

**Player Information Form**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Copy of Birth Certificate will be needed)

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Parent): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Bats (circle one)    Left-Hand    Right-Hand    Throws (circle one):    Left-Hand    Right-Hand

Player Preferred # \_\_\_\_\_ Player Alternate # \_\_\_\_\_

Player's 1<sup>st</sup> Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Player's 2<sup>nd</sup> Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience playing softball: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Select Team(If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

What strengths do you bring to the team? \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of Improvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Commitments (Sports, Band, FFA, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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# Texas Unlimited Fastpitch Softball Player/Parent Agreement

Competitive Fastpitch Softball can be a challenging, demanding, and enjoyable sport. It is the goal of Texas Unlimited Fastpitch to build a competitive fastpitch softball team while providing an enjoyable environment for players to develop softball skills, knowledge, and the ability to function as a team. We encourage and support our girls to excel on the field as well as in school and their community. We are an educational-friendly organization. In order to ensure that each player clearly understand what is expected of her and her parents, the following agreement has been provided.

## ***Playing Time***

Tournament softball is not Recreation Softball; it is a competitive environment where playing time is earned through ability, effort and attitude demonstrated at practice and in games. The coaching staff will work to involve the players when possible, however Playing Time is **NOT** Guaranteed. Players will see playing time in several ways: fielding, base running, pinch-hitting, etc. Parents/Guardians are welcome to discuss questions involving individual playing time with the coaches after the current game or tournament. Please make sure that all discussions are private and away from all players.

Pickup games with other teams **MUST** be approved with the coach. It cannot interfere with Texas Unlimited practices or game times.

## ***Practices***

### ***Attendance***

Practices are the key in development of all players. All planned practices are **mandatory**. At least one coach **must be told in advance** of a practice that a player will not be able to attend, except in the case of emergencies. All players should arrive for practice and be ready to take the field on time. All necessary equipment should be brought to practice including glove, bat, and batting helmets. If you are late to practice you will be expected to run. **Missing two practices without excuse from a coach is grounds for dismissal from the team.** We will have 2-3 practices a week minimum with a specialty practice as required. Practice will happen on tournament weekends when we get knocked out early.

## ***Grades***

A "C" average or greater must be maintained to play. This is necessary to prepare all players for school play as this will be a requirement. A copy or picture of the players report card must be submitted to one of your coaches at the end of each of the school's semester whether that is 6 weeks or 9 weeks.

### ***Practice Time***

In order to maximize practices, it is imperative that players give 100% of their effort and attention to the practice. This requires the players to be at the practice on time and ready to practice. Players late or missing a practice unexcused will have additional strength & conditioning prior to participating in the current or next practice / game.

1. Players will hustle on and off the field and between stations.
2. Players will not talk to anyone when a coach is talking to them specifically or to the group.
3. All equipment must be treated with respect and picked up at the end of practice.
4. All trash will be picked up before leaving the fields and dugouts.
5. All cell phones must be turned off or on vibrate in player's bags at all times.

### ***Games***

It is important to support our teammates and to learn from game time situations. In order to succeed in this, the following game time guidelines apply:

1. Players are to remain in the dugout during the entire game.
2. Players not playing are to keep a positive attitude and support team members that are currently on the field.
3. Parents/Guardians shall not coach players on the field.
4. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to cheer and encourage all players during the game.  
Negative statements will not be tolerated.
5. All cell phones must be turned off or on vibrate in player's bags at all times.

### ***Player Continuance***

**Players are not guaranteed to be retained year to year.** All players new and old must tryout every year. If a special need is identified on the team for a new player, the coaching staff may hold individual tryouts to fill those needs. These tryouts may occur with the team or separate. Once a player signs a commitment to Texas Unlimited Fastpitch, they will not be cut during the season to make room for a replacement player.

