



Texas Heat Softball Club Parent/Player Contract

AGREEMENT

The Texas Heat Softball Club, athletes, and parents agree as follows:

Attendance

Every effort should be made to attend all practices, games, and tournaments. Our expectations are that the girls are on time, prepared with their gear and ready to participate. Be on time for all softball related activities; the team will not wait on you. If you are running late, please call or text your coach. Parents will be solely responsible for ensuring that the player is transported to and from all practices, games, tournaments, and related activities.

Absences

If a player must miss a practice, the parents or the player must notify the coach. Repeated and consistent practice absences can affect playing time during tournament games. This decision will be at the coach's discretion.

As a club, we encourage multi-sport athletes. Any scheduling conflicts will need to be discussed and approved by your coaches.

Injuries

In the event of an injury, if possible, the player should still attend practice. Much can be learned from helping coaches and listening at practice. If the player becomes injured or becomes ill during a game or practice, it is their responsibility to report it to the coaches immediately.

Attire/Equipment

Parents shall be solely responsible for ensuring the player has the equipment necessary to play for the team including gloves, bats, cleats, catcher's gear (for catchers), mask and uniforms. Proper practice attire should be worn at practice. Players should arrive at games in the correct uniform, clean and ready to play. All jewelry is to be off before stepping onto the field.

The Texas Heat Softball Club merchandise vendor will invoice parents for the purchase of necessary uniform requirements. As a club, we keep this fee as minimal as possible.

Parents

We love our parents and appreciate their support, but during games we ask that you limit yourself to just cheering for your child. Please do your best not to coach from the sidelines. This can often be confusing and distracting for the players. We expect all parents and guests to practices and games to be courteous and polite to the coaching staff, players, umpires, and other guests in attendance. Outbursts and disruptive behavior from parents, fans or players will not be tolerated and any such actions may result in removal from the team.

Dugout

Only coaches and players are allowed in the dugout. Parents are encouraged to support their children, however, during practices and games they should refrain from approaching the dugout to coach, counsel or critique their child. If there is an issue that requires parental support, the coaches will let you know and invite you over. Players should not leave the dugout during games unless it is for a restroom need. Players should have everything they need with them (sunscreen, water, etc.). Players are not to have their phones out during games or practices without expressed permission from the coach.

Financial Obligation

Monthly Payment: \$150/month

Due: 1st day of each month

The monthly payment will cover the following team expenses:

- Practice Supplies and Equipment
- Tournament Supplies and Equipment
- Pay at the plate fees beyond 4 games per tournament
- Non-parent coaching staff pay
- Specialty jerseys
- Practice Facility Rental Fees
- Special events for families and athletes.

It is important to be mindful of your financial obligation and ensure that every effort is made to pay your fees on time. If a player misses a payment, they will be removed from the team. Should a player quit or leave the team at any time, they will not receive a refund.

If payments are not made by the 5th of the month, a late fee of \$10 will be added to the amount due and your player will not be able to participate until their account is current.

Tournaments

Athletes and parents will be responsible for paying tournament fees as they arise. The total amount will be divided evenly between all players. Fees must be paid to participate. In the event that your athlete is not available for a tournament, you will not pay the fee.

Marketing

We will have a picture day set up for athletes and coaches to get professional photos done.

The player and parent agree that her picture may be taken for photographs, videos and social media sites.

Termination

Texas Heat Softball Club may terminate this contract at any time and for any reason. The athlete and parent understand and agree that team membership is not guaranteed.

Player Expectations and Rules

I understand that by violating or not adhering to any of these rules my coach may remove me from the game for an undetermined period until he/she sees fit to insert me into the game and/or could result in my removal from the team altogether.

- I will respect the game of softball and its rules.
- I will be a good teammate.
- I will attend the mandatory practices.
- While at practice or games, I will not be a distraction. I will commit to staying focused on softball and my development.
- I will wear the proper attire to practices and games
 - (Black/White softball pants, appropriate jersey, black/white socks, black/white belt, helmet and cleats consistent with team colors)
- I will come prepared to all practices and games with all required equipment for my positions and a positive attitude, ready to work mentality.
- I will respect my coaches, teammates, umpires, and the opposing team.
- I will be a leader and set an example for current and future players to follow.
- I will be accountable for my effort and behavior.

Birth Certificate

Players must provide a copy of their birth certificate to the club manager. Copies will be kept in a binder to accompany the team to tournaments. Any team can challenge the age of a player at any time. We ask that you provide the copy as soon as possible.

Waiver

Participant KNOWINGLY, FREELY and VOLUNTARILY ASSUMES AND ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL RISKS, both known and unknown, including but not limited to, the risk to the Participant of personal injury, disability, death and/or property loss, in relation to the Participant's attendance and/or participation in the programs, events or activities of the Texas Heat Softball Club.

Participant agrees that Texas Heat Softball Club shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever arising from any personal injury, disability, death or/or property loss sustained by Participant and/or his/her family in relation to Participant's attendance and/or participation in the programs, events or activities of the Texas Heat Softball Club.

Players and Parents agree to the above terms and conditions of this contract.

Print Player Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Player Jersey/Shirt Size: _____