

## 2021 Opening Night Agenda

**Meet the coaches talking points (obviously canceled due to Covid-19)**

**Plus, see the “Pre-Tryout softball information sheet”**

1. Values: Care about each other, Team first, Selflessness, Confidence, Respect, Earning respect, Trust, Good and Positive Attitude, Effort, Genuine, Loyalty, Accountability – See Culture page. This is what we try to teach.
2. Parents: Our teams start tonight, with you. – I am counting on you to BETTER our team, our family, our culture. It all matters! Root for the team, not one player. PLEASE no criticizing/coaching. You saying, “You should have done this, that other player is bad, coach made a bad mistake, etc.... breeds doubt and possibly contempt. This game is hard enough and any doubt has a huge negative affect on every aspect of it, mostly confidence. So please Be positive and enjoy watching the team – believe me – this will be over soon, and you will regret not making the most of it.  
– please get on board with this team, family, culture we are creating.
  - a. I promise we will work very hard at all aspects of the game and life to make us all better players and people.
  - b. NEW – Parents Role page via CBNA – see on the website, under the “information” tab
  - c. Please trust us, we see every player – every day. Practices, games, in between etc. Decisions are not made lightly – in a bubble. We don’t make decisions for personal gain or selfishly. Please do not have tunnel vision.
3. Playing time:
  - a. Based on a great number of factors: Attitude, Effort, Talent, Work Ethic, Best for the team – our eval, decision
  - b. Complaining will not get you more playing time – working harder, asking for improvement tips might help – but reality might be that you’re just not there. But that does not mean you can’t help the team.
  - c. I will make every effort not to bury players on the bench, but my opinion will be diff. than yours, if so...
  - d. Please respect the system, follow CBNA rules, use the “24-hour rule” relax, think about it and approach me professionally –
4. Players – keep up what we’ve been working on, you’re doing great!
  - a. Never any player coaching
  - b. Hold yourself accountable, hold each other accountable by working as hard as you can.
  - c. Always encourage each other (esp. after a mistake) “Hey don’t make errors” won’t help your teammate!
5. ALL (coaches, parents, players, friends, relatives) - Please show respect to the umpires, opposing team, coaches, all our players and school. HS athletics is about teaching all these values, we should be held to the same standards.
6. Winning will not be something we demand; it is not a necessity! It will be a by-product of all the hard work and values we mention above. We want players to enjoy the game and their time here, but not fearing hard work.