

M Monett Softball M

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Team Handbook 2019

Team Goal

Every softball player should have the urge to win and become a better player. In order to achieve this goal, it requires each player to work hard, both on and off the field. If, as an individual, you will push yourself to become better, in turn, you will help the team become better. We also strive to become better people, while playing softball. As a staff, we will create POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, but will demand great attitudes and require that things are done the right way.

Team Commitment

As a team, we obviously aim to win as many games as we can. But we also look to become a close “team” through the process. This requires everyone to not only take responsibility for themselves, but also for their teammates. Each player must know that if they make a poor decision and has to miss a practice or a game, they are not only hurting themselves, but also the team. Therefore, I ask all players to make this commitment the first day of practice.

Practice

Players are expected to attend every practice. This includes being on time with shoes tied, glove on, clothed, and ready to go. If a player is late to practice, they will have to make up the time that they missed. I know there are times when emergencies come up. I ask that the player calls **ME** to let me know the reason they will be late. All absences will result in extra activities. I understand that there are times when a player must be gone because of different circumstances, but they will still make up the practice that they miss. All known absences must be told to **ME** before practice that day.

Injuries- If a player is injured and unable to play, they must still be at practice, unless they are at a doctor’s appointment or with our trainer. This will help us monitor the injury, and allow the player to still learn what we are doing in practice that day.

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School Attendance/Game Days

A player must be present the full day of school on the day of the game in order to be eligible to play that day. If a player must be gone or will be late for any reason, it must be approved by the head coach and also Coach Bradley or Mr. Goetz before the action occurs. If this does not take place, the student will be ineligible for that game.

Bus Rides-Every player is required to ride the bus to and from each game. This helps us build our team unity. *Exceptions: 1)If a player needs to get back for a school activity or for family, a parent must call me that day prior to the game. 2)After a Saturday tournament, a player may ride home with their parents. We will have a sign out sheet. **The player may only ride home with a parent or legal guardian (no friends or other family, unless ok'd earlier by Coach Bradley or Mr. Goetz)**

Game Conduct

Players are expected to play to the best of their ability at all times in practice as well as in a game. Unwillingness to play hard and a bad attitude will not be dealt with. If a situation occurs, the head coach will take the appropriate action, that she sees fit (game suspension, extra conditioning, etc.). Also, there are times in a game when we will not receive a call that we felt we should. Players are expected to keep their mouths shut and let the coaches handle the situation. I also ask the parents to respect the umpires as well.

Eligibility

The Monett R-1 School District has the Athletic Eligibility Policy in the Athletic Handbook. If there are questions regarding this, you may ask myself or an administrator. If a student appears on the Ineligible List two times, the player will be removed from the team. If a player is having difficulty in a class, I ask that the student discusses this with the coaching staff in order to assist the player in the best possible manner.

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Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco Use

Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco of any kind will not be tolerated. With the required drug testing, all related issues will be dealt with by an administrator, along with the head coach's input. Refer to the Athletic Handbook for any questions about the process.

Appearance

We take "looking good" very seriously. We honestly believe that the better you look, the better you play. Therefore, we will always look the same on the field. We have purchased stirrups in the past and will again order some purple stirrups for this season. We will also be wearing our summer shirts as practice jerseys and pants everyday for practice, unless changed by the head coach. Finally, we always order some sort of team apparel. It usually consists of a tshirt, hoody, or some other type of shirt.

I ask that each player and parent read the handbook thoroughly. If there are any other questions please ask. If you completely understand and agree, please sign below. All situations will be referred back to the handbook.

_____ Parent Signature _____ Date

_____ Player Signature _____ Date

We look forward to another successful season for Monett Softball. Let's continue the tradition that has been established!!

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