



PARENT AGREEMENT

Softball teaches many important skills, such as the spirit of cooperation, and the importance of physical fitness; but it is difficult for these and other desirable traits to take root in young players when the adults around them fail to respect club rules and set a proper example. We ask that parents refrain from criticizing opposing players, other parents, coaches, officials, umpires, or teammates.

1. ***Coaching is for coaches:*** Please let athletes follow their coach's instruction and leave the coaching to the coach!

Coaches are extending their time, energy, and knowledge in an effort to teach your child the sport of fastpitch softball. The Mayhem organization will not tolerate any disrespectful behavior aimed at the team or its' coaches. Parents do not always have to agree with or like every coaching tactic, comment, or suggestion that is made by the coaches. Disagreeing with a coach does not warrant criticism or rudeness. Please do not interfere with your child's coach, especially during play, or do anything else that will detract from the enjoyment of the softball game.

2. ***24 Hour Rule:*** Parents are asked to refrain from contacting a Manager or coach regarding any game related situation for 24 hours. This policy will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply could ultimately result in the parent being asked not to attend tournaments and/or the player being removed from the team.
3. ***Parents.....Stay out of the Dugout:*** Parents are strictly forbidden from entering the dugout or stepping onto the field unless instructed by one of the coaches to do so.

Parents must ally themselves with the coach in teaching their children how to cope with the frustrations of being a member of a team. Sports provide an excellent opportunity to teach young women about the realities of highly competitive situations. They must be taught how to be a cooperative team member, how to make use of both positive feedback and constructive criticism, how to cope with adversity, how to achieve 'mental toughness', and how to be a gracious winner.

The most effective way for a player to establish a good rapport with a coach is to display a high level of commitment to the activity. Players need to learn to display their commitment by coming early and staying late, doing extra preparation, being enthusiastic about the activity, and actively and publicly supporting their teammates. A parent who is successful in teaching these skills will never have to worry whether the coach is giving their child a fair break. If a player has a concern with a coach, parents have the responsibility of teaching their child steps to remedy the concern. The following steps **MUST** be taken if any player/parent has a concern with a coach:

1. Players should discuss the concern with the coach and try to arrive at a solution. Until a coach is made aware of a concern, nothing can be done to remedy it. Do not wait until the end of the season to voice a concern.
2. If a concern is not resolved on the field, the player and parents may *make an appointment to **meet offsite*** to speak with the coach.
3. If a mutual resolution cannot be reached, then the player, parent or coach may approach the Mayhem Board of Directors for assistance in resolving the situation.

I have read the Parent Agreement and agree to adhere to the established Mayhem Fastpitch guidelines.

Parent Signature

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