

OHIO ULTIMATES FASTPITCH

2021/2022 PLAYER / PARENT AGREEMENT

THE GOAL OF THE OHIO ULTIMATES FASTPITCH TEAM IS TO BE A COHESIVE, AGGRESSIVE, HARD WORKING GROUP OF PLAYERS AND PARENT(S) THAT WILL BE DISCIPLINED, HAVE FUN, AND SUPPORT THEIR TEAMMATES IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN ANY PRACTICE, LEAGUE, TOURNAMENT OR OTHER FUNCTION AS AN OHIO ULTIMATE MEMBER!

- I. **COACHES:** The responsibility of the head coach, and assistant coaches, is to work with the players during practices, games and at the tournaments in order to maximize the performance of each individual and the team as a whole.
- II. **PLAYING TIME:** Playing time will be at the discretion of the coaching staff and based on HUSTLE, EFFORT, WILLINGNESS TO TRY and ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICE/GAMES. During tournaments, the "best" 9 players (at that time) will be on the field. Softball association rules do not specify playing time requirements. If you are concerned about playing time, strengthen your skills, or see the head coach.
- III. **GENERAL TEAM PLAYERS RULES:**
 - a. Be a T.E.A.M. player (Together Everyone Achieves More). Cheer for your teammates! Never criticize them!
 - b. Be on time for practices, games, bedtime, and meals (tournaments).
 - c. Be prepared when you get to the practice or game (e.g.; properly dressed, shirts tucked in, hair fixed, jewelry off, have your team notebook, etc.).
 - d. In the event you are unable to attend a practice / game / function of the Ohio Ultimates Fastpitch you are responsible for notifying your Coach prior to the event.
 - e. No speaking when a coach is providing instruction to the team or another player.
 - f. Hustle when at practice and games. Natural ability and experience will vary greatly from player to player, but it takes no special talent to hustle and try...ANYONE can do it!
 - g. Players will be taught new techniques and fundamentals that may be new and challenging, and everyone will master them at different rates... all we ask is that players TRY their best to do what we show them... CAN'T is NOT an option!
 - h. Work hard to develop YOUR skills so the team as a whole will be better.
 - i. Attendance will be taken for all events - remember, attendance / commitment increases your skill levels!
 - j. Practices are mandatory. The only excuses are school graded functions, in season sporting events, and illness. We have minimum guidelines regarding your attendance at these workouts; these must be met one way or another. Personal coaching and workouts are available on a limited basis when necessary.
 - k. We expect noticeable improvement in your skill levels as you move through the Ultimate program. A lack of commitment to off-season and individual workouts will be very evident to all the coaches and players involved. Failure to noticeably improve skills could result in the coaches deciding that the player should be placed on a lower level team within the organization at any time during the season.
 - l. ATTITUDE Guarantees how well you will do, and how much you contribute to the team, and keeps you in the line-up. "The rule will be simple: DONT **TELL ME YOU WANT TO PLAY...** **SHOW ME YOU WANT TO PLAY BY ALWAYS WORKING HARD AND GIVING YOUR BEST!**"
 - i. Each Head Coach will provide all players a written set of rules and guidelines for the requirements of becoming "the best 9 players," if needed.
 - m. Photocopies of report cards are to be turned in to your Team Trustee or Coach at the completion of each quarter/trimester, as requested. Each player should maintain at least a "B" average or above over the course of the academic year.
 - n. Players must take an active role in team events - this is your program!
 - o. Players, and parents, will abide by the rules and expectations established for practices, games and tournaments. **During out of town tournaments, softball is priority.** We understand your family may want to use these times away from home as an extra vacation. Players/parents must understand that we are at out of tournaments for softball, once softball is over you are more than welcome to do as you please.
 - p. Players are to remain in the dugout and not in the stands with parents. Players are to be responsible and bring enough supplies, drinks, snacks, etc. to the game beforehand, not during the game. If you need to leave the dugout, permission from your coach is required.
 - q. Uniforms will be worn properly at all times - tucked in! Ohio Ultimates attire is to be worn during practices.
 - r. If a player has an issue with a coaching decision, it will be discussed with the coach in private, not in front of the team as the latter hurts team morale.
 - s. **ABSOLUTELY NO RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL WILL BE ALLOWED!** Our teams need 100% commitment from our players and playing for a rec team can and will cause interference with our practices, games and out of town tournaments. If you are participating in a rec team, league or any other type of affiliation, **you will be removed from the team with NO REFUND of any team fees already paid.**

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IV. GENERAL PARENT RULES:

