

# **Lady Liners Travel**

## **Parent Responsibilities**

**ALL ELIGIBLE REC PLAYERS MUST PLAY FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE SYSA RECREATIONAL TEAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY FOR LADY LINERS TRAVEL.**

We are a team – athletes, coaches, and parents. Parents can support their child by allowing them to experience challenges and successes on and off the field. Please know that we always have the best interest of your child in mind. How much she improves throughout the year depends upon her openness to instruction, effort applied, and how she is encouraged to grow.

### **We need parent assistance to:**

- Keep player availability updated and help with coordinating schedules and transportation for your player to attend a maximum number of practices & games on time.
- A parent must mark their child's attendance for practice at least 24 hours prior and games/scrimmages at least 48 hours prior through the TeamSnap app. The sooner you can mark attendance the better, as coaches must complete their lineups and defensive strategies. Not marking attendance in a timely manner will affect playing time and lineup spots. A coach should not have to consistently track down a player to mark attendance.
- Encourage your daughter to be receptive to coaching and adhere to the player responsibilities they have agreed to.
- Keep your child focused on her goals and assist with their skill work
- Parents should **not** coach from the stands and minimize contact during games.
- Please report all injuries to a member of the coaching staff immediately.
- Please seek out additional skill specific instruction. A regiment of private or semi-private hitting, pitching, or catching lessons is recommended for most players to reach their full potential.

## Sportsmanship

Players, coaches, parents, and family are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and serve as positive role models. This helps our players learn the value of good sportsmanship. The coaching staff will handle any disputes with the umpires and a parent should never speak or yell to the umpire during the game for any reason.

## Parent Communication

The manager and coaches depend on the parents' support and adherence to the Team/Player Policies and Codes of Conduct. Parents shall not slander any player, coach, manager, or other player's parent(s) on this team or any opposing teams. **Foul language or offensive behavior by a parent will NOT be tolerated.** A parent who demonstrates poor behavior during a practice, game, or team event will be warned and may be removed from attendance depending on severity of offense. Any occurrences thereafter will result in the parent being banned from all future team practices, games, and events. This could also affect your child's membership on the team. We expect parents to be role models to the players at all times, just like we expect from our coaches.

## 24 Hour Rule

Any comments or concerns that a parent may have regarding coaching decisions may be discussed with the coaching staff, after a 24-hour time period. In other words, if you have a complaint, we mandate that you wait 24 hours to allow time to think about and help facilitate a calm discussion of your concern(s). If you still want to address the issue with the coaching staff, you may then call or email one of the coaches regarding your concerns.

This rule is designed to help prevent all parties involved from saying something out of haste that may be regretted later. Please arrange to meet with the coaches outside of regular team activities. No coach or manager shall entertain these discussions during practices and/or games.

## **Playing time:**

***Being a member of the team in no way guarantees your child's position or playing time.*** We would like to maximize playing time for all players while meeting team objectives.

## **Positions and playing time can be affected by:**

- Ability demonstrated during practices and in games
- Attendance and punctuality at practices and games
- Level of cooperation, and effort displayed during practices and games
- Attitude and positive participation during practices, games, and other team activities.

If a player has a concern about positions or playing time, we would encourage the player to ask the coach; “What they could work on to earn an opportunity at the position they desire” or “What they need to do to earn more playing time”. Teaching players to ask questions is an important part of character building. We want players to learn to speak for themselves and understand that positions and playing time are earned through practice and effort.

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### **PARENT CONTRACT**

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*By signing below, you certify that you have read the above agreement in its entirety, understand what is expected of you, as parent, and agree to follow the Lady Liners Travel Policies & Codes of Conduct.*

**Level (Circle):    8U    10U    12U    14U    16U**

**Player's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this last page only to your head coach. A player will not be considered official until this form is signed and returned.**