

Player-Parent Handbook



Girls' Summer Softball

COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE:

Player to Coach: when the player has a concern.

Coach to Player: when the Coach has a concern.

Player-Parent-Coach: when the parent has a concern; the player must be present.

Player-Parent-Coach-President/Vice President: If a concern cannot be resolved, all four parties will meet to discuss the concern. The Vice President may substitute for the President.

For 14U and older, if a player has a concern, the player needs to talk directly to the coach. One of our goals for the summer program is to develop strong young woman who can learn to handle their own concerns. For 14U and older, coaches will discuss what a player needs to do to improve their game or how they can contribute more to the team.

For 12U and younger, if a player has a concern, we would prefer that the player talk directly to the coach. As discussed above, our goal is to develop the girls into strong young woman. However, for these younger age groups, a parent may set up a time with the coach and player to discuss any concerns. Coaches will discuss what a player needs to do to improve their game or how they can contribute more to the team.

For all age groups, parents may not approach the coach with a concern before or after a game. Because games can be emotional times for everyone involved and concerns do not get resolved during emotional times, we instruct our coaches to follow the 24-hour rule. That is, coaches will not talk about player or parent issues until 24 hours have passed after a game. The parent must set up a time with the coach and player to discuss the concern. As stated previously, coaches will discuss what a player needs to do to improve their game or how they can contribute more to the team.

There are proper ways to communicate and have your concerns addressed. Email or texts are not accepted methods to discuss concerns. However, email or text can be used to schedule a meeting with a coach to discuss concerns.

Parents are not to be coaching or directing players from the sidelines. This is the job of the coaching staff, not the parents. We need to make sure that the players are all on the same page and are receiving a uniform message.

MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS TO DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

Player movement will be considered on an individual basis based on registration numbers, the player and the program as a whole. In the event that a player does move age groups, the expectation is that she will play an adequate amount of time in each game. It is also possible that a player may be asked to move age groups for a tournament. When it has been decided to move a player for a tournament, the head coach must first contact the President or Vice President to get permission. Subsequently, the coaching staff will contact the parents to discuss the move, and a decision will be made regarding movement.

LEAGUE PLAY (WEEKDAY)

Our policy is that league play is for player development and thus each player will be given fair playing time.

TOURNAMENTS (WEEKEND)

Our policy is that for weekend tournaments, the coach will play the players he/she feels will give the team the best chance to win the game. Thus, we cannot guarantee that all players will participate in tournaments.