



Miss Scotties Travel Contract 2018

PURPOSE

Team Rules are the procedures that govern the organizational structure of the team, administrative, operational, and fiscal needs, and the coach and/or player's conduct as team members. The end result is to have a healthy, educational, fun and rewarding experience while participating in girl's fast-pitch softball.

Miss Scotties Softball exists to:

- Provide a healthy atmosphere for young female athletes to excel in softball.
- Provide players with year round opportunities to enhance their softball skills.
- Provide an opportunity for players to become well rounded individuals through teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Develop our players in a fun competitive environment.
- Establish a base of athletes who will continue training within the program, through high school and potentially college.
- Teach proper fundamentals needed to elevate their softball skills
- Protect from injury through instruction, clean sportsman-like conduct and meeting A.S.A. approved equipment standards.
- Provide an economical value while steering teams to the proper level of challenge.
- Allow girls with a passion for the game to reach their true potential while creating memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

SAFETY

The primary concern of the Miss Scotties travel teams is the health and safety of our athletes. We strive to provide coaches that have knowledge in safety and coaching philosophy. However, softball is a potentially hazardous sport and some injuries will occur, regardless of the best preparation. In order to minimize the risk or seriousness of injuries, we all need to cooperate in the following areas:

PLAYERS MUST:

- Perform safety instructions provided by the coach including using recommend safety equipment such as wearing helmets, mouth guards and facemasks.
- Pay attention to your surroundings during practice and games especially when swinging a bat or throwing a ball
- Avoid the influence and use of illegal drugs and alcohol at all times. Possession or use will not be tolerated and suspension will be determined by the League and coaches.

HEAD COACHES WILL:

- Consider safety first when instructing players during practice and game situations.
- Refrain from the consumption of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages and tobacco use during team practices and games. In situations where the team is traveling at distances that require lodging or dining together, team coaches and the Miss Scotties League will not be responsible for adults who elect to consume alcoholic beverages. This time spent by all or parts of a team's families shall not be considered a "team practice or game" and the coaches and organization will not be held liable for any injuries or damage that occur during these times.

PARENTS WILL:

- Complete the Medical Waiver Form and provide any phone numbers where you may be reached in the event of injury to your daughter.
- Refrain from the consumption of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages and tobacco use during team practices and games.



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PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

To make a commitment to participate to the fullest extent of their softball abilities on their Miss Scotties team. This will also include showing up to all practices and games on time and with a good attitude.

To demonstrate self-control and respect for others (including but not limited to teammates, other athletes, coaches, umpires, spectators and property) at all times. Harassment or bullying of a teammate or an opponent will not be tolerated.

Treat others as you would like others to treat you. The use of profane language or conduct is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

"Accept Victory With Grace," and "Defeat With Dignity." Good sportsmanship is required at all times.

Remember that improper behavior while in uniform reflects poorly on yourself, your family and the Miss Scotties organization. Failure to behave as expected will result in disciplinary action, per the Bylaws and Travel Guidelines.

While on the field, please follow the instructions of the coaches. Insubordination will not be tolerated. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action per the Bylaws and Travel Guidelines.

The use of cell phones during any practice or game is strictly prohibited. The device should be silenced or off and put away.

We highly encourage that the use of social media be used to represent Miss Scotties in a positive manner.

It is prohibited to use social media to be negative toward teammates, coaches, other organizations, or Miss Scotties Softball.

Per Miss Scotties Travel Guidelines, all Travel players must be registered in Miss Scotties Softball. All age eligible players must be active members of a Miss Scotties Recreation League team or members of an official Spring Middle or High School sports team.

If a Travel player misses 5 Recreation games, that Travel player will be suspended from the next local Travel Tournament game that the team is participating in. If a Travel Player misses a 6th Recreation game, that Travel player will be suspended from the next local Tournament entirely. Hudson Mohawk Games do not count. If a Travel Player misses a 7th Recreation game, they will be suspended from the Travel Team for the remainder of the season.

The suspended player will be required to be in full uniform at the game(s), during their suspension, and the parents will be required to fulfill any team, concession or field responsibilities during the suspension. If not, the Travel Player will be suspended from the Travel Team for the remainder of the season. If a Player is suspended, they will not be refunded their Travel payments.

