

LADY LINERS TRAVEL

Player Responsibility Agreement

9/1/2022

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

- For each team to reach their full potential, the entire team and program must be well coordinated and moving in the same direction. It is a core goal of our program to help prepare each player with the knowledge and skill set to be an effective offensive contributor, and to play multiple defensive positions.
- As a team and as individual athletes, each player will get out of this season what they put into it! Growth and development is a continuing challenge. Each year we will face stronger, faster, and more capable opponents. How well we compete will be a measure of how we prepare as individuals and as a team.
- Coaches will have high expectations and place an emphasis on the details of the game. At times, you may be asked to make a change, or approach the game differently. Learning new mechanics may feel awkward or uncomfortable at first, but trust that our intention is to make you the best player that you can possibly be.
- Players must have a **“Team First”** or **“We before Me”** approach. Players are expected to be dedicated, determined, have a strong work ethic, a positive attitude and be supportive and loyal to team and teammates.
- Players must understand when they don’t attend a practice or game it affects not just them, but the entire team in a negative way
- Each player will be required to play multiple defensive positions and may be asked to contribute in various ways offensively, based on the specific needs of the team and situation. Players are expected to exhibit a 100% effort in preparation, practice, and during games.
- An active player in the Lady Liner’s program may not play for any other travel team. They **MUST** be committed to the Lady Liners organization.
- A player may **NOT** use their phone during games or practices. They can use their phone before or after, but it **MUST** be put away during any games, scrimmages, or practices.

Second Sport Policy

- We encourage our players/athletes to participate in other sports during the fall and winter seasons of the school year. We understand that this can create conflicts during our fall season and winter training season, but they should be allowed to experience other sports.
- That being said, during the Summer Softball Season (June/July) **we expect softball practices and games to take PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER SPORTS.**
- If a player regularly misses practices and games during the Summer Season. The player and their parent(s) will be issued a written warning by the coaching staff. The board will also be notified of this warning. If they continue to miss practices and games after the warning, they will be removed from the team without a refund.

Practices

- All team practices, unless otherwise stated, are mandatory. If a player cannot attend a practice session, the player must give advance notice of the absence or tardiness through the Teamsnap App.
- Coaches need to prepare their skills and lessons to work on during practices, we need to help them by showing up to practice and marking your attendance.
- A player's attendance **MUST** be marked for all practices at least 24 hours in advance
- Player participation during games can/will be affected by attendance.
- Each player should arrive at **10 minutes prior** to the practice start time, so they are softball ready at practice start
- Players must be on the field, ready to participate at the start of the practice, not walking in at the start time.
- Any player who is consistently late or misses too many practices and/or games, may be benched or asked to leave the team, without refund.
- A positive attitude is expected at all times during practice. Negative comments and behavior contrary to a positive learning environment are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

- Each player is expected to hustle throughout the practice session. While on the playing field, each player shall run to and from each station, as well as in their retrieval of missed balls and collecting of equipment at the end of practice.
- Every player shall do their part to make the practice run smoothly, give their undivided attention to the coaching staff and follow directions
- Work on improving individual skills outside of team practices.
- Working on physical conditioning when not at practice, to improve the ability to play in multiple hot summer games.

Pre-Game

- **A player's attendance MUST be marked for games AT LEAST 48 HOURS before the game.** Any player who does not mark their attendance WILL not be added to the lineup
- Our coaches are all volunteers and we need to help them prepare for games the best we can. You can do this by marking your attendance early. They must set their lineups, defensive positions and switches prior to the game.
- A coach may ask for advanced notification of attendance for a possible scrimmage or game, so that they know they have enough players, please help them by responding in a timely manner
- Each player should arrive 1 hour prior to game time, as designated by the coaches and ready to begin warm ups.
- Each player shall be attentive, ready to play, wearing the required uniform and have all required equipment at all times.
- Uniform shirts shall be clean (to start game) and "tucked in" at all times, and all jewelry shall be removed (ear studs may stay in).
- The team will warm-up, stretch and run together.
- Only positive comments and cheers are permitted to both opponents and teammates. Respect your fellow teammates.
- There are no exceptions for misconduct or inappropriate behavior.
- Players shall never laugh, talk negatively, or make fun of another player, opponent, umpire, or adult.
- No foul or inappropriate language will be tolerated
- Sportsmanship is paramount and a reflection of the Lady Liners program.
- Exhibiting proper behavior and respect is required by players at all times. All players are to be engaged in the game supporting their team.

- Players should be watching the game, if not warming up, so that they are prepared to go into a game at any time.
- During games, gear bags should be hung properly and neatly on the fence. Helmets, defensive masks, and gloves shall be stored in bat bags and not on the players' bench. Each player should bring water for games and healthy snacks for between games.
- Gear and helmets are not to be thrown, nor shall any player display unsportsmanlike conduct. Such conduct may remove the player from the game and the line-up.
- Players should wait until after the game is completed to visit with family, friends, or spectators.

Between Games (Tournaments)

- Rest and prepare for the next game
- Stay out of the sun
- Eat a light healthy snack or meal (if time permits)
- After a game do not remove any of your equipment until the game is over and the handshake with the opposing team has taken place.
- Pick up all trash in the dugout and leave it in better shape than you found it.
- After the game go directly to the area designated by the coaches for a team meeting (usually left or right field). Parents are to wait in the spectator area until the team meeting is completed.
- Players, coaches, parents, and family are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and serve as positive role models, to help our players learn the value of good sportsmanship.
- Expectations of good sportsmanship and a positive representation of the program extends to any communication about the players, coaches and the program, including all social media.

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PLAYER CONTRACT

(2022-2023)

I have read the above agreement in its entirety and understand what is expected of me. I agree to follow the Lady Liners Travel Player Policies & Code of Conduct.

I also understand that I must commit myself to my team, show up regularly for practices and games, in order for the team to be competitive.

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

Player's Name (print): _____

Player's Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT: I certify that my child has read the player agreement and understands what is expected of them.

Parent's Name (print): _____

Parent's 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.