

**Jefferson Softball Inc.  
Parent, Player Contract**

Congratulations on being selected to participate on the Jefferson Softball travel program. We look forward to a competitive season and we look forward to being part of your daughter's development as a player! Please read this information and then both player and parent need to sign, date and return the Team Manager.

*Jefferson Softball reserves* the right to amend these guidelines at any time with or without prior notice to players and parents. The Jefferson Softball program is registered with the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and can be associated with other sanctioning bodies with Board approval. The travel softball program is more competitive and therefore requires a greater level of commitment from everyone - players, parents and coaches. In order for our Team/Organization to reach full potential, the entire Team/Organization must be well coordinated and moving in the same direction.

**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE:** I, the parent/guardian of the above-named participant hereby acknowledge that my child is in good general health and I give my approval for my child to participate in any and all Jefferson Softball, league/conference, association and team/squad activities. I understand, hereby give my approval for, and assume any and all risk of my child's use of various playing surfaces and conditions, including, but not limited to, dry and wet natural and artificial grass, hard dirt, and/or mud and I hereby acknowledge and understand that said surfaces may be regular or very irregular.

**Travel Team Fees:** Each travel team is assessed a participation fee. This fee is determined by taking the cost of operating the team and dividing by the number of players on the team. Some of those fees may be but are not limited to Tournaments, League Affiliations, Hire Coaches, Indoor training, Insurance, Uniforms, Game balls, Umpires fees etc.

**Financial Obligation/Team Fees:** It is important to be reminded of your Financial Obligation & ensure that every effort be made to pay your fees on time. Outstanding fees must be satisfied prior to placement on a team. Payment due dates will be defined by the Board of Directors and is expected to be paid in full prior to the start of the season once the player has accepted an offered team position. In order to keep Jefferson Softball operating (reserve spots in tournaments, order uniforms & equipment, and provide field & facility use), it is absolutely essential that all fees be paid timely. Most fees are collected on line. If you choose not to use the online fee collection process, it is your responsibility to insure that a check is sent to P.O. Box 2621 Berkshire Valley Rd, Oak Ridge, N.J. If player fees are behind, the player's participation with the team/organization may be affected. If payment is not received prior to the start of the season and you have not worked out arrangements to make payment, you will forfeit your child's position on the team. If you cannot meet this financial responsibility, or have questions, please contact your coach and/or manager as soon as possible. If the due date should fall on a holiday or Sunday, please make your payment on the business day prior to the due date. All checks should be made **payable to Jefferson Softball Inc.** During the season there may be specific fundraising activities available to individual players to help with player fees.

**24hr Rule:** Parents may have prior experience playing, coaching, etc.; however, *Jefferson Softball* has its own coaching staff, so coaching from the stands will **not** be allowed. Any comments or observations that a parent may have can 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 after the incident (concern) to give you time to think about your concern as well as provide you with a cool down period. If you still feel you want to address the issue with the coaching staff then feel free to call 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. Should a parent have a problem with the coaching or managing staff of this team; arrange to meet privately with them off the field. No coach or manager shall entertain any discussion during practices and/or games. Parents must realize and remember that the Registration Fee in no way guarantees your child's playing time.

Negative and/or disruptive actions by parents are cause for disciplinary actions against the parents based upon Character Counts and the rules of this contract. If the parents refuse to abide to the disciplinary action then the child's involvement with the team will be in jeopardy.

Parents are asked to keep their child focused on her goals, assist with their outside skill work, and to be positive at all times so that the player stays positive.

**Attendance:** Every effort should be made to attend all practices, and be on time. That means, "on the field, warming up" by the start of each practice. If you are on time, you are late! However, we realize things come up so if you are running late please call the coaching staff. Parents are responsible for ensuring that the player is transported to and from all practices, games, tournaments and related activities. Such transportation shall be at the parent's sole expense. The Jefferson Softball organization, coaching staffs and Board of Directors assume no responsibility or liability for or in connection with the player's transportation to practices, games, tournaments, and/or activities.

**Absences:** If a player must miss a practice, the parent must contact the coach. When season starts, if a player misses a practice, she should not "expect" to start the following game, though, she may. This is not meant to punish players who must miss a practice, it is meant to encourage & reward players who are there. The more a player is absent from practices, the less the chance that she will be playing in games. If a player does not attend at least 80% of games and practices the player may be removed from the team or denied any future participation on Jefferson Softball teams.

**Conduct:** Good sportsmanship & professional behavior is expected at all times, & in all circumstances by both the player and the parent, including relatives and friends. **There should be no conversation with umpires, coaches, players, or parents regarding a call or a play. We will not tolerate players that throw bats, helmets or show disruptive behavior on the field or in the dugout. Outbursts & Disruptive Behavior from the Parents, Fans & Players will not be tolerated in this organization - such actions will result in removal from team & organization.**

**DO NOT COACH YOUR CHILD FROM THE STANDS.** The coach and player on the field may have specific signs, or prearranged scenarios to ask a player to do something. Do not interfere with that Coach's instruction.

Parent and player acknowledge and agree that when participating in activities organized by JS. Inc organization, coaching staffs and/or its Board of Directors their actions reflect on the reputation of the Jefferson Softball organization, coaching staff and its players. Jefferson Softball Inc. reserves the right to dismiss from Jefferson Softball any player or Parent who breaches good sportsmanship or ethics. Situations considered but not limited to the following.

1. No negative cheering of any kind
2. Approaching a coach during game to discuss playtime, position or strategy... **DO NOT APPROACH A COACH DURING GAME TIME UNLESS THE COACH HAS ASKED FOR YOU**
3. Foul language during a game
4. Throwing items
5. Smoking, Drinking, Drugs
6. Charging a field or official

**Dugout: Coaches & players in dugout ONLY.** Parents are encouraged to support their children. However, during practices & games they should refrain from approaching the dugout to coach, counselor, or to critique their daughter. Players should not leave dugout during games unless it is to use the restroom. Players should have everything they need with them inside the dugout (sunscreen, medications, water, Gatorade, snacks etc.).

**Players are not to make phone calls or text message at any time during games, practice, tournament play or team meetings. Unless it is an emergency & permission is granted from the Coach.**

**Positions and Play time:** If your child was accepted to a team as a catcher and/or pitcher and decides that they no longer wish to play that position, Jefferson Softball Inc. reserves the right to remove your child from the team and replace her with a positional player. If your child was accepted to the team as a fielder, but tried out as a pitcher and did not score high enough to be selected as a pitcher, DO NOT expect to be played as one.

Play time in travel ball is not guaranteed. Jefferson Softball Inc. has the position of Saturday everyone plays but Sunday you play to win. We do expect our coaches to make your child a better player and therefore play more. This rule can be adjusted for Fall Ball.

**By checking the box to agree, we have executed this agreement and release of all claims freely and without restraint or reservation of any kind or nature. All family members have read, fully understand and agree to abide to each and every item and condition set forth within this player/parent contract. We also understand that should we choose to type our name and date below that typed name serves as my/our official signature and acceptance of all terms held within this contract by all family members.**

Voluntarily without any inducement. By checking the box to agree, I agree to the above statements and verify that the date of birth is correct in the registration.