



New Richmond Fastpitch (NRFPC) Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Contract

The following is a contract that all parents/guardians are required to sign prior to the start of the season. This helps establish clear expectations for all — players and coaches will also have their own contracts. By signing this contract, I confirm support of my child's commitment to become a member of the New Richmond Fastpitch Club (NRFPC). My family is an extension of the team's softball family, and as a result, I understand I am expected to do my best to commit to team rules and expectations.

1. If my child has been asked to fill in for another team, I will get approval from our team's head coach first. I will also connect the coach of the other team with our team's head coach to finalize expectations prior to my daughter playing.
2. I will show respect for the umpires. They will often make the wrong call, but the job of the umpire is not an easy one. Voicing my displeasure will not improve the situation.
3. I will stay away from the dugout during games and practices. My job as a parent is to cheer on the team. While not easy, I will let go and allow my child to perform, succeed, and fail.
4. I will refrain from coaching from the stands and allow coaches to coach. I know that providing potentially conflicting messages during a game can be confusing to my child, and my interactions may contribute negatively to her ability to focus. If there is something I believe my child needs to know, I will talk to her about that or work on that situation at another time. Whether she remembers these things during a game is not my responsibility. I will allow her to learn and fail.
5. I will be a role model for my child regarding good sportsmanship, teamwork, and self-worth. These things start with the adults, and the players will behave accordingly. We will take pride in how we carry ourselves and treat others.
6. I am responsible for the behavior of my family members at games and practices. Others may attend games to cheer on my child, and I will be sure that they will also handle themselves according to these rules.
7. I will provide encouragement and support for my child. My child needs to hear my positive encouragement throughout the game.

8. I will provide encouragement and support for all players on the team. We're in this together!
9. I will respect the opposing team, coaches, and fans. They are the same as us in many ways, but they wear different uniforms. Appreciation for their performance and respect for their abilities will contribute to a positive game environment.
10. I understand that winning is important to the team, but the primary objective is promoting an environment of growth and learning. They will win. They will lose. They will make mistakes. Most important will be what they learn from success and failure.
11. I will get to know the team values and reinforce them with my child. I will read through those expectations and provide reminders when not being met.
12. I will support the coach's message. While I will not always agree with the coach, I also understand that contradicting that message is counterproductive.
13. I will help my child embrace her role, no matter what it is. I may not agree with where my child hits or plays in the field, but it is important that I help my child embrace and master that role for the best possible experience. For travel only: I understand that travel softball is a highly competitive sport and there are no guarantees as to the amount of playing time or position that my child will play during games.
14. I will help nurture a positive environment on and off the field. I will do my best to keep a positive tone as I realize my reactions impact my child, other parents, and the team.
15. I will respect the challenges the coaches face and the time commitment they make. I know that coaching isn't easy. It's a significant contribution of time and energy, often with the side effect of stress.
16. I will refrain from public complaints about coaching and other players with parents. While I will not always agree with how the team is coached, I know these reactions do not help. Negativity is toxic.
17. If there are disagreements about how my child is used, I will schedule a time to discuss this with coaches.
18. I will not approach the coach about disagreements with his/her coaching, style, or philosophy during or after games. See #16 regarding roles and playing time. If another issue, these things should be discussed via proper channels – in person or by phone. Text and email are not appropriate for sensitive issues.

19. I will offer my help as a volunteer to leverage my skills, where possible. The success of this team relies on the contributions of volunteers, and I want to contribute whatever I can to help as needed by the team.

20. I will do everything within my control to make this a positive experience for my child, other players, families, and coaches. I will do my part to contribute to this softball family! I will do my best to follow these rules. While I am not expected to be perfect, and we will all have our weak moments, the main thing is that I will make a consistent effort to help nurture a positive environment for all. I will not neglect or ignore these rules. Depending on the severity and frequency of infractions, I understand that my actions may impact the standing of my child on this team. If my child is removed because of rules violations by her or my family,

21. I will utilize the 24-hour rule before bringing grievances forward. If I have a grievance or concern to bring forward, I will wait 24 hours before contacting the coach or president.

Failure to sign and return does not exempt me from any of these rules and expectations or being subject to disciplinary action.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE
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NFPC will be notified in writing.

1st offense: Meeting with coach.

2ns offense: Meet with Season Director (Travel, Local Travel or Fall)

3rd offense: Meet with NRFPC president with potential of being dismissed from the club. I understand that a refund of team fees will not be issued.

Grievances should be reported to the NRFPC President: nr.girls.softball@gmail.com or the NRFPC board: nrfastpitch.execboard@gmail.com