



Fury Team Guidelines

Spring/Summer 2009

Team Website: <http://www.furysoftball.net>

Attendance

You must make every effort to attend all games, practices, team meetings and/or team functions.

You must make every effort to be punctual to games, practices, team meetings and/or team functions.

You are expected to show up (dressed and ready to go), 1 hour and 30 minutes before the start of the first game of the day.

If you know you cannot attend a game or practice, you must give the head coach a 24 hour advance notice. It will be the head coach's discretion on whether or not the absent player will start the next game.

It is not the team's intention to punish you for missing games or practice, but rather to encourage and reward those that attend each game and all practices.

In the event you are forced to miss a game or practice or have to leave early from either, it remains your responsibility to call or check the team website to obtain any last minute team updates and/or information for any upcoming events.

Injuries/Illness

In the event that you get injured during a game or at practice, you will still be expected to attend all team games and practices.

Much can still be learned from helping coaches and listening to team discussions at the practices.

If you are injured or becomes ill during a game or practice, it is your responsibility to immediately report such injury or illness to a coach.






Cell Phones

Cell phones are **not** allowed to be used or carried during team meetings, warm-ups, games or practices.

Attire/Equipment

Please come prepared to play softball to all games and practices.

It is mandatory for all  players to wear their practice uniform during team practices.

All  team equipment must be treated with respect at all times, as team equipment and uniforms will be returned and used by future  softball players.

Friends & Family

Friends and family members are always encouraged to come help support our team and are more than welcome to come help cheer our team on to victory, however if a friend or family member becomes a distraction to a player, coach, umpire or fan, you will be expected to remove the friend or family member from the immediate area.

Uniforms

Your image as a  Student/Athlete is an important one.

You are expected to wear the  uniform with pride.

Your jersey must be tucked in at all times.

You must arrive to games in the correct uniform for all games.

Your uniform must be clean and in good shape.

Faded shirts and torn kneepads should be replaced when necessary.

Please take proper care of the uniforms when washing them. Do not wash your uniform with any other clothing, including your game or practice socks. The dye in the socks and other clothing will show up on your uniforms, therefore always wash your uniform by itself.

Uniforms, bat bags and helmets are not your property and they are expected to be returned to the head coach at the conclusion of our season, or if you chose to leave before then.

Dugout

Only coaches & players are allowed in the dugout.

Parents are encouraged to support their children, however, during practices and games parents should refrain from approaching the field or the dugout to coach, counsel or to critique their daughter's performance.

Players are not allowed to leave the dugout during games unless given permission by a coach.

Only drinks, seeds and chewing gum are allowed in the dugout.

Players are not allowed to eat inside the dugout, unless approved by the head coach.


Parents are not allowed to walk into the dugout to hand anything to a player.

Players are expected to meet their parents at the dugout opening to obtain any items from parents.

Players should always remember that game or practice time is **not** designated as time to visit with friends or family members outside the field of play.



Conduct

Our  softball program is a class organization that prides itself on a strong reputation for good sportsmanship and professionalism both on and off the softball field.

You are expected to act accordingly.

You are expected to treat others with respect.

You are expected to honor the game of softball and all those that surround you.

You are expected to play hard and to wear the  uniform proudly.

Profanity will not be tolerated.

You must refrain from having a discussion or conversation with an umpire, opposing coaches, players or parents regarding a close call, pitch or play.

Parents are not allowed to coach their daughter during a game or practice. The coaching staff works closely with each individual player and will handle this part of the player's development.

Parents are encouraged to work with their daughters, but not during game time or practices. That includes comments or instruction when up to bat and especially after an error has been committed on the field.

Parents should be the player's mom/dad and should be their daughter's biggest fan.


Hustle

You are now a member of the  fastpitch softball team.

You are expected to run on and off the softball field during games or at practice.

Website

All information concerning our softball program will be posted on the  team website. www.furysoftball.net

We will not handout maps, practice or game sched  the players or parents. Everything you need to know about our softball program will be posted and accessible on the web site.

It is your responsibility to obtain team updates and/or information. We highly recommend that you check the website on a daily basis for last minute team/schedule/uniform changes.

In the event of bad weather, game times and/or field schedules and/or locations can and will change frequently. The coaching staff will not contact the players/parents concerning schedule, practice, field changes, or team events unless the changes were made within 2 hours of the scheduled event.

Team Traveling

It is "not" the responsibility of the coaching staff to baby sit the players on this team when we hit the road. If you are going to send your daughter on a road trip unattended, it is the parent's responsibility to talk with another parent on the team to make sure your daughter is properly cared for and transported to and from the practices/games.




Addressing Concerns/Problems

We encourage an open relationship between coaches, players, and parents. Parents should call the head coach to set up a time to address questions or concerns you may have. For your sake and for the sake of the players do not bring up concerns during or after a game or practice.

The 24 Hour Rule

In the event you have a question or concern regarding something that happened that day during a game or tournament, it is recommended you wait at least 24 hours before you confront the head coach. Our coaching staff will be happy to address your concerns at that time.

The Fury team guidelines are intended to make our softball program run as smoothly as possible. Please take the team guidelines as seriously as we do! Please sign below and return this page to the head coach.

I (Player & Parent) acknowledge having read the  team guidelines and fully understand the intent of the guidelines and promise to follow to the best of my ability.

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Date