



Club Expectations

Expectations of Players

- Meet all academic requirements set by your family. School will always come first.
- Be a “student of the game”, always do your best to improve for your team and yourself.
- Have fun, softball is a fun game!
- Show a high degree of sportsmanship at all times – exhibit RESPECT for all coaches, teammates, opponents, umpires and parents. Violations of this will risk your participation in the Club.
- We encourage multi-sport athletes, but dedicate yourself to softball from April 15 – July 31.
- Be on time to practice, understand that missed practice time may mean less game playing time.
- Work hard and stay focused during practices, what happens in practice translates on the field during a game.
- Listen when coaches are talking and follow the coaches’ directions when asked.
- Bring a water bottle to every game and practice. Stay hydrated.
- Always clean up after yourself & leave the practice facility or every diamond (home or away) cleaner than when you arrived. Be a good steward of our community and the communities that we visit.

Expectations of Parents

- Get your daughter to practice preferably 5-10 minutes before the times the coaches ask.
- Get your daughter to games at the times the coaches ask (usually at least 45 minutes before most games).
- Understand that we are a select club and playing time will be unequal.
- Understand that missed practices or tardiness may put your daughter at risk of playing time.
- Recognize that this is a select group of girls who rely on each other to be present April 15 – July 31. Although each team only plays 3-5 weekend tournaments throughout the season, this means that all weekends during the April 15 – July 31 time period should be reserved for softball. If a tournament early in the season is canceled for any reason, the coaches may decide to schedule a make-up tournament later in the season. Family vacations should be planned accordingly.
- Communicate with and support the coaches – they are not paid and volunteer to coach because they love the game and want to give back.
- Be a FAN during our games, not a coach...unless you’re a coach on one of our teams.
- Apply the 24-hour rule when concerns arise: wait 24 hours, then address the concern in person with a coach or via phone, not via email or text.
- Do not engage umpires or opposing fans or players in a negative fashion. Doing so will risk your daughter’s participation in the Club.
- Refrain from using social media or email to distribute negative comments about the team.
- Support your daughter by saying something like “I really loved watching you play today”.



Expectations of Coaches

- Employ a “safety first” approach to practices and games, including pitch counts.
- Be positive and serve as a positive role model to the athletes.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship at all times.
- Understand the game of softball and the fundamentals it takes to be successful on the field.
- Dedicate themselves to continually learning, attend coaching clinics when available, utilizing club assets to develop, and employing new concepts gained through learning.
- Make an effort to connect with every player so that they all improve, not just their own daughter. Be responsible for every player but make decisions for the team as whole.
- Head coaches should develop an organized practice plan for every practice, collaborate with assistant coaches on practice and game plans.
- Effectively communicate with the parents to keep them informed.
- Utilize your @jrchargersbaseball.com address to keep up with coach-only communications from the Club and to the parents.
- Apply the 24-hour rule: avoid concerns with umpires, coaches, parents, and fans during games.
- Make it fun, help kids develop a lifelong love for the game.