- a. **Parental coaching from the stands is absolutely prohibited.**
 - i. "How can a player concentrate on hitting a 35-60+ mph pitch when the coach is telling her one thing...and mom, dad, somebody else's dad, ...and anyone else in the stands are all yelling about her feet, her hands, her swing, watch the ball, and who knows what else? Have faith in your coaches; let THEM make the necessary corrections or adjustment. "C'mon Susie... get a big hit!" is all you need to say...and BELIEVE ME, YOUR DAUGHTER WILL LOVE YOU FOR IT!!!!
- b. **Non-coaching parents are not allowed in the dugout without permission of the Coach.**
- c. **All practices are closed to any guests.** Any guests who attend games or tournaments that are deemed to be disruptive will be asked to leave.
- d. No disparaging remarks are to be made at any time, to anyone. Positive attitudes are critical for all concerned!
- e. Address concerns to the team manager / coach at an appropriate time, preferably 24 hours - AFTER practice or GAMES. We welcome your input, after all you are entrusting your daughter's success to the coaching staff!
- f. Never criticize the umpires, leave that to the coaches.
- g. Parents are asked to give some of their time, knowledge, and expertise to assist in making their daughter's organization a better one. (Many hands make light work! If all families volunteer to assist with any number of projects this organization has, we can all enjoy ALL our daughters' successes!)
- h. Remember this organization is **not about the parents; it is for the girls** and their love of the sport of fastpitch softball!
- i. Players, and parents, will abide by the rules and expectations established for practices, games, and tournaments. **During out of town tournaments, softball is priority.** We understand your family may want to use these times away from home as an extra vacation. Players/parents must understand that we are at out of tournaments for softball, once softball is over you are more than welcome to do as you please.

V. PLAYER FEES:

- a. The first \$250 per player is due at the time of signing your contract to be a player on our team. Families who commit / join after November 1, 2021 will have two weeks to pay their initial Fee. See payment schedule below for all payment due dates. If player commits after payment due dates, all balance is due upon joining. **NO REFUNDS will be given of any sort.**
- b. Total Player Fees are \$850 per player. Uniforms will be purchased by each player and are theirs to keep, included in team fees. The number of uniforms per player, two or three, will be determined by the team and will be dependent on the age of that team. Each player will have to purchase an organization batting helmet and bag which is theirs to keep, included in team fees. Player fees include practices, scrimmages, tournaments, insurance, sanctioning,
- c. In the event of a Natural Disaster, National Pandemic or any event that is completely out of the organizations hands/control they will do everything in they can to maintain the season (including practices, games, tournaments, etc.). The organization will do it's best to make sure the players/teams continue to have a season whether schedules have to be changed or different events must be adjusted to accommodate the teams needs based off any event making the organization not uphold the original plan/schedule for the season. In the event the organization cannot continue with the season the board will meet and discuss further action as to how to move forward with the season.

VI. DISCIPLINE:

- a. All offenses will be documented by the head coach and kept in the players' personal file, which will be open to each parent.
- b. Progressive Discipline:
 - i. 1st offense - verbal warning.
 - 2nd offense - extra duty (e.g.: cleaning the gear, extra running, etc.). The parent will be notified.
 - 3rd offense - SIT OUT ONE GAME. A meeting will be held with the parent(s), Team Manager, and Coaches.
 - 4th offense - player involvement on the team re-evaluated.

IT IS UP TO THE COACHES TO BYPASS 1, 2, AND 3 IF THE SEVERITY OF THE OFFENSE WARRANTS IT. PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN NEXT PAGE WITH PLAYER PAPERWORK INFORMATION.

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————— Sign and Return This Page with the player information at time of signing and making the team —————

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, & AGREE WITH ALL OF THE TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS. I AGREE TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEM FOR THE 2021/2022 SEASON. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS PLAYER / PARENT AGREEMENT, **I WILL NOT SIGN ANOTHER ROSTER NOR PLAY FOR ANOTHER COMPETITIVE TEAM / PROGRAM DURING THE 2021/2022 SEASON. WE WILL NOT RELEASE YOUR PLAYER FOR ANY REASON ONCE CONTRACT IS SIGNED FROM OUR ROSTER!**

PLAYER _____ DATE _____

PARENT _____ DATE _____

PARENT _____ DATE _____

THE ONLY ATTITUDE THAT IS ACCEPTABLE IS A POSITIVE ONE!

The **WILL TO WIN** is Important but it isn't worth a nickel unless you also have the **WILL TO PREPARE**.
ABILITY Establishes what you can do and gets you on the team.
AMBITION determines how much you do and will get you into the line-up!
Coaches' coach, Players play and Parents Cheerlead!!!!

Payment Schedule: Parent please initial- NO REFUNDS

Team fees are as follows:

+\$850 per player fee for all players

- \$250 to be paid at time of making team and signing contract _____
- \$200 to be paid by October 1, 2021 _____
- \$200 to be paid by November 1, 2021 _____
- \$200 to be paid December 1, 2021 _____

Fundraising will be available to help cut costs for players.

Posted dated checks will be required. Post dated checks will remain with organization treasurer in a sealed envelope until date to deposit at the bank. If you fundraise this will be deducted from your monthly payment and we will return check in exchange for difference of monthly fee minus fundraising.

Check Information:

I authorize Ohio Ultimates Fastpitch to process my postdated checks in the amounts above on the listed dates above. I understand there will be a \$25 fee for any returned checks. I also understand that if payment is returned my player will be ineligible to practice, play or participate in any activity with the team. Payment will then need to be made immediately.

Signature _____ Date _____