

CHAPARRAL VARSITY SOFTBALL, 2007

TEAM RULES & EXPECTATIONS

1. ATTITUDE & BEHAVIOR

- *Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.* Unexpected events will occur during your life (and during this season); how you react is a reflection of your character.
- *Success is a Choice.* You have the *choice* to succeed through your daily actions. By making the choice to succeed, you are committing yourself to become the best you can be.
- *Point the thumb, Not the Finger.* It is easy to blame other for your shortcomings or mistakes. However, it takes a special individual to accept responsibility for their actions.
- *Hustle & Be Enthusiastic at practice (Have FUN!).* This is an optional activity.
- *This is a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) sport.* As a member of a team, realize that you must put aside personal issues & put the team first.

2. ATTENDANCE & COMMUNICATION

- You have made a commitment to this team from February 5th through mid-May. You are expected to be at ALL practices, Monday through Saturday. The excuse of work, doctor appointments, other commitments, etc. are not valid reasons to miss varsity practices. You know your schedule as of today... Plan ahead!
- If you are out of school due to illness, or if something unexpected occurs, please contact Coach Goddes or Coach Little.
- To be early is to be on time; to be on time is to be late; and to be late is not to be! You are expected on the field by 3:00 and ready to go by 3:05.
- Please come see me after practice or during lunch if you have any personal questions, problems, or concerns. My classroom door is always open and I hope that you always feel free to come see me. Early communication can prevent problems in the future. We will be open with you and we expect the same in return.
- **All issues should be handled between players & coaches first!**

3. TRAINING RULES & ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- Smoking, drinking, and/or use of drugs (this includes possession of or holding for a friend) will result in you being dropped from the team. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY
- School is your #1 priority (softball is a strong second). You must be passing all of your classes to be eligible. Mornings and lunchtime are great times to see your teachers for additional help, if needed. Again, *communicate* with your teachers.

4. PLAYING TIME & CUTS

- Because you have made the cut does not guarantee playing time. Simply, *The Best Players Play*. However, the best athletes are not always the best players. Attitude and work ethic are strong determinants of playing time. Again, point the thumb, not the finger. What can *you* do to earn more playing time? Our goal will be to (1) Win, (2) Get better as a team and (3) Play as many players as possible in the process.

5. UNIFORMS & PARTICIPATION FEE

- The athlete is responsible for all equipment, including the uniform that they check out. Equipment that is not returned for any reason will be billed to the athlete. That athlete will not be able to participate in any other activity until the matter is settled.
- We will be ordering additional uniforms & equipment such as helmets, cleats, pants, socks, warm-ups, etc. More information will be provided at a later date.
- The Scottsdale School District, in an attempt to defray the cost of transportation, is charging a **\$75.00** fee that must be paid before the first game in order for the athlete to participate. If this fee is a hardship please see me as soon as possible.

6. TRANSPORTATION

- Athletes must travel with the team on the bus and also come home with the team after the game. In emergency situations, players may go home with (and only with) their parents with a note.
- *GAME pick-up:* The bus will drop you off in the SE parking lot (near the football field).
- *PRACTICE pick-up:* please arrange to be picked up in the NW parking lot (near the baseball field). Barring unexpected events, practice will end daily by 5:45 pm.
- Another transportation topic that will be discussed later will be travel arrangements to & from places other than games & practices (i.e. Cleats, ASU, etc.)

7. PARENT INVOLVEMENT/EXPECTATIONS

- Please be patient, understanding, and have faith in the coaching staff. We dedicate a lot of time & effort into making your children better athletes and people. We care about your child and want what is best for them & the team.
- Please refrain from coaching your daughter from the stands or yelling negative remarks during games or practices.
- Players are expected to compete with class; we expect the same of our spectators.
- To empower your daughter to communicate with the coaching staff - please understand and respect the line of communication. If we cannot rectify the concerns of your daughter, then we will set up a conference where we (coaches, parent, and athlete) will discuss the issue.
- Please avoid scheduling appointments and vacations during practice and game times.
- Pick up your daughter on time after practice and away games.

Thanks for your time & we look forward to a fun and successful season!!

The Varsity Coaching Staff
Coach Goddes, Coach Little, & Coach Dicus

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I have read, understand, and agree to the above rules and regulations concerning the Chaparral Varsity Softball Team.

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Athlete	Date	Parent/Guardian	Date