



Parent Agreement

Each parent of a Bears player will be asked to sign an agreement outlining expected behavior for the season. A copy of this agreement is listed below:

- I agree to get my daughter to practice on time and to games at the time of the coaches' request. I understand that warm-ups for practices and games are very important, and that this is one reason why my daughter needs to be on time. I will also take responsibility for picking my daughter up on time after games and practices.
- I will use positive encouragement for my daughter before and after practices and games. I understand that the game is for the players, and I agree to keep it in that perspective. I understand that I am there, not only to support my daughter for her individual success, but for her role on the team as well.
- I agree to "Honor the Game" and to set a good example for my daughter. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of the game and that the key is to learn from them, not to fear them. I will encourage my daughter to learn and improve and to not be afraid of making mistakes.
- I agree not to yell out instructions to my daughter either during games or practices. I understand that this is the coach's job and that my efforts, even if well intentioned, can contradict or get in the way of what the coaches are trying to accomplish. I agree not to coach my daughter or any other players from the stands. I understand that this can be confusing to my daughter or another player and may contradict what the coaches are trying to accomplish. I understand that the coaches have to be in charge. If I have a question or problem, I will first discuss it with the Manager of the team. If after that meeting no satisfactory resolution is found, I will have the Manager contact a member of the Bears Board of Directors and then work with them to set up a meeting with the Board to go over and resolve the issue.
- I agree to a 24 hour cooling off period in which I shall allow at least 24 hours of time to lapse immediately after a tournament before engaging the Manager or any other coach about play time or any other matters concerning that tournament. This will allow for all emotions to settle and open the door for cooler heads to prevail.
- I will show respect for everyone involved in the game, including the coaches, the players and parents on both teams, and the umpires. I understand that umpires make mistakes. If an umpire makes a bad call, I will Honor the Game rather than blame the umpire. I will not yell at the umpires during the game or after the game. I will not be drawn into a confrontation with a parent or player from another team.
- I agree to let the Manager and coaches discuss tournament issues with the tournament and facility directors and not to interfere.
- I will not make negative comments about the coaches, a play the coach calls, another player or another player's parent in my daughter's presence. I understand that this plants a negative seed



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in my daughter's head that can negatively influence not only my daughter's motivation, but also the whole team.

- I agree not to talk to my daughter or any other players in the dugout or while they are warming up.
- I agree to pay the fees as per the player agreement.
- * I agree not to wear college attire (unless my daughter is already committed to a college somewhere). We do not want to close any doors before we open them.

*For 18 Gold

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