**EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS**

* + Be a “Team Player”.  Encourage your teammates. Be kind when speaking with your teammates; do not ever be nasty or degrading.  We are going to win & lose games this season, and the only way that we are going to do this is as a TEAM, not as individuals.  Don’t think of the hits that YOU made or the outs that YOU made.  Rather, think in terms of the hits WE made, or the plays that WE made.
  + Always give 110% on and off the field.
  + When the coaches are speaking, listen.  Do not talk to your parents or other players when a coach is speaking to you or the team as this is an interruption to the rest of the team.  With your cooperation, it will make it much easier to communicate with the team.
  + Always be prepared to enter a game and contribute.
  + Have fun, but no Horseplay (remember why you are on the team).
  + Do not yell or talk back to the umpires or the other team.  Let the coach deal with the umpire and opposing team representatives.  Cheer for your teammates and your team only.  Let’s show everyone that our team has CLASS.
  + Practice at home either with your parents or with your friends.  This is very important in developing your skills to become a better softball player.  One or two practices a week are a good foundation to becoming a better player, but it is not enough!  So get out in the yard and practice as much as possible.
  + Practice at home the same way you practice with your team. If your Mom or Dad tells you something different than your coaches, tell them right away before you practice it so you and your parents can discuss with me or the other coaches.
  + Learn about the game.  Read books, watch games, practice, ask questions whenever you do not understand something or would like to know more about a certain aspect of the game, do anything that you can to learn the game.
  + Always wear the proper equipment when playing or practicing.