

## **Mike Marszalec**

### **Head Coach / Stateline Fury Program Director**

Mike's affiliation with the Fury program began as pitching/catching coach for the original Fury team in 2006. His daughter played on that team and by the time that group finished their 18U season, they had fashioned a 517-278 record including 31 first-place finishes, a USSSA National Championship runner-up, and an Illinois State Championship.

Helping coach his daughter's teams ignited Mike's passion for the sport. When she aged out of the program, Mike returned as a non-parent head coach of a Fury 10U team. Since his return, Mike's teams have compiled a 579-206-24 record, including two National Championships, a PGF Regional Championship runner-up, three Illinois State Championships, a state runner-up finish, 34 first-place finishes, and eighteen runner-ups. In 2017, his 11U Fury team finished with a USSSA ranking of No. 6 nationally, the 12U team No. 51 in ASA rankings, and the 13U team a No. 8 USSSA and 22 ASA national rankings. His 14U team ended the season with a runner-up finish at the PGF Midwest Championships. The 16U - 18U teams have played in the top showcases in the Midwest, and earned a bid to the 2023 PGF National Championships in Huntington Beach, CA. In that time,

Mike challenges his players and can communicate using a positive yet firm style, which holds them accountable in a manner they embrace. With seventeen of his players going on to college softball, Mike has a proven record of developing both high school and collegiate players.

Mike also coached at Hononegah High School for three seasons, where his teams combed to go 75-19, winning two Nic-10 titles.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a mechanical engineering degree, Mike is well known for his ability to teach fundamentals and the mechanics of the game. The owner/operator of Stateline Fastpitch Academy, he works year-round helping to develop some of the best pitchers, catchers, and hitters in the area.