



## **WAVES FASTPITCH**

### ***Player Agreement***

#### Objective

The objective of the WAVES Fastpitch Team is to enhance each individual player fundamental skill set in fastpitch softball so they have the opportunity to reach their goals to play at the college level as well as to contribute to the WAVES Organization their maximum abilities. By teaching these skills and instilling the values of loyalty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage we will mold our girls into future leaders both on and off the field.

#### Policies / Rules

1. The addition of new players can be decided upon at anytime the Head Coach deems necessary.
2. Participation in another softball/fastpitch team/league is not permitted unless approved by the head coach. School activities are excluded from this rule.
3. Players are not guaranteed a specific amount of playing time. Any concerns or disagreements should be discussed with the Head Coach of the team away from the field, practice field, and all other players and/or parents.
4. **24 hour Rule:** Any grievances that the player or parent needs to address with the Head Coach must wait 24 hours after the conclusion of a practice or tournament to be discussed. Any player/parent can and has the right to talk to the Player Rep if they feel that they are not getting a fair shake (after they have already spoken to the Head Coach).
5. Players, parents and/or family members are encouraged not to post any negative remarks on any type of social media regarding the organization, another player or parent, or the coaches. Such postings can result in the player being suspended or removed from the team.

#### Player Responsibilities

1. All player selections will be final by the Head Coach. Prospective players will be evaluated on their overall athletic skills and their academic skills. The player will remain on the team until they are age ineligible **for that team**, or display improper conduct on

or off the field, Players and parents are expected to fully support all coaches and players on the team, Negative comments about field play, umpires, other players or coaches can result in dismissal from the team. If improper conduct is displayed by a player or family member and the Head Coach has exhausted their means of handling the situation it will be taken to the Player Rep. If the Player Rep has to contact the family due to this conduct by via email or phone this will be considered a warning and brought to the attention of the Board. If the behavior continues then the player will be dismissed from the team. There will be no 2<sup>nd</sup> warning.

2. All players are expected to attend all practices and other events and put forth 100% effort. Practices are not optional. All absences, including practices, must be excused by the head coach and could result in lost playing time. All players must be dedicated and prepared to be at every tournament that is on the schedule. **Texts and emails are not acceptable for the initial notice; you may follow up with a text or email.** Anyone missing a tournament or practice without prior approval could be dismissed from the team.

3. Prior to the beginning of the season. A player must receive prior approval from their Head Coach to miss a tournament. No player is allowed to miss more than one tournament during the "Season". (The "Season" includes both Fall 2018 and Spring/Summer 2019). Attendance at tournaments is paramount for the continued success of our program. Repeated absences create situations where players must play unfamiliar positions thus placing our program at a disadvantage. If your child misses more than one tournament per this agreement, your daughter will be removed from the team roster and you will forfeit your commitment fee and team dues.

***Family emergencies, school competitions (athletic, academic or extracurricular) and extenuating circumstances do not apply to this requirement***

4. Positive attitudes are a must at all times to be a "Winner".

5. All players are expected to participate in all team fundraising activities.

#### Family Responsibilities

1. A player's family is their most important foundation. They need your support at all times on and off the field. Praise, do not criticize. Find the positive, not the negative. Listen, don't yell.

2. Each family is expected to participate in all fundraising activities unless your financial obligation to the WAVES has been 100% met.

**3. Families should plan vacations and other activities so as not to conflict with the team's practice and tournament schedule.** Any conflicts need to be cleared immediately with the coaches and approved. Every player is vital to this organization and a missing link causes a very weak chain. **SEE #3 ABOVE**

4. Each family needs to show proof of health and accident insurance for their child. WAVES insurance is only a supplemental policy. In the event of an injury, the parents will be responsible for any deductibles required by either policy.

5. Each new family will read and sign the player/parent agreement and at that time will submit a 300.00 deposit, which will cover the 200.00 commitment fee and the 100.00 uniform deposit. The uniform deposit will be refunded after the player leaves the team on the following conditions: **all dues are paid in full**, all jerseys, pants, bat bag, and helmet are returned with 5 days of leaving the team and all are in good condition.

6. Each returning family will pay a 200.00 fee that is due with the commitment letter. **No fundraising or carryover funds can be used for commitment fee.** This fee will be credited to your dues for the "Season."

Each family will follow the payment schedule listed below:

COMMITMENT FEE DUE WITH RETURN OF COMMITMENT LETTER  
ONE-THIRD DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2018  
ONE-THIRD DUE BY DECEMBER 1, 2018  
ONE-THIRD DUE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Money can be paid either by fundraiser, sponsor or parent payment. These dates can be extended **ONLY** if prior arrangements are made with Treasurer. All money after deposit belongs to the West End Waves and no refunds will be given for any reason.

**Past due balances or failure to make payment by these dates will result in suspension from team activities until fees are paid, unless approved by the Board.**

#### AGREEMENT

We have read, understand both the meaning and the spirit of the above, and agree to abide by these general guidelines. By signing this agreement, I understand the WAVES Fastpitch season begins August 1, 2018, and ends July 31, 2019. We are committed to the Waves Organization for the entire 2018-19 Season.

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*We the parents guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ know, that participation in fastpitch softball may result in serious injuries. I / we know that protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, the WAVES Fastpitch Organization and all Sponsors.