

Dear Team Members and Parents,

Welcome to the 20XX-20XX Team Name Travel Softball Team. We are pleased that you have chosen to join us and play on this year's team. The other coaches and I are looking forward to another successful season.

Travel softball can be a very rewarding experience. It is our hope that the upcoming year will offer you a chance to make new friendships and develop your skills on the field. We have three goals for the team, they are:

1. Become a better softball player and a better person
2. Put a representative team on the field
3. Have a good time; enjoy yourself and your teammates.

We will do our best to help you achieve these goals. Because success does not come easily, we will be asking you to commit your time and effort so that these goals may be realized.

Attached you will find some information regarding this year's program, including expectations, expenses and schedule. Do not hesitate to contact Coach NAME or me with any questions you may have.

Once again, welcome to **TEAM NAME**.

Coach NAME

## Expectations

Being a member of a travel team is both an honor and a commitment. Quite a few girls tried out for the position that you hold. You should be proud of yourself and your teammates for making the team. Along with the honor of being selected will come the following responsibilities:

1. All team members will show respect to the coaches, helpers, teammates, parents and the opposing teams. Foul language, ridicule of other team members, poor sportsmanship, showing disrespect for property, failure to attend practices and games without proper notification may result in dismissal from the team. A positive team ethic is essential for success.
2. Weather depending, we will be holding weekend practices this fall. We will be using XXX Field from 9:30 to 11:30 AM each Saturday. Depending upon availability, we will also be scheduling a scrimmage or two.
3. Beginning in late fall, and continuing through February, we will start our Winter Training. We will hold one-week night practice at the XXX. These workouts will concentrate on hitting in the cage, as well as additional hitting and fielding drills. We are scheduled from 6:45 to 9:15 PM on Monday's
4. Starting in January, and continuing through February, we will be holding workouts at YYY school gym. It is here that we will begin assembling the team and determining where players will be positioned. The tentative schedule is for Sunday's from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
5. Upon completion of the Winter Training, we will hold weekly practices. Until the weather permits, we will continue indoors. Once the outdoor fields are playable, we will move outside.
6. In April we will begin practicing twice a week; once during the week in the evening and once on the weekend. Whenever possible the weekend practice will be replaced with a scrimmage with another local ZZ and under team. Some travel to the other team's field may be required.
7. **We would discourage the team members from continuing to play Recreational Ball. Should you decide to play in a Recreational League, practice for our team will take precedent over their practice and game schedule.**
8. The plan is to play in 8 – 9 tournaments beginning in late April and going through late July. No tournaments have been announced at this time. As the tournaments are announced and the schedule firmed up, parents will be notified. It is understood that a player may not be available for all tournaments. That is one of the reasons we have decided to carry 14 players on the team. Please notify the coaching staff ASAP if you will not be able to attend a tournament.

9. Some tournaments may require an overnight stay and meal expense. These expenses will be up to each team member's family. Should we qualify for a National Finals Tournament, it is our intention to attend said tournament. Such a tournament will require additional costs to be borne by the team member's family. The PPP Nationals are normally held in City, State the last week of July and ASA National "A/B" Finals are usually held the first week of August.
10. Each team member will be responsible for paying for her own uniform, a prorated portion of the tournament fees, and training expenses. A preliminary budget is attached. It is assumed that the current deficit will be successfully zeroed out with fund raising and sponsorships. It is expected that all team members will participate in fund raising and obtain sponsors. Any funds collected over our budget will go to defray the parent's costs
11. As with any travel or all-star team, individual playing time is not guaranteed. All team members will play in scrimmages and pool games at tournaments, but may not play in all or any of the championship round games. While the coaches will make every effort to make playing time as equal as possible, some team members will play more than others will.
12. We will be tabulating batting averages, on base percentage, stolen bases, etc. to evaluate each of the players. The most consistent performers will receive the most playing time in the tournaments.

In exchange for your commitment, you can expect to receive outstanding training, support and encouragement. Most of all, you will have fun. It is our hope that you will develop relationships that will last for years to come. Welcome to **TEAM NAME**.