

Missouri Revolution Commitment to Excellence

Team Responsibilities

1. The foundation of our organization is built upon the principle of kids first and that we as coaches are educators. Therefore we expect everyone to set the kind of example that we as parents would want our kids to follow.
2. We are looking to compete at the highest level of softball. In order to do this we must all work our hardest in order to gain the respect of other teams by competing all the time and putting our best effort at all times.
3. At no time shall any coach, parent or any player exhibit abusive language or behavior that can be deemed detrimental to the team or organization. We will exhibit our commitment to excellence at all times.
4. First impressions are among the most important. We will always set the kind of example that we want others to follow.
5. Communication is the #1 key to the success of any organization. All of us must continually strive to always communicate in the most mature way possible. This goes for Coaches, Players and Parents.
6. We have a team web site. We post all sorts of information on it. We ask that you look at it regularly to stay updated on all information. Please feel free to comment on what you would like to see on it. As with everything else this is your organization the web site has been provided for the benefit of all.
7. If a player cannot be present at a practice or game we ask that you please let one of the coaches know ASAP so that we can plan appropriately.
8. We will have girls that come from all over. We encourage them to communicate and talk to each other via email. We want to build a cohesive team. “The team that stays together plays together”
9. This is a game, where you can fail more than succeed. Therefore we are all allowed to make mistakes and expected to learn from them. It will make us better coaches, parents and players in the long run.

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10. All players will get ample opportunity to play, but playing time in tournament elimination games is earned. Players will always be rewarded for their hard work and dedication.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Be Supportive in every way possible. You are representative of this organization. Each and every one of us plays a vital part in how we are viewed by others. Always look to promote and represent the Missouri Revolution as you would represent yourselves in the most positive manner. This will reflect highly on you and your children. We want people to take notice of who we are and what we stand for. One of our goals is for this organization to grow and be successful and we can't do it without your help.
2. When we are traveling, coaches will not dictate what your child can or cannot do off the field when you are there with your children. As parents you are always in charge of your children and know what is best for them. The organization will always act in the best interests of its athletes. We will ensure that we provide as safe an environment to excel in at all times.
3. Please refrain from yelling instructions to your child during the game. It usually draws their attention away from what the coaches are asking them to do and will often confuse things. This game is hard enough to play without drawing focus away from what goes on between the white lines. You may not understand what the coaches are asking your child to do so please do not coach from outside the dugout. If you have any questions please address them to the coaches after the game.
4. Please maintain control of your emotions during the game. Yelling at a coach, player or umpire will not teach our players the kinds of positive things we are trying to teach them. Truly great athletes distinguish themselves by controlling their emotions.
5. Please refrain from talking negative about any of the players or coaches. This will bring down team moral and will be counter effective to all that we want to teach our players. If you disagree with a decision, again we ask you to take a coach aside and voice your opinion. We want to provide a positive competitive environment where all of our players can and will succeed. The more respect you give an individual the more you receive in return. Our organization adheres to the golden rule of **“Treat others then way you want to be treated.”**

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6. We understand that you are being asked to make a strong financial commitment. This is so your children can compete at the highest levels of softball. Many of the coaches often make additional financial sacrifices to bring the best possible softball training and education to your children.
7. We will ask for the **initial payment of half annual fee at the fall** team meeting. **The remaining fee will be due at the team meeting in January.** This is where we will solidify our plans for the spring and summer so you know what to expect and can have input into the decision making process.
8. If you require additional time for payment or having financial issues please talk to one of the coaches in private so that we can see what can be done to assist you. We don't want you or your child to ever feel like we don't care as an organization.
9. We will work on fundraising in order to reduce expenses and get special team items that will create pride and boost team morale. We ask that all participate in anyway possible.
10. We ask that all players be at games 1 hour prior to the start unless otherwise specified. We want to allow the players the proper warm up to prevent injuries. Coaches will also need time to talk and give instruction.

Player Responsibilities

1. **Don't be afraid to fail...Don't be afraid to succeed!**
2. We want to always be committed towards winning. That means hard work and dedication at all times. You will only succeed if you make it happen. No coach or parent can go out on the field and perform for you. The will to win comes from within and you must find that. We will challenge you at all times to strive for more and ask you to reach within yourself to find it.

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3. We will show you new things that you may not have seen before we ask that you view them with an open mind. Our goal is not to change you as a player only to help you develop into the type of player you want to be. **We will stress strong fundamentals at all times.** These will carry you all the way through your softball career.
4. **We will stress good organization and good work principles in and out of the dugout.** This will help you form the kind of habits that will help carry you through life.
5. You are responsible for your own equipment, nobody else's. Treat your equipment like you would your best friend. These are your tools for success. Value them as your parents have spent lots of money to provide you with these tools for success.
6. Since most of the games are timed, time is way too precious to waste. It could mean the difference between a win and a loss. You are expected and must hustle in and out of the dugout. It saves time, looks smarter and makes other teams take notice of you and your personal commitment.
7. We are a firm believer in the old cliché "The way you practice is the way you play" Therefore work your hardest in every practice like you would in a game. We want you to learn "**The 7 P's – Proper prior planning prevents pathetically poor performance**".
8. We will stress a positive mental attitude at all times. This is a game built on failure not success. Therefore you will be challenged to overcome mistakes and disappointment. Do not dwell on mistakes. "Get over it!" Coaches will discuss what options you could have done different then it is time to move on. If you don't let it go, then it will eat you up inside and totally take you out of your game and things will domino even worse.
9. We will ask that you always pay attention in the dugout even when you are not in a game. You may see something that is vital to what is going on the field. Something that can help another player and yourself. There are always things to be learned that will make us all better coaches and players.
10. Always cheer on your fellow players when you are on the bench. We all want to perform our best but need each other to make it happen. This is a team game that must never be forgotten.

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11. No one player has ever been, or will ever be, the cause of us winning or losing a game. We will win as a team and lose as a team. This is why we must maintain a total team attitude at all times. We will go into battle with each other fight till the last out. The motto of the Missouri Revolution is **“Battle every pitch, every out, every inning of every game”** Only when you truly do this, everything else will take care of itself and we will win. Winning can only happen when we take care of the fundamentals, the little things like focusing on every pitch. Always be thinking and concentrating.
12. Please remember that this is a journey. The goal is to win but more important to be winners. We do that through hard work, dedication and always striving to get better. One game will never dictate how good we are. Let superior sustained performance be what you strive for. Always work hard to be a better ball player, which is what people will remember in the end; not how many wins and losses you have.
13. Remember that every coach and parent is putting in time for your benefit. Our commitment is not just the love for the game, but most importantly our love for you. All we ask is that you work hard, stay focused and strive to achieve your personal goals. As coaches and parents we will always do our best to help make this happen.
14. Respect this game. Love this game for all that it will teach you about yourselves and about life! Play this game with passion and the rewards will be far greater than you have ever known.
15. Have FUN!!!! Remember that in the end this is still just a game. You play it cause you want to play it and not because you have to. If you stop having fun then it is not a game anymore.

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I have read the all of the above and understand what is being asked of me. I pledge to the best of my ability to abide by these principles.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

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