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Millions of girls play competitive softball; very few play baseball. Lilly Jacobson is a former member of the United States Women's national baseball team. Growing up, she basically played baseball with the boys throughout high school and part of college. As a youth, she participated in the Reno, Nevada Babe Ruth League.

When asked what it was like to be a girl playing on boys' teams, she said, "It forces you to really be playing at your best all the time, as it feels like everyone is watching you."

At Wooster High School in Reno, Jacobson played on the men's baseball team. She also earned letters in golf, skiing and basketball. While there, she was one of ten recipients of the Northern Nevada Student Athletes of the Year Award. After her senior year, she was contacted by Jim Glennie about attending the Western Regional Tryouts for Team USA. She qualified for Team USA in 2006, for which Jacobson pitched and played third. It was the first time she had played on a team comprised solely of women. The team won its second consecutive gold medal at the 2006 Women's World Cup in Taipei, Taiwan.

She would attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York on a golf scholarship. As a sophomore at Vassar, Jacobson played on the baseball team. Cut by her coach in 2008, she would join the University of California at Berkeley in 2009, competing on their club. Jacobson also played with the New England Women's Red Sox. Under the tutelage of head coach Kevin Marden, she was part of the Red Sox team that captured the 2012 Roy Hobbess Championship.

