



Competitive Fastpitch Softball can be a challenging, demanding and enjoyable sport. It is the goal of Tribe Fastpitch to build a competitive fastpitch softball team while providing an enjoyable environment for players to develop softball skills, knowledge and the ability to function as a team. We encourage and support our girls to excel on the field as well as in school and their community.

Tournament softball is not Recreation Softball; it is a competitive environment where playing time is earned through ability, effort, and attitude demonstrated at practice and in games. The coaching staff will work to involve the players when possible, however Playing Time is NOT guaranteed. Players are, also, not guaranteed to be retained from year to year. All players, new and old, must tryout every year. Once a player signs a commitment to Tribe Fastpitch, they will not be cut during the season to make room for a replacement player.

The financial commitment to Wyandotte Tribe will also be substantially greater than Rec Ball, but manageable for all. We are asking for \$300, which will be broken into 2 payments (1st payment due October 1, 2nd payment due January 15) and a \$150 fundraising commitment. This money covers uniforms, equipment bags, tournament and league fees.

By being a part of Tribe Fastpitch Organization, high expectations will be placed on you. The coaching staff will hold every athlete to a high standard and will expect all team members to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Behavior that is deemed disruptive and detrimental to the team can bring consequences ranging from diminished playing time to dismissal from the team.

All players who return to play, or are invited to join the Tribe Fastpitch Organization, along with their parents, are required to read and sign the following Commitment Letter before being accepted as a new or continuing member of a Tribe Fastpitch Team.



Player Responsibilities:

I, _____, accept the invitation to join the Tribe Fastpitch Organization, and do hereby commit myself to play Fast-Pitch softball for the (circle one) **10u / 12u Tribe Fastpitch** travel team during the 2020/2021 season.

I understand that the Tribe Fastpitch Organization, and my coaches, will make considerable commitments and sacrifices to ensure a successful softball season, and that these commitments and sacrifices are done for my benefit. Besides committing to play, I understand that I will have to make certain other commitments, among these commitments are:

- I will to the best of my ability attend all practices, scrimmages, team meetings and scheduled tournament games.
- I will, as soon as possible, discuss any absences or scheduling conflicts with my head coach to ensure the team has time to make roster moves for planned team activities.
- I will abide by ALL of the team rules and regulations.
- I will work hard to earn top grades, and behave in school so my parents will continue to allow me to play travel softball
- I will control my temper at ALL times.
- I will practice at "Game Pace" and give 100%. Practice is the time to learn and improve.
- I will not make excuses for my mistakes. I will learn from my mistakes and try to get better.
- I will, at all times, show respect for my teammates, my coaches, umpires, fans and opposing team coaches and players.
- I will remain in the dugout during the entire game.
- I will not engage in gossip or backbiting or be a part of a group clique, and I will treat each of my teammates as my best friend while on the field and on trips.
- I will play as a team player, and not as an individual.
- I will not complain about the position or positions I am asked to play. Nor will I complain about my amount of playing time. If I do not like it I will work harder to change it. I understand that playing time is earned, not given.
- I will subdue my pride in victory and, as long as I have done my best, I will hold my head high in defeat.
- I will be coachable and I will accept instruction given to me by my coaches. I will ask questions when I am not sure of my Coaches instructions.
- I will apply what is taught to me so that I may improve myself both as a person and as a softball player.
- I will accept proper discipline without complaining.
- I will help and participate in fundraising events that are for the benefit of both my team and myself.



Parent Responsibilities:

The Tribe Fast-Pitch organization is concerned with building a well-respected organization. A large part of our reputation will be due to the exemplary behavior of our players' families and guests. In addition to the general rules outlined above, we expect the following from our parents;

- Pick your child up on time from practices and tournaments.
- Report injuries as soon as possible. Inform coaches of doctor's orders, as they will be followed. During injury, encourage your athlete to attend practices and games.
- Help with the transportation of players and coaches to out of town tournaments.
- Be positive and encourage your daughter.
- Do not yell at our team or coaches, the other team's players and coaches. NEVER engage with the umpire. Above all, encourage your daughter and her teammates. It is never appropriate to criticize a player in front of your child or to other parents in the stands or to coaches.
- Please refrain from asking questions/raising concerns about your player directly after games. Contact us later that evening or the following day.
- Pay your players fees on time. (\$300, 1st payment due October 1, 2nd payment due January 15). Non-payment will impact standing with team.
- Participate in Fundraising activities (minimum of \$150 fundraised or cash payout).
- Know that you are also representing Tribe Fastpitch and good sportsmanship is very important to the organization.

I have read and understand the above:

Player _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____

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