, "Rosie" was the head baseball coach of the highly successful JWU Wildcats program for the past 18 years where he won at least 20 games in 14 out of the last 15 seasons. Under LaRose's direction, the Wildcats have won a pair of Great Northeast Athletic Conference regular season championships and he was named GNAC Coach of the Year in 2011 and 2013. Rosie was a standout pitcher at Providence College, where he earned Academic All-Big East in his senior year.

**Steve Claypoole – Assistant Coach:** Coach Clay is in his 6th season as an assistant coach with the Rhode Island Fire n' Ice Org. "Clay" and Rob were college baseball teammates at the University of Rhode Island from 1985-89. Clay, was a standout two-way player at Rhody, starring in both baseball and football. Clay specializes in working with the catchers and is a well-respected hitting coach.

**Rich Fonseca – Assistant Coach:** Coach "Fons" is back for his 2nd year with FNI. Fons was a standout player at both East Providence High School and then playing for Coach LaRose at JWU. Fons has also been an assistant coach as well at JWU with LaRose. Fons brings a wealth of knowledge of the game and works particularly well with the infielders. We are lucky to have such an experienced staff!!