### ***Dismissal***

A player's dismissal by the coaching staff is the last possible resort to resolving an issue that negatively impacts the organization. A player may be released if more than 3 documented violations occur to the Player/Parent Agreement. **When a player asks to be released from Texas Unlimited Fastpitch, they are still required to fulfill the original financial obligations.**

## ***Financial Obligations***

Our organization is funded in several different methods:

1. Each player is required to pay a yearly Team Fee of \$ 50. This can be paid in one payment for the full amount of \$ 50 due on 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 or broken up into two equal payments due by the same date. The yearly team fee will cover all the expenses needed to put the team on the field which includes but is not limited to: USFA, PGF, USSSA, FASA, USA Softball registrations, player insurance, Team Equipment, field rentals, facility rentals, etc. (\*Fee can be waived at coach's discretion)
2. Monthly dues of \$100.00\* are required beginning on 08/01/2021 and ending with the last payment on 07/31/2022 for a total of \$1200. This fee can be paid as a one-time payment. Dues are required to be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. A 2% late fee for everyday payment is late beyond the 15<sup>th</sup> will be assessed. Two consecutive months of late or no payment is grounds for dismissal from the team. Monthly dues cover tournament entry fees and all other financial requirements associated with running the team. Please see coach in the event of financial hardships
3. Team uniforms will include (2) tops, (2) softball pants, (2) uniform socks, (2) belts. These are mandatory items that will be required to be purchased and paid for upfront
4. A cold weather top (hoodie), Bat Bags, helmets, shirts, hats, and ear warmers will be made available for parent purchase but are NOT required
5. Due to the high costs of new uniforms, we will make every attempt possible to utilize similar uniforms from one season to the next. We will attempt to keep the same style uniforms for a minimum of 2 years
6. Parents are encouraged to do equipment swaps with new players of our organization from players either leaving the organization or outgrowing the uniforms. At different times during the year, the team will be adding other items to each players' uniform, for example tournament specific uniforms (Halloween tourney, breast cancer tourney) etc. At that time, the player may be required to pay the fee for the items being ordered. We can vote to have fundraisers to offset the cost.
7. Each player will be required to participate in all fundraising events sponsored by the team. For example: car washes, dinners, raffle tickets and/or the sale of fundraising products.
8. Each player will be encouraged to solicit businesses and individuals for donations during fundraising. All monies collected will be applied to the whole organization and not one individual player.
9. At certain times players may be required to help offset the cost of using indoor training facilities.

## Texas Unlimited Fastpitch Softball Player Code of Conduct

By being a part of the Texas Unlimited Fastpitch Softball organization, high expectations will be placed on you. The coaching staff will hold every athlete to a high standard and will expect all team members to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Behavior that is deemed disruptive and detrimental to the team can bring consequences ranging from diminished playing time to dismissal from the team. The following items are in place to make you a better person and promote the image of our softball program.

- a) Always be on time for all softball related activities. Please be courteous enough to call if you cannot attend or will be late. Players late or missing a practice unexcused will have additional strength & conditioning prior to participating in the current or next practice / game.
- b) Practice at "Game Pace." You are expected to treat practice just like a game. Practice is the time to learn and improve. **We will not coach poor attitudes, we cannot coach effort, and effort comes from the player.**
- c) Always support your teammates on and off the field. We have stepped between the lines and the season has started. We are in this together.
- d) Be Coachable. Listen to your coaches' instruction. Ask questions if you are not sure. Be willing to try new positions, new techniques. Be willing to do whatever your team needs you to do.
- e) Accept your role on the team. If you do not like it, work harder to change it. Playing time is earned in practice and on the field.
- f) Do not transfer blame or make excuses. It is not acceptable. Learn from your mistakes and get better.
- g) Do not question the Coaches during a game, ever. We will meet 1-on-1, in a productive manner to clear up any misunderstandings. Coaches do make mistakes.
- h) Disrespect for coaches, parents, teammates, and umpires will not be tolerated.
- i) Always lead by example on and off the field.
- j) Be the good example and set the standard high for future Texas Unlimited Fastpitch Players to follow.
- k) Injuries will be taken seriously. It is important that players and parents have open and honest communications with coaches regarding injuries. Playing with soreness and slight pain is part of sports; however, playing injured is not. Health of the player is paramount. If you are injured, you are required to visit your doctor. A doctor's note will be required, and the doctor's orders will be followed by the coach. **Injured players are still required to attend practices and games.**
- l) maintain a "C" grade or better in school each semester.

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## **Texas Unlimited Fastpitch Softball Parent Code of Conduct**

Parents play a huge role in the development of a successful softball player. Your role is every bit as important as that of the coaches, and every bit as difficult. That is why we welcome your presence at every practice and every game. We try very hard to be a family-oriented organization, and your participation is a major part of our success.

