

## General Information

The purpose of this document is to provide information about our mission and to communicate general team requirements. Please review this with your child. Your signature at the bottom acknowledges your parental consent to the Team Rules and Expectations as outlined in this document. The Miami Valley Xpress Fastpitch Softball teams were established to provide an opportunity for competition with some of the better softball teams in Ohio.

Team Rules include:

1. The Team Manager/Head coach has sole responsibility for all decisions on the playing field. Player insubordination is grounds for dismissal from the team and all fees paid will not be refunded.
2. Players will remain positive in their attitude toward teammates and coaches at all times and listen attentively when the coach(s) speak.
3. Players will always respect teammates, opponents, coaches and umpires. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
4. Excessive arguing from our fans toward umpires or opposing fans or players will not be tolerated. Our goal is to have a well-respected, first class organization.
5. Players will call the coach if she is going to miss a practice or a game.
6. Playing time will not be equal for all players. Players may not play the positions that they desire, coaches will put the players into positions based on what's best for the team.
7. Players may NOT leave the bench area during a game, without the permission of one of the coaches.
8. Parents or other fans shall not be in the dugout area unless an emergency such as an injury.
9. Arrive at game/practice site on time and be ready (cleats on, etc.) to warm-up at the time set forth by the coach for that particular day.
10. Cell phones and music devices (this includes texting) should be turned off from the start of warm-ups for a game/practice through the completion of coach's post game/practice meeting.

### EXPECTATIONS:

The Miami Valley Xpress Fastpitch teams are for those players who:

1. Want to play a full summer tournament schedule from approx. May to late July/1<sup>st</sup> of August
2. Really love the game of softball and be willing to improve your game and give 100% at all times.
3. Are willing to improve their skills, listen, display a positive attitude, hustle on and off the field, and are committed to becoming their very best and are willing to play ANY position on the field as deemed appropriate by the team manager/coach.
4. Willing to practice in the off-season in preparation for the summer season.
5. *Are willing to put the team goals ahead of any personal goals.*

**PLAYER AND PARENT CONSENT:**

The Miami Valley Xpress Fastpitch Softball Teams will be very competitive teams and are different from city/county recreational teams. The coach has sole decision-making authority on the field. Players must support the coach's decisions. Parents do not have to like, or agree with, the coach's decision, but they must also show their support.

Remember, our kids are watching us and will model our behavior. Try to remain positive. If you have a concern, talk it over with the coach the following day and away from the kids. Let's remember to have fun.

Playing time will never be equal. It is imperative that both parents and players understand that there is no guarantee with regard to amount of playing time. There may be occasions when a player does not enter the game at all, or may be limited to pinch hitting or running.

In addition, as players develop at specific positions, they might be rotated to different positions in the field. The goal is to make players more comfortable and confident at their established position, to help make the team more cohesive in the field.

I have read and understand the information presented above along with my non-refundable deposit payment of \$150 signifies that we will abide any these expectations for the upcoming traveling season.

Players signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental signature: \_\_\_\_\_