

About the Illinois Hawks

The Illinois Hawks provide top level training, strong development and maintain values such as commitment, loyalty, respect, and family. The Illinois Hawks exist to provide baseball and softball players the opportunity to practice and perfect his/her skills through excellent training, and to engage in competitive team travel play while keeping in mind the tenets of good sportsmanship, fair play, and respect.

Illinois

I am a Hawks player.

I am the best athlete I can be. I am the best citizen I can be. I slide with pride. I catch with integrity. I throw with focus. I run with dedication. I play with passion. I hustle on and off the field. My actions reflect upon my family, my teammates, my coaches, this organization, and me.

Through practice and commitment, I seek to raise and exceed my athletic standards. I compete to win, but I can be a champion without winning. My efforts to be the best athlete and teammate are not limited to competitive moments but encompass all occasions, which bear upon my own, as well as my team's performance.

I am a team member and wear the Hawks colors with pride. My support of my teammates and fellow athletes is as important as my own performance. The team's goals are my goals, and I'm responsible for helping achieve them.

I am a part of an athletic family, which champions my endeavors and honors my commitment and achievements. My team family supports me and in turn I support my team family.

I am a Hawk athlete. I am trained for success, not just for today, but also into the future. I choose to embrace excellence in all I do.

Bring A Good Attitude

Team First and Last

Respect Always

Always Hustle

100% Effort

Confidence in All Things

Illinois Hawks 2025-26 Contract

All parents/responsible adults will abide by all rules and regulations listed below.

1. Let the coaches coach!!
2. Parents/responsible parties are required to meet all financial obligations to the organization, including yearly dues, uniform fees, and other necessary costs. Agreeing to a spot on an Illinois Hawks Baseball or Softball team obligates you to the full posted or otherwise expressly agreed upon cost for the season. All fees are non-refundable unless expressly approved by the Illinois Hawks Board of Directors. Payment plans are for your convenience, and are installments on the full amount due. Any player non-compliant with this rule will be suspended from practice and play until their account is brought up to date. Payments or balances that are more than 30 days late without express approval from the Board of Directors will be subject to a finance charge until brought current. In the event that You have any outstanding amounts due to Illinois Hawks and Illinois Hawks pursues legal means of collection, You shall be responsible for any and all attorney fees, court costs, and other costs of collection, including any post-judgment attorney fees or litigation costs, that Illinois Hawks incurs in order to collect sums due by You. Families that choose to separate or are dismissed from their team due to violations of contract or team rules are still obligated to their full, agreed upon fees.
3. Recognize the value and importance of volunteer and staff coaches alike. Give them their due respect. Without them, there would be no baseball or softball program.
4. No parent or fan may possess illicit drugs at practices or any Hawks activity or games (home or away).
5. No parent or fan shall physically or verbally abuse parents, fans, coaches, players or umpires **(including opponents)**.
6. All parents and fans shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. No yelling, booing, teasing, or cheering if another player is hurt. No profane or abusive language or unsportsmanlike gestures of any kind are tolerable.
7. Any unlawful actions will be reported to the proper authorities, and are grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.
8. No parent shall interfere with practices, games, or **coaching** at any time. At no time is a parent to enter the practice or playing field unless specifically requested to do so by the team manager. Parents may observe, but should observe a 24 hour cooling period after games or practices to discuss any problems. (Please be sure to approach a coach.) Please keep in mind that playing time is at the discretion of the team manager.
 - Please notify the coach if your child will miss a practice or a game as far in advance as possible.
 - Please arrive in enough time that players are ready before the scheduled beginning of practice, and pick up your child at the designated end of practice.
 - Participation is NOT to be an excuse for unfinished homework – help your child plan their time wisely.
9. At least one parent or responsible adult must be in attendance at every game (you may designate your manager or another family with prior approval), or the child will not be allowed to participate in the game. (Developmental divisions only)

10. **Uniforms** should only be worn at scheduled league games or as instructed by their manager.
11. Hawks families are expected to support the Illinois Hawks and its projects, such as fundraising, community involvement, etc.
12. Baseball and softball are active sports. I understand that injuries may occur, and that Illinois Hawks, its staff and coaches and related entities are not responsible or liable for injuries that may occur.

Any Parent or Other Non-Participating Family Member found to be in violation of any of the above will be handled in the following manner:

1. A verbal and/or written warning will be given to the Family for the first violation.
2. Second violation will result in a suspension from games/practices with player.
3. Any repeat violations may result in a Family Suspension or Removal from the team with no refund.

Illinois Hawks Parent Contract

I have read and agree to abide by the code of conduct and conditions included on this application.

Parent/Legal Guardian signature

Date

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Print Name of Player

Illinois Hawks Baseball/Softball Association Waiver

This waiver is in addition to any prior contracts or waivers that you have signed with Illinois Hawks Baseball/Softball Association and supplements those documents.

By participating in any activity with Illinois Hawks Baseball/Softball Association, you for yourself and, if applicable, for your child recognize that you and or your child may be exposed to injury, infectious diseases or illnesses, including, but not limited to COVID-19.

The CDC has identified the following as common symptoms of COVID-19: Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell. More symptom information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>. If you have any of these symptoms or believe that you have COVID-19 or that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, then you may not participate in any Illinois Hawks Baseball Association activity.

If you or your child wishes to engage in an activity with Illinois Hawks Baseball/Softball Association, you acknowledge that you do so with full awareness of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and you and/or your child voluntarily agree to bear sole responsibility for all risks of exposure, whether known or unknown. Further you agree on behalf of yourself and your child, if applicable, to release Illinois Hawks Baseball/Softball Association along with all its coaches and other agents, from any and all liability relating to **any injury**, including any injury related to any infectious disease or illness including, but not limited to, COVID-19, incurred while participating in any Illinois Hawks Baseball/Softball Association activity.

Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Child Name