



WAVES FASTPITCH

Player Agreement 2023-2024 Season

The mission of **WEST END WAVES FASTPITCH ORGANIZATION (WAVES)** is to create a healthy, competitive, drug-free environment where young girls and young women can build their skill as athletes and people. We strive to afford opportunities to develop and enhance softball skills to compete at the high school level and beyond. Our athletes are encouraged to develop confidence, high self-esteem, and respect for the game to better support their future roles as quality citizens.

ORGANIZATION POLICIES / RULES

Player / Parent

- _____ _____ 1. The Head Coach has the sole authority to make decisions regarding the addition of new players and any other roster changes.
- _____ _____ 2. **The participation in another softball/fastpitch team/league is not permitted unless approved by the head coach. This includes being a “guest player” on any other travel softball team.** School activities are excluded from this rule.
- _____ _____ 3. A specific amount of playing time is not guaranteed for players. If there are any concerns or disagreements, we kindly ask that these be addressed with the Head Coach off the field, away from the practice area, and without the presence of other players and/or parents.
- _____ _____ 4. **24-HOUR GUIDELINE: If players or parents have any concerns or grievances they would like to discuss with the head coach, we kindly request that they wait for a period of 24 hours after the completion of practice or a tournament. We believe this waiting period allows for a more constructive and positive conversation. If a player or parent feels they have not received a fair hearing after speaking with the head coach, they are welcome to approach the Vice President. The board has the discretion to address any issues, provided that the aforementioned steps have been followed.**
- _____ _____ 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, parent, or the coaches. Such postings can result in the player being suspended or removed from the team. This includes “private” messages that have been shared, or have been exposed publicly.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- _____ _____ 1. **All player selections will be final by the Head Coach.** Prospective players will be evaluated on their overall athletic and academic skills. The player can 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 2nd warning.

2. **ALL PLAYERS** are expected to attend **ALL PRACTICES** and **OTHER ORGANIZED TEAM EVENTS** and give 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 on the request with a text or email. Anyone missing a tournament or practice without prior approval could be dismissed from the team.

3. Before 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 2023 and Spring/Summer 2024). 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 can 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, as long as head coach is informed.

4. Maintaining a positive attitude is essential at all times.

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

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. A player's family serves as their crucial support system, both on and off the field. Your continuous support is invaluable. When cheering, let it be filled with praise rather than criticism, focusing on the positive rather than the negative, and expressing empathy rather than sarcasm. We kindly request that families and spectators refrain from contradicting the coaching staff and leave the coaching responsibilities solely to the coaches.

2. Each family is expected to participate in **ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES** unless your financial obligation to the WAVES has been 100% met.

3. We kindly request that families schedule vacations and other activities in a way that avoids conflicts with the team's practice and tournament schedule. If any conflicts arise, please promptly communicate and seek approval from the coach. Each player is

crucial to the success of our organization, and the absence of even a single player can significantly weaken the team's performance. SEE #3 PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

_____ 4. Each family needs to provide health and accident insurance information 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 family will read, initial, and sign the Player/Parent Agreement. There will be a **REQUIRED \$200.00 DEPOSIT** for new players before receiving Waves-provided uniform pieces. The uniform deposit will be refunded after the player leaves the team on the following conditions: all dues are paid in full, returned within 5 days of leaving the team and in good (re-assignable) condition.

_____ 6. Each family will pay a commitment fee that is due with the commitment letter in the amount of **\$200.00 PER PLAYER for RETURNING PLAYERS** and **\$200.00 PER PLAYER for NEW PLAYERS**. No fundraising or carryover funds can be used for commitment fee. This fee will be credited to your dues for the "Season."

FINANCES

Each family is expected follow the payment schedule listed below (unless paid in full):

COMMITMENT FEE DUE WITH RETURN OF COMMITMENT LETTER OR BY AUGUST 1, 2023.

- **40% of Remaining Balance** (Season Dues minus Commitment Fee)
DUE BY September 15, 2023
- **30% of Remaining Balance** DUE BY November 15, 2023
- **Final 30% of Remaining Balance** DUE BY February 1, 2024

DUES PAID IN FULL BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 WILL BE DISCOUNTED \$25!

Money can be paid either by fundraiser, sponsor or parent payment. We will accept a check in person to our Treasurer, by mail to WEST END WAVES, 9206 Hartley Hill Court, Glen Allen VA 23060, or by debit/credit card on our website: <https://www.WestEndWaves.com>.

Special payment arrangements can be made prior to the start of the season individually and confidentially with the Treasurer.

_____ **I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO KEEP YOUR ACCOUNT CURRENT BEYOND THESE DATES WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION FROM TEAM ACTIVITIES UNTIL FEES ARE PAID UNLESS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.**



WAVES PLAYER AND PARENT AGREEMENT 2023-2024 SEASON

We have read and 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 September 1, 2023, and ends August 31, 2024.

We are committed to play for the Waves Organization for the entire 2023-2024 Season.

(Please write clearly)

Coach: _____ Date: _____

Player: _____ Date: _____

Parent 1: _____ Date: _____

Parent 2: _____ 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, and hold harmless, the WAVES Fastpitch Organization, its Board, Coaches and all Sponsors.

PLAYER CONTACT INFO (Please write clearly)

Player Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Mobile Phone(s): _____
