



MERMAID GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER/PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. If at all possible, a player must give her manager at least two (2) weeks advance notice for vacation.
2. A player **MUST** telephone her manager or coach in advance if she cannot attend scheduled practices and/or games. Failure to do so may be cause for a player to be benched during her next game.
3. All players must furnish their own gloves and are responsible to bring it to each and every practice and game.
4. Players must wear their team jersey in every game and may be declared ineligible (for that game) if not. Players are responsible for their individual team jerseys once they are provided.
5. Transportation to/from all games and practices is the sole responsibility of the parents/guardians of each player.
6. Once a game or practice begins, the player must remain under the manager or coach's control. They must not leave the practice/playing area for any reason without the approval of their manager or coach.
7. Snacks, chewing gum, etc. are allowed in the dug-out at the manager/coach's discretion provided they do not interfere with the game.
8. Any player whose attendance at scheduled practices/games becomes unsatisfactory may be dropped from the team's roster. This information will be provided to the player's parents/legal guardian via the League's Player Agent or designated Board Member and only after the Executive Board has confirmed this action.
9. After three (3) unexcused absences from practices/games a player may be dropped from the roster. After two (2) absences the manager and or coach will notify the League's Player Agent or designated Board Member who in turn will contact the player in an attempt to correct the problem.
10. Player/Parents should provide up to date address and telephone numbers to the Player Agent and or to their manager in order to ensure all information is distributed effectively.
11. Teams are required to provide SNACK BAR helpers and BASE UMPIRES who are scheduled at the onset of the season. Parents are advised that 'no-shows' on scheduled days will result in their player not participating in the next game. So please, support your teams as requested. Note: All teams will have several scheduled requirements and parents are urged to help and may be asked on more than one occasion.

SAFETY ISSUES/REQUIREMENTS

1. Any player with long hair, must have it tied back during all games/practices.
2. **ONLY** long pants or "softball shorts" may be worn at all games/practices. Sliding pads and compression/sliding shorts are recommended to help prevent scratches and bruises to legs.
3. No dress/hard-soled shoes are allowed at games or practices. Only tennis shoes, rubber cleats or shoes with rubber soles may be worn.
4. No player will be allowed to participate with any serious injury or illness. If injury or illness is serious enough to require doctor's care, the player will not be allowed to participate until a doctor's release has been received by the League's Player Agent.

At the discretion of the league Board by vote, PARENTS and/or PLAYERS are subject to disciplinary action up to and including forfeiture of league participation without refund, for violation of terms or ideals outlined in 'RESPONSIBILITIES' & 'SPORTSMANSHIP OATH'.

Direct any questions to a Board Member. Rules and Regs also posted at: MermaidsSoftball.org