- a) Encourage your daughter to communicate with the coaches. It is very important that the players build the confidence to interact with and establish a healthy interactive relationship with their coaches.
- b) Make sure your daughter is on time to all team activities. Always know, if you as parents cannot get your daughter to an event, we are a team, and someone will help you.
- c) Communicate with the coaching staff and respond to emails, texts, or group messages so we know you got information provided; we want everyone to be on the same page.
- d) Please come to any of your child's coaches if you have a problem or concern. Your thoughts are important to us. We will work to address your concerns. If we cannot help, we will explain why and work with you to find another way to address your concerns. Complaining to other parents cannot solve your problems, nor can we solve problems that we do not know about. If you respect our organization enough to allow us to play such a big part in your child's life, please respect us enough to know that we have your child's best interest in mind.
- e) Parents play their role at home and outside the softball field. On the softball field, the coaches play their role. Please do not coach your child during practices or games. Your comments detract from what the coach is doing. They give the player another thing to think about, and it interferes with the development of the player/coach relationship.
- f) Please stay out of the bench area during games. Make every effort to ensure that your daughter has everything she needs prior to the start of the game (water, equipment, etc.) If your daughter needs something, the coach may give her permission to leave the bench area or request a parent's assistance.
- g) Do not question the Coaches during a game, ever. We will meet 1-on-1, in a productive manner to clear up any misunderstandings. Coaches do make mistakes.
- h) Be supportive of your daughter after good games and poor games, your support matters more than you realize.
- i) Please tell the coach before practice or games, if you think your child has an illness or injury that will prevent her from participating. Please do not rely on the coach to make medical decisions.

j) Be prepared for tournament weekends. Tournament play often starts very early in the morning (8:00 AM) and can last all day. Sometimes games are played back-to-back, and other times the team may have to wait several hours between games. Coaches will communicate tournament schedules as soon as they get them; however, Saturday game times are usually not set until Wednesday/Thursday prior to that weekend.

Tournament weekends can be a great time to interact with other Texas Unlimited families and build an atmosphere that allows the girls to develop "Team Chemistry," which is a winning quality that cannot be coached. If you are new to tournament softball, please ask the coach and other parents for advice. It can be great fun, but if not prepared, it can be a difficult experience.

k) Be an example for your daughter. They are still impressionable kids and young adults.

l) Parents are expected to comply with all park rules, including the use of alcohol while at the park. Most parks prohibit or restrict the use of alcohol without a special permit.

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## Texas Unlimited Fastpitch Softball Coach Code of Conduct

- a) Exemplify behavior that is representative of being an adult, a coach, a member of TUF, and a leader of young women.
- b) Demonstrate high ideals, good sportsmanship, and desirable attitudes in personal behavior and demand the same standards from his/her players.
- c) Emphasize to his/her players and support personnel the importance of proper behavior and the necessity of restraining from entering the playing field to engage in an altercation of any kind.
- d) Maintain self-control at all times.
- e) Cooperate with and assist in the planning, scheduling, and conduct of organization activities.
- f) Utilize positive educational methods in coaching; giving all players an opportunity to develop and use initiative, leadership, and judgment.
- g) Pay close attention to the physical condition and well-being of players; refusing to jeopardize the health of an individual for the sake of improving his/her team's chances of winning.
- h) Discourage profanity or abusive language directed toward anyone involved with TUF and its activities.
- i) Refuse to disparage opponent, officials, or others associated with the TUF or its activities.
- j) Conduct himself/herself properly when raising a question about or discussing a call with an official.
- k) Texas Unlimited Fastpitch coaches have an obligation to participate in the building of the TUF organization, not just their team.
- l) Coaches are expected to interact with parents, fostering an atmosphere of open communications, trust and team.
- m) The coaching staff should ensure that players and parents understand what is involved in tournament play, and provide enough guidance to ensure families are properly prepared for the early and long days that often accompany tournament play.
- n) Coach should establish team rules, coaching philosophy, and properly set player and parental expectations on practice participation, playing time, in-game interaction between player and parents, etc.
- o) Coaches should conduct organized and productive practices. Practice should be conducted in a serious, "Game pace" manor. Practice is for learning and improving. Be prepared for practice and set the tone for your team.
- p) Responsible for budget.
- q) Coaches are strictly prohibited from using alcohol during all team activities, including but not limited to games and practices.
- r) Coaches must ensure that they follow all park rules.

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