

Lincoln Park Angels

2023 PLAYER INFORMATION/REGISTRATION FORM

PLAYER'S INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age as of Jan 1, 2023: _____

School Attending: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Mother /Guardian's Name: _____

Father /Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ (Mother)

E-Mail: _____ (Father)

Telephone – Home: (____) _____

Work: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ (Mother)

Work: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ (Father)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Telephone No: (____) _____

MEDICAL / LIABILITY RELEASE:

I GIVE/ DO NOT GIVE permission for my daughter to be admitted to any hospital or to be treated by a physician for injury incurred while playing, being transported to or from, or as a spectator at activities of the Lincoln Park PAL Softball Organization. The Lincoln Park PAL Softball Organization accepts no liability for transportation, personal safety of players, spectators or officials at games or practices. Transportation to and from games is the parents/guardian's responsibility.

Health Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number _____

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDIA RELEASE:

The Lincoln Park Police Athletic League reserves the right to photograph and video tape participants and attendees throughout the course of our events.

On behalf of my child, I GIVE permission to the Lincoln Park PAL, its Board of Directors, Sports Directors, and volunteers to photograph my child, and use the images solely for public relations purposes and/or the social media pages of the Lincoln Park PAL. I do hereby waive, release, indemnify and hold harmless the Lincoln Park PAL, its Board of Directors, Sports Directors, and volunteers from any liability and/or for any injury or damages that may be suffered by my child as a result of the taking or use of the photograph and images obtained in the course of participation in a Lincoln Park PAL event.

On behalf of my child, I DO NOT GIVE permission to the Lincoln Park PAL, its Board of Directors, Sports Directors, and volunteers to photograph my child.

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lincoln Park Angels Softball

Code of Conduct

The goal of the *Angels Code of Conduct* is to foster an atmosphere that promotes fun, fellowship, sportsmanship, fair play, and player development. This can be achieved only if all involved -- players, coaches, parents, spectators, and umpires -- adhere to high standards of conduct. We will strive to foster a positive environment, both for our team and for the teams that we play.

As a travel program, the teams are managed differently than the Lincoln Park PAL recreation league teams. For example, players are not guaranteed any particular position or playing time, because skill and strategy will determine these. Skill will be evaluated by performance at practices and games.

Player Standards and Responsibilities

- Notify the Head Coach of all planned vacations prior to the start of winter workouts.
- Attend practices, games, and tournaments. Notify the head coach promptly when you cannot attend an event
- Show up prepared for all events by getting proper rest, being clothed or uniformed properly, and bringing your equipment (cleats, fielding glove, batting glove, etc.) in good working order.
- Obey the coaches' instruction by working attentively at drills without requiring constant supervision, by paying attention at all times, and by not distracting other players.
- Cheer your teammates positively in the spirit of good sportsmanship, avoid public criticism of your team mates, and refrain from shouting negative comments or cheers about competing teams or the umpires. Examples of improper cheers: Commenting that the pitcher is slow, or that the batter is a poor hitter.
- Unless authorized by the coach, refrain from giving directions to your teammates. Example of an exception: The catcher may be instructed to direct pitches from the pitcher and to direct the infield where to make the play.
- Help other players upon request of the coach.
- Assist the coaches, as requested, in setting up and putting away equipment, supplies, and stations.
- Refrain from publicly criticizing or questioning the coach's calls or decisions. If you have a concern, please talk to the coach privately.

Parent Responsibilities

- Ensure that your daughter attends practices, games, and tournaments, and that the head coach is notified promptly when your daughter cannot attend an event. It is understood that if a player misses the practices preceding a game or tournament, it may affect her playing time.
- Supply registration information, including a birth certificate, and paying team fees when requested.
- Cheer the team positively, avoid public criticism of your daughter or her team mates, and refrain from shouting negative comments or cheers about competing teams or the umpires. See examples under "player responsibilities."

