

The Pitcher's Circle

Fall 2009



Endorsed by the best: Olympic Coach, Mike Candrea:

"Doug Gillis is an outstanding teacher of the game. His approach to teaching pitching is very easy to understand and more importantly, fundamentally sound. Doug does a great job in breaking down the essential parts of the motion while having the ability to utilize and improve the physical attributes of each athlete. I am very impressed with Doug's innovative system for teaching pitching. Doug's training and video series is a must for any coach or player who wants to improve their pitching skills!" - Mike Candrea

**College Exposure Night
November 1st 2009**

New Satellite Locations
We will be opening new satellites in Birch Run, Bay City, and Grand Rapids coming this fall. Lessons at Birch Run will be done at the Birch Run Expo Center, Bay City at Peak Performance Baseball, and Grand Rapids Diamonds Sports Academy. Satellite scheduling is more flexible this year. We will still be scheduling in four week sessions but each student can choose how many weeks they would like to attend in each session.

**Gillis Softball Academy
Students Named to the
MHSAA All-State Team**

Gillis Softball Academy had 17 pitchers named All-State on all teams. The academy also had 25 total students named All-State as a combination of pitcher and position players. Congrats to all students on their awards and on their seasons.

**Free Pro-Batter use for
all Wixom Academy
Hitting Students**

Wixom hitting lessons will now include a free half hour of hitting in the pro-batter hitting cage after your lesson is completed. This is a \$30 value for no additional cost which is given to every student that takes a hitting lesson. This makes each hitting training session one-hour long.

Wixom Scheduling

Wixom will again be scheduling Week to week and will now be open seven days. Students can now start and stop their lessons at any time.

9 on 9 Tournaments & Team Camps

We will be hosting 9 on 9 full field tournaments and team camps this fall and winter at Gillis Softball Academy. These tournaments and team camps will be held on Saturdays and will utilize most of the academy. Included with tournament enrollment will be free access to the pro-batter hitting machine. The team camps will include everything the tournament has plus guest speakers doing clinics throughout the day. Stay tuned to the website and your emails for additional information and tournament dates soon.

Discount for Multiple Lessons on Non-Peak Days

A discount will now be offered for students who would like to take both hitting and pitching lessons the same day at the Wixom location on Mondays through Saturday and all satellite locations on any day. The second lesson price will be reduced to \$25 to add a hitting lesson instead of the regular price of \$30. This offer can be used in combination for students in the same family but cannot be shared with anyone outside their family. This offer will not be available on Sundays at the Wixom location.

Academy Signs Hitting Director Eddy Ketelhut

Eddy Ketelhut will be in charge of training all hitting instructors at Gillis Softball Academy. He has worked alongside with the top RightView-Pro trainer in the mid-west. Eddy was a member of the USA National team in 2008 and has played eleven years at an international level. He has also played in the ISC World Tournament nine times and is Internationally Certified to instruct. Eddy will be the main hitting instructor at GSA on Sundays and Mondays. Many students worked with Eddy already this year during summer camps and gave him outstanding reviews.

New One-Hour Group Pitching Lessons with Doug Gillis

In addition to Doug Gillis' regular lessons, we will be offering one hour group lessons at Wixom and some satellite locations for a more cost efficient way to have lessons with Doug. These lessons are for students of all ages, will range from 6-10 kids, and each student will still work on their own individual needs.