



2010 NH COMETS 12U RED TEAM

Parents Meeting
Tuesday, September 29th, 2009

Agenda

Team Composition:

- **12 Players = 1 Team, No Superstars, No Favoritism, No Politics, No Exceptions!**
- Team players will respect each other on and off the field and play together as one unit.
- Players will also respect their parents and coaches alike.

Practices:

- ***Please arrive 15-30 minutes prior to the start of practice. During the off-season indoor program, please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time.*** During this time, each player will go into a stretching and warm up routine. They will also begin throwing routine as a team prior to the beginning of practice. Practice time will begin promptly at the designated time. If a player is late, they will need to stretch and warm up on their own prior to participating with the team to avoid injury.
- **School work is priority over softball.** If you are behind in school or failing, you are not allowed to participate in practices until you have a passing grade. I will be checking in with parents periodically to make sure every girl is on board.
- **The Four A's =** Girls will be rated at each practice on their Attendance, Ability, Attitude and Aggression. You play ball the way you practice, so every practice we will practice hard and give it your all. We make softball players during practices, not games. Games are for FUN!!!
- **Each player will learn to play multiple positions.** Outfielders are just as important as infielders. Outfielders are going to have to be able to track down a fly ball and have a strong arm to reach the cut offs. At this level, the ball is going to be hit all over the field. Anything in the air has to be caught. Girls in the infield will need to not be afraid of the ball. If so, they will not be placed at a position where they will get hurt.
- **Excused Absence include:** school work, homework, below average grades, sickness and family emergencies. If you need a ride, please contact me so that I can try to arrange transportation. Other sports activities such as soccer, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, etc. will also be considered as excused absence as long as it's not obsessive.
- **We encourage the players to play as much softball as possible.** Play for the Middle School Team, City or Town League Teams, All Stars Teams (as long as it doesn't interfere with our tournament schedule). Playing softball will not go against any player!

Games and Tournaments:

- **Please arrive "1-HOUR" prior to the start of the scheduled game time.** During this time, each player will go into a stretching and warm up routine. If a player is late, they will need to stretch and warm up on their own prior to participating with the team to avoid injury. We will also gather all our gear at one location for the team parents to set up in the dugout once the game that is being played is over. I do not want players carrying their own equipment into the dugout, that's why we will have assigned parents to help out especially in those hot summer days. After each game, the players will gather together before departing to their families.

- We will participate in a few fall scrimmage games vs. other 12U local teams as well as an all day Softball Jamboree (Oct. 25th, 2009).
- **We are anticipating 4-5 tournaments in June/July, 2010.** If the team is successful and want to continue playing in more tournaments, I have no problem doing so.
- **Majority of the tournaments will be manageable day trips within the New England area.**
- During Tournaments, we will have equipment that we will need to set up in the dug outs prior to game time. I would like a group of parents to take charge and set up all the team equipment in the dugout as well as set up pop up tents for the parents to view the games together as one unit.

Parents:

- **Please no coaching from the stands.** Let us do the coaching and you are the fans. We may have a game plan that you as parents may not know about. It only confuses the players.
- **Comments need to be kept to your selves.** Remember, every player on the field is someone else's child. Treat every player as if they were your own child. Remember, we have "No SUPERSTARS"; these are 11/12 years old young athletes that have the ability to play a sport at a high level of competition. Not one player is above another, they will all be treated equally. Please refer to our four A's.
- **24 Hour Rule:** If you are upset, frustrated or want to voice your opinion, we welcome you to approach us after a period of 24 hours. Usually cooler heads will prevail and you will have a better understanding of the situation. Please, don't rush into conclusions. We encourage you to speak to us.
- **Rumors:** Rumors are such a team killer. Any rumors around our team will be brought to your attention and we can handle things as adults.
- **Parent Participation:** Bring your gloves to participate in practices. We will have an agenda every practice. We will work on multiple drills and try to keep the girls moving. I realize that we have parents who have coached their daughters. I will be calling on you to help out during practices to run drills, shag balls, etc...

Fund Raising:

- **We will be doing Fund Raising for our team.** These funds will benefit our team and the more we do now the less we will have to do in the summer. Here are some of the fund raisers that I am working on:
- **Fundraising Tee's** for the month of October. *All Orders are due in by October 22nd, 2009.* Please follow the instructions in the front of the packet. This is a great fundraiser as they make great Christmas gifts, Birthday gifts or just t-shirts for our little ones. For every 10 t-shirts sold per family, you receive one t-shirt FREE.

Fees:

- **\$425.00/player** includes all tournaments and 2-uniforms. *This fee is due in by April, 2010.* If anybody needs a payment plan set up, please contact me for further discussion.
- **\$100.00/player** is for the Off Season Program indoors at Concord Sports Center. We begin our indoor workouts on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009. *The fee is due in by October 31st, 2009.*
- **Private Pitching Lessons** will begin next Thursday at Dillon Field. **The cost is \$15.00/pitcher.** This fee will need to be paid the day of the lessons directly to Rose Eaton. Catchers coming out to the workout do not have to pay a fee.
- **Fall Softball Jamboree** is scheduled for *Sunday, October 25th, 2009.* The cost is **\$100/team or \$10/player** due in the morning of the tournament prior to playing.