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- Refrain from publicly criticizing or questioning the coach's calls or decisions. If you have a concern, please talk to the coach in private.
- Refrain from giving directions to players at games or practices. Only the coaches, or in certain cases players, are authorized to provide directions to the players. See examples under "player responsibilities."
- Help in team activities as assigned or as requested by the head coach. Examples include fundraisers and field preparation.
- Abide at all times by the *Angels Parent's Pledge*.

Coaches' Responsibilities

- Provide a learning experience that promotes the development of each player's skills and knowledge of softball.
- Plan and organize practices to make efficient use of time and foster a productive learning experience.
- Ensure a positive environment and good sportsmanship by enforcing the code of conduct.
- Give feedback on player performance in a positive, yet corrective manner.
- Keep players and parents informed about team plans, policies, practices, and games.
- Keep players and parents informed about plans for player development, and player progress in her development plans.
- Be candid about expectations regarding playing time and positions to be played.
- Abide at all times by the Lincoln Park PAL *Coach's Code of Conduct*.

Penalties for Violating the Code of Conduct

- Minor violations will be handled by the Head Coach in a manner that is deemed appropriate. This may range from a verbal counseling session with the player/parent, reduced playing time, or possibly a game suspension.
- Serious violations will result in a suspension or removal from the team.
- If a parent(s) behavior is deemed to be offensive to a team, player(s), coach(es), or umpire(s), the parent(s) may be either banned from attending any team functions, and/or the child will be dismissed from the team immediately and without prior notice.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's experience playing travel softball, please contact any one of the Angels coaches. If you feel the matter has not been adequately addressed, please discuss your concerns with the Angels Program Director.

This "Parent's Pledge" supplements and reinforces the commitment that our Angels parents make under the *Angels Code of Conduct*. As noted in the *Code of Conduct*, the goal of the Angels program is to, at all times, foster an atmosphere that promotes fun, fellowship, sportsmanship, fair play, and player development. The well-being and enjoyment of our players takes precedent over any and all other aspects or concerns of the program and should be considered first at all times. The *Parent's Pledge* shall serve as a reminder of the things that we all already know, but may forget from time to time in "the heat of the moment."

1. I Pledge to get my child to practice and games on time. I understand that it can be embarrassing for my child to be late and that I may be putting her at risk by not providing adequate time for warm up. I also know that tardiness and absenteeism may affect my child's playtime. I will be on time to pick up my child from all games and practices. This shows respect for the coaches, and it tells my child that they are my top priority.
2. I pledge to use positive encouragement to my child and her teammates because athletes perform at a higher level when positive reinforcement is practiced. I understand that fewer than 1% of all youth sports participants receive college scholarships and that the top three reasons kids play sports are a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn skills. I understand the game is for Players, and I will keep sports in the proper perspective.
3. I pledge to "to honor the game". I understand setting a good example for my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including, coaches, players, opposing fans and officials. I understand officials make mistakes. If the official makes a "bad" call against my team, I will honor the game and be silent.
4. Winners are people who make the maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and do not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, stop them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how she is doing in comparison to her best self.
5. I pledge to refrain from yelling out instructions to my child or any of her teammates. I understand that this is the coach's job. I understand that games are chaotic times for children trying to deal with fast-paced action and respond to opponents, teammates and coaches. I will limit my comments during the game to encouraging my child and other players for both teams.
6. I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about my child's coach and other teammates in my child's presence. I understand that this plants a negative seed in my child's head that can negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience.
7. I pledge to refrain from using profanity or harsh language during games or in the presence of any child. I understand the use of this type of language by any player will not be tolerated.
8. Gossip is not an effective form of communication. Any questions, concerns or suggestions should be communicated to the head coach of your team.

9. Parties are a wonderful way for the children to enjoy time together off the field. We ask that no invitations of any kind (written or oral) be given out during any team event unless the entire team is being invited. Please remind your child not to talk about gatherings that do not include all team members. Let's be sensitive of each other's feelings. Sleepovers the night before a game are strongly discouraged. Softball is a team sport and the entire team is counting on your child.

10. I understand that failure to comply with the any of the above may negatively influence my child's playing time. I will honor the parent pledge in my words and actions. _

