

Chatham Elite Fastpitch Parent/Player Responsibilities Agreement

Purpose: To assist parents and players in knowing the expectations and responsibilities of the parents and players in the Chatham Elite organization.

Parents Must: **Model Behavior, Communicate, Motivate, Support & Commit, Participate**

I. Model Behavior – As parents, and fans, players will follow your lead as it relates to behavior and sportsmanship. This is an important area as the “game” is a competitive environment. Parents and players need to:

- a) Show good sportsmanship at games and practices.
- b) Use appropriate language at games and practices, absolutely no foul language is tolerated.
- c) Be positive. Set a good example for your children, encourage and compliment player performance and effort. Strive to build self-esteem and confidence in your child and their teammates.
- d) Control your emotions. Do not yell discouraging words at your child, your child’s teammates, coaches, other players opposing coaches or umpires. Children pick up quickly on behavioral cues from watching adults. Parents and players behavior reflects on the entire organization.
- e) Control tempers and cooperate with umpires as they interpret the rules and control the game. Remember it is the coaches’ responsibility to discuss game situations with umpires.
- f) Cooperate with all team coaches and league officials.

II. Communicate – It is important for parents and players to have a smooth communication flow with the coaches. Communication skills are also important when working with players. This can be accomplished as follows:

- a) Notify coach as soon as you can of any scheduling conflicts.
- b) Drop-off and pick-up your player at announced times for practices and games.
- c) Any concerns should be discussed with the Head Coach in an appropriate setting. It is not the best time to approach them before, during or immediately after a game. Parents or players should contact the Head Coach with any concerns or comments. If this does not resolve the issue, contact the head of the organization.

III. Motivate/Support/Commit – It is important to motivate and support your player and teammates in all aspects of the travel ball experience. This requires commitment on the part of both players and parents. This can be accomplished as follows:

- a) Assist player with setting goals for improvement for the year.
- b) Attend all games, cheer and have fun.
- c) Reinforce softball skill by practicing with your player.
- d) Arrange for the player to attend all practices and games.

IV. Participate in Fundraisers – It is very important to become an active participant in your child’s activities, either at the team or organization level. All parents and players will be expected to participate in all team and organizational fundraisers. Please remember the fundraisers we do play a major part in our organization. They allow us to play tournaments, purchase uniforms and practice equipment needed to help us become better on the field.

V. Leave Rule – Players are allowed to leave and return to the organization one time during their travel softball career. Players leaving the organization more than one time will not be allowed to return to the Chatham Elite organization.

VI. Uniforms – Uniforms are the property of the team and shall be returned to the Head Coach of the team at the end of the season or in the event of the players’ release.

Parents and players that exhibit unruly or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

I have read and acknowledge the Parent and Player Responsibilities Agreement of Chatham Elite Fastpitch Organization and accept the terms of the Agreement.

Mother’s Signature _____ Date _____

Father’s Signature _____ Date _____

Player’s Signature _____ Date _____

County of _____

State of _____

On this, the _____ day of _____, 20____, before me a notary public, personally appeared _____ (Mother) and _____ (Father), known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public