WYCO PLAYER/PARENT/COACH AGREEMENT: 2025/2026 SEASON

PLAYERS

- I will be dressed and ready at the start of practice and prior to game time. I understand that this shows respect for the team, the coach, and the umpires.

- I understand that practice is important, and I will make every effort to be there.

- I will give my best effort in practices and in games. This shows my commitment to the team and my desire to learn and be successful.

- I will hustle quickly on and off the field during games and at practice.

- I will be responsible for my own equipment bag and water bottle. This responsibility includes carrying my bag to and from games. I understand that this builds strength, responsibility, and character.

- I will encourage my teammates. I will not criticize, taunt, or use profanity (curse words) with my teammates, umpires, or the other team. This builds up the team and shows good sportsmanship

- I will maintain control of my emotions and not throw or slam equipment down in anger or show disrespect with my language, attitude, or behavior. This is a sign of maturity and good habit for not only softball but for other things in my life.

- I will be a good winner. I will not brag. I understand that no one likes a show-off.

- I will be a good loser. I will seek ways to learn from the experience.

- I will practice good sportsmanship. I will play by the rules. I will encourage my teammates and congratulate the other team on their efforts (win or lose).

- I understand that I will be given an equal opportunity to participate in games based on behavior, compliance, and skill at the discretion of my coach.

- I will not partake in the use of controlled substances or alcohol and understand that if I am caught with any of these things that I can be removed from the roster.

- With regard to social media, I take responsibility for my online profile, including my posts and any photos, videos or other recordings posted by others in which I appear. I am aware that I represent my sport(s), school, team, family, and community at all times, and will do so in a positive manner.

PARENTS

- I will contact the coach as soon as possible if my child cannot make practice or a game.

- I will arrange to have my child at practice and games on time, allowing time if they need to dress, so that practice may begin on time.

- I will give the coaches time to meet with the team after the game.

- I will inform the coach of any disability, injury, or illness that may affect the safety of my child or others.

- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.

- I will not question, discuss, or confront coaches/referees at the field.

- I will wait an appropriate amount of time to talk to the entire coaching staff if I have a question, concern, or complaint (at least 24 hours after the game).

- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to officials, coaches, players, and parents.

- I will teach my child to play by the spirit of the rules and resolve conflicts without hostility.

- I will leave the coaching to the coaches.

- I will not talk to or approach my child in the dugout during the game, unless bringing water or an emergency.

- I will not distract my child or the other players during practices or games or yell out instructions.

- I will not create a negative team spirit by discussing the shortcomings of other players or coaches with my child.

- With regard to social media, I take responsibility for my online profile. I am aware that I represent my daughter and will think before I post anything negative toward other players, parents, coaches, or the WYCO organization.

COACHES

- I will be positive with the players and encourage them all to always do their best.

- I will challenge the players to be their best. I will ask more of them than they think they can give, but at the same time, I will realize when they have reached their limits.

- I will remember that I am here to help each child grow in their softball knowledge, skill, and athleticism.

- I will remember that the kids look to me as a role model and that I must model the behaviors, attitudes, and language that I expect from the kids.

- I will be accessible to the parents outside of practices and games.

- I will adopt the philosophy that an effective coach “wins” not based on the scoreboard but based on the cohesiveness of the team and the players' advancement of skills (abilities and character).

- I agree to carry out the statements above to the best of my ability and if I fall short, I will expect and accept the consequences.

POLICIES

- Playing time is not guaranteed and will be dictated by performance, attitude, and the situation of the game.

- Softball is an all-weather sport. Practices will be held regardless of weather conditions. Under extreme circumstances, the coaches will communicate any cancellations to the parents. Parents are responsible for ensuring the players are dressed appropriately for the weather.

- Players removed from the team for disciplinary reasons will not be entitled to a refund of fees.
    - Should this situation come about, the removal of a player will be determined by the coach and a majority vote with the Board.
    - Disciplinary reasons include but are not limited to:
        - Removal from a game by an official for unsportsmanlike conduct.
        - Bullying a teammate or opposing player.
        - Having multiple instances of talking back to the coach or being disrespectful to the coach or teammates.
        - Violations of the controlled substance/alcohol provision or social media
    - Violations of this agreement may result in the following:
        - A verbal discussion or warning.
        - A written warning that will be signed by the coach, the player, and the player's parent/s.
        - Game suspension
        - Season suspension
- IF I have a concern I will follow the chain of command to solve my concern,
    - Talk with coaches
    - Then speak with the Director of Operations
    - Last with the Advisory Board.
- The Player/Parent/Coach Agreement must be signed prior to participating in practices or Games:

Player Signature_____

Parent Signature_____

Parent Signature_____

Coach Signature_____

Coach Signature_____

Board Member Signature_____