



Player / Parent Contract

Gavilan Buzz Softball Guidelines

Attendance

Every effort should be made to attend all practices, and be on time. That means, “on the field, warming up” by the start of each practice. If you are on time, you are late! However, we realize things come up so if you are running late please call the coaching staff. Parent shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the player is transported to and from all practices, games, tournaments and related activities. Such transportation shall be at the parent's sole expense. The Gavilan Buzz organization, coaching staffs and board of directors assume no responsibility or liability for or in connection with the player's transportation to practices, games, tournaments, and/or activities.

Absences

If a player must miss a practice, she must call the coach. When season starts, if a player misses a practice, she should not “expect” to start the following game, though, she may. This is not meant to punish players who must miss a practice; it is meant to reward players who are there. Player must also call the coach following missed practice to get an upcoming schedule. The more a player is absent from practices, the less the chance that she will be playing in games or remaining on the team. In the event that a player misses practice or game or has to leave early from either, it is the responsibility of the player to call & get any updated information for upcoming events.

Injuries/Insurance

In the event of an injury, if possible, the player should still attend practice. Much can be learned from helping coaches & listening to practice. If you are injured or become ill during a game or practice, it is your responsibility to your team to report it to a coach immediately. Parents shall maintain medical, health, dental and accident insurance for the benefit of the player. Parent understands that any insurance that might be procured by Gavilan Buzz will be secondary. Such insurance (if procured) will only provide benefits to the player once the limits of the insurance procured by the parent have been exhausted. Player/parent agrees to immediately notify the Gavilan Buzz organization of any claim that the player was injured while participating in the Buzz traveling softball team.

Attire/Equipment

Parents shall be solely responsible for ensuring the player has the equipment necessary to play for the team including gloves, bats, cleats, catcher's gear (for catchers), and other protective gear. Come prepared to play - expect to have sliding practice every practice! All equipment should be taken care of with respect at all times.

Playing Time

I understand that travel softball is a highly competitive sport and there are no guarantees as to the amount of playing time or position that my daughter will play during games. I am aware that the team has limited membership, and as such that my daughter's participation is crucial to maintaining the high standards of play the team is working to attain.

Friends/Family/Parents

Parents, friends and/or family should not attend practice “if” it is a distraction to “any” player. Players should always remember that practice/game time is not designated as time to visit with friends or family outside the field of play. During games parents, family and friends shall refrain from coaching daughters from the sidelines. Please be courteous to the coaching staff and allow coaches to coach. Parents please be positive to your daughters during practice and games. Parents, family and friends shall be respectful to all

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umpires, tournament organizers, opponents and their fans. All game time grievances shall be the responsibility of the coach to address with the appropriate parties (e.g. umpires, opposing team).

Dugout

The dugout is restricted to coaches and players only. Players should not leave dugout during games unless it is to use the restroom. Players should have everything they need with them inside the dugout (sunscreen, medications, water, gatorade, snacks, etc.). Players are not to make phone calls or text message at any time during practice, tournament play or team meetings. Unless it is an emergency and permission is granted from the Coach.

Conduct

Good sportsmanship & professional behavior is expected at all times and in all circumstances by both the player and the parent. There should be no conversation with umpires, coaches, players, or parents regarding a call or a play. We will not tolerate players that throw bats, helmets or show disruptive behavior on the field or in the dugout. Parent and player acknowledge and agree that when participating in activities organized by the Gavilan Buzz organization your actions reflect on the reputation of the Gavilan Buzz organization, coaching staff and its players. Gavilan Buzz reserves the right to dismiss from the Gavilan Buzz any player who breaches good sportsmanship or ethics, or who engages in any activity which the Buzz in its sole and absolute discretion determines are contrary to the best interest of the Gavilan Buzz organization.

Addressing Concerns/Problems

We encourage an open relationship between coaches, players and parents keeping an effective communication line open. Parents should call the manager or coach to set up an appropriate time to address questions or concerns. For your sake and for the sake of the players DO NOT bring up concerns during a game and/or practice.

Financial Obligation/Team Fees

The Gavilan Buzz is a non-profit organization and does not retain large amounts of assets. In an effort to retain flexibility each team's finances are managed separately and by the manager. Most of the Gavilan Buzz teams do not have a large balance of funds upon commencement of a season nor are surpluses planned for end of season. The parent shall understand they have a financial obligation to the team and ensure every effort is made to pay your fees on time. Payment due dates are defined within the season payment schedule and are dependent on number of event activities, equipment needs and number of players on a team.

When a player accepts an offer to play on a Gavilan Buzz team their parents are committed to pay all fees associated with the payment schedule regardless of her ability to participate. For example, if a player has a conflict/injury and cannot attend one or more of the tournaments, they are still obligated to make their full payment schedule. If a player's payments are behind, the player's participation with the team/organization may be impacted. If a player has outstanding dues from a prior season, they will be required to pay off those balances prior to the start of the next season.

These rules are not aimed at preventing girls from playing, but rather making sure all finances are handled equitably among team parents. During the season there may be specific fundraising activities available to individual players to help with player fees. If you cannot meet this financial responsibility, or have questions, please contact your coach and/or manager immediately to explore funding alternatives. All checks should be made payable to Gavilan Buzz.

- Spring/Summer Season Costs Include: Tournaments, 2 Complete Sets of Uniforms*, Bag*, Helmet*, Team Equipment
 - Fall Season Costs Include: Tournaments, 2 Complete Sets of Uniforms*, Team Equipment
- *For new players or existing players if replacements are required.

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Should player/parent quit, withdraw or leave the team at any point, for any reason once a team position has been accepted they will not receive a refund.

Vision Statement

All coaches, parents and players will strive to live by the following principles both on and off the field.

- 1. We act and think as a team
- 2. We play for the good of the team..not individual glory.
- 3. We arrive to play as a team.
- 4. We enter and exit the field as a team.
- 5. We are gracious winners and courteous when defeated.

Declarations

Player

I, _____, hereby agree to be a member of the 2016 Gavilan Buzz and to conduct myself in line with the rules and guidelines stipulated within this contract. I certify I am in good health and physical condition and know of no physical defects, illnesses or medical conditions that would interfere or prevent me from participating in the Gavilan Buzz Softball and I have not been advised otherwise by a medical practioner. I understand the importance my actions and behaviors have on my teammates, coaches, parents and the reputation of the Gavilan Buzz Softball organization and will commit to live by the Gavilan Buzz vision statement.

Guardian 1 and 2

I, _____, hereby agree for the above player to be a member of the 2016 Gavilan Buzz and to conduct myself in line with the rules and guidelines stipulated within this contract. I certify the above player is in good health and physical condition and know of no physical defects, illnesses or medical conditions that would interfere or prevent her from participating in the Gavilan Buzz Softball and I have not been advised otherwise by a medical practioner. I understand the importance my actions and behaviors have on the players, coaches, parents and the reputation of the Gavilan Buzz Softball organization and will commit to live by the Gavilan Buzz vision statement.

Signature

Date

Player		
Guardian 1		
Guardian 2		

We also understand that should we choose to type our name and date below, that typed name serves as my/our official signature and acceptance of all terms held within this contract.