

# HOMER ATHLETICS – PARENT/PLAYER CONTRACT

## SOFTBALL

### 2024-2025 SEASON

Compete With Yourself Everyday

#### TRUANCY/ABSENCE POLICIES

- Student-athletes who have an **unexcused** absence from any class during the school day will not be allowed to **participate** in that day's practice/game. However, **we expect them to attend** the aforementioned practice/game.
- Student-athletes are expected to be on-time and ready for practice daily. **If something comes up that an athlete must miss practice, they MUST communicate directly with a coach to let them know.**
  - Athletes can be held from competing at games, and eventually released from the team due to skipping practices.
    - **3 unexcused practices without communication will result in a removal from the team.**
      - **If missing practice, athletes MUST communicate directly with a coach at least 1 hour prior to the start of practice.**
    - Please be responsible and accountable.

Coaches are always available to talk. If something comes up and you are not able to be at practice, please come talk to one of us or communicate via the Remind app.

#### ○ SCHOOL/KPSAA/ASAA BEHAVIOR RELATED POLICIES

- Student-athletes are expected to be exemplary examples during competition, in the classroom and out in the community. Therefore, students who do not abide by this policy will be subject to the following standards:
  - If a student is suspended, they will not be allowed to practice or participate in any meets during the suspension. Upon returning to school, the athlete must adhere to the truancy/absence policies discussed in the previous section.
  - Students must adhere to the TAD policies established by ASAA. Coaches will abide by the standards dictated in the TAD program.

#### ACADEMIC POLICIES

- Students must adhere to the academic eligibility requirements established by KPSAA and ASAA. At each eligibility check, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and have no F's. Failure to do so will result in the student-athlete losing eligibility. Once the athlete has demonstrated an ability to maintain academic eligibility, the student-athlete will be allowed to return to competition.
- Students are still expected to attend and participate in practice during their ineligibility period.
- Students who are ineligible for a second time during a season may be subject to dismissal from the team.

- Grade checks will take place on Mondays throughout the season by the coaches. Athletes will be held to a high academic standard, and are expected to maintain eligibility at all times.

## **SCHOOL CONDUCT**

- No earbuds at school
- No phones in class
- Athletes are expected to address teachers, coaches, and administration with respect
- Players will always remember they are representing the history and legacy of SOFTBALL.
- Close personal relationships will not be exclusionary to team camaraderie.

## **TRAVEL POLICY**

- To foster team unity the expectation is that each player will travel to and from games with the team. Understanding that circumstances arise, there may be occasions when an athlete may travel home with a parent/guardian. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the coach.
- When traveling, all athletes will be held to a high standard. Under any circumstance, if an athlete breaks a school district policy, the parents will be required to come get the athlete immediately.
- Athletes will be expected to wear appropriate attire when traveling. No pajama pants, cutoff tees, etc.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

- Athletes at HHS will be prohibited from participating in any inflammatory discussions (promotion of illegal activities, trash talk or bullying) that may take place on various social media sites. All interactions on these sites must be positive and encouraging.
- If an athlete violates this policy, they will be subject to a one-competition suspension. A second violation may result in further game/competition suspensions and/or dismissal from the team.

## **UNIFORM/TEAM GEAR POLICY**

- All players will be issued jerseys and pants for game days. Athletes are required to return team issued gear, in usable condition, to the program immediately following the conclusion of their respective season. Failure to return equipment at the conclusion of the season will result in a charge for cost of replacement.

## **VARSITY LETTERING**

- Players will earn a varsity letter by demonstrating exemplary work ethic, a particular skill set, and being an outstanding teammate, student and community member. Players who have earned a varsity letter will at least meet the standards below:
  - Appear in 1/3 of varsity competitions
  - Finish the season in good academic standing (see ASAA and KPSAA eligibility rules)
  - A senior in good standing with the program, who has been a great example of a teammate throughout the season.
  - Lettering will be determined by the coaching staff during the end of season review

## **POSITION PLACEMENT/PLAYING TIME**

- Position placement and playing time will be determined by the coaching staff based upon, but not limited to, the following factors:

- skill level, coaching strategy, practice attendance, practice performance, attitude at practice during the week
- grades

#### **PARENT-PLAYER PROCEDURE PROTOCOL**

- The proper protocol in addressing an issue with a coach will go as follows:
  - If at any point during the season a player has an issue with a coach, please follow the chain of command:
    - Captain > head coach > athletic director
  - **Parents should have direct face-to-face contact with the coach after a 24 hour reflection period unless there is an emergent safety concern. If there is lack of resolution then include the Athletic Director.**
  - If issues still exist, a parent may request a meeting with administration (assistant principal, principal) once the prior chain of command has been exhausted
  - As a parent or athlete in the Homer High Softball Program, we agree to the policies discussed in this contract.

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Student-Athlete's signature

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Date

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Parent's signature

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Date