Each athlete must tell a coach, before each practice or game; of any physical, mental or emotional problems she is having which may affect her performance. This is very important, both for the team and athlete's personal health and safety. These discussions should remain confidential unless they pose a potential risk to the well-being of that athlete.



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If you are having a problem with a coach, it is strongly encouraged that the player and/or their parent discuss the issue with them off the field. Your coach is your partner and open dialog is key to resolving issues. Coaches will never punish a player for parents/players asking questions. If you are unable to reach an understanding with your coach, a parent should contact the Travel Director first, if still unresolved, then President of the League and finally any other Board member. Do not involve other players or parents.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

Promote good sportsmanship by setting a positive example on and off the field. They will represent the Miss Scotties as ambassadors and must uphold the professionalism set forth by the League.

Respect the integrity of the game and refrain from the use of crude or abusive language with players, opponents, umpires and/or spectators.

Keep "winning" in perspective.

Avoid negative comments or behavior and to recognize that each participant is a unique individual. A coach should never discuss a player or parent to another player or parent.

Head Coaches will be ACE certified, and all coaches will have a background check through ASA softball.

Players play, coaches coach and umpires make the calls.

Head Coaches will be responsible in enforcing the above Recreation requirements. If the Head Coach is found not to have enforced a suspension, that Coach will be suspended pending disciplinary review by the Board of Directors.

Head Coaches will conduct one meeting with the parents prior to the first game, to explain their philosophy and how they will run the team. They will review the team budget so every parent understands the operating cost to run a travel softball team. The coach will explain what can be expected of them and what they expect out of the players and parents.

The Head Coach will be responsible for organizing all practices, games, and tournaments. They will provide the necessary team equipment for participation.

All Coaches will avoid being alone with any player at any time. One-on-one situations should be avoided.

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Head Coaches will ensure that the Medical Release Forms and a First-Aid Kit are at all practices and games. They will also be responsible for maintaining and providing insurance certificates/cards, rosters, and birth certificates at all games.



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The coaches are here to teach the game of softball, both physically and mentally. They will teach the skills necessary to allow each player to play to their highest potential. The coaches will also teach players the strategy of the game, offensively and defensively, so that each athlete learns to play to her full potential all the time. It is through the repeated giving of the athlete's best that she learns the depth of her ability and spirit, and is able to rely on herself-even in difficult circumstances. The coaches will help them develop and learn this and to be successful.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents will conduct themselves in a good sportsmanship manner at all times.

We really appreciate the sacrifices parents make and the support they give their daughters throughout the season. However, "Coaching from the stands" hurts all players, particularly your own daughter by causing confusion and frustration as they focus on their training and their coach's instruction. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, please approach the Head Coach off the field.

Players need to get to games, practices and events on time. Head Coaches need to be very clear on arrival times and expectations. If you know of a potential situation with absenteeism or tardiness, please contact the coaches as soon as possible. They may have a solution for you.

Support the team and all of its players in a positive manner. Do not judge, harass, and speak about a player in a negative manner. Please remember these are children. This behavior causes dissention and drama and this will not be tolerated. Any parent involved in such behavior will be brought to the Board for disciplinary action per the Bylaws and Travel Guidelines.

Respect and accept the judgment of coaches and umpires and refrain from making inappropriate comments and outbursts during or after a game. "Questioning" an umpire about their calls during a game hurts the entire team. Let the coaches handle questionable calls.

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If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, please approach the Head Coach off the field. If there is no resolution to your issues then contact the Travel Director first, if still unresolved, then President of the League and finally any other Board member. Your issues should not be shared with other players or parents of the team.

Parents will be asked to chaperone, assist in fund-raising activities, field cleanup and operation, concession and/or to assist the team during the season in a variety of ways.

EQUIPMENT & TEAM

All team equipment will be provided by League funds. This will include equipment bags, balls, nets, batting tees, or any other training devices the coach may use throughout the season.

If a player provides their own equipment during a practice or game, it must meet the Official standards of the A.S.A. Any personal equipment losses are the responsibility of the individual suffering the loss and Miss Scotties will not be held responsible.



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If a player is unable to provide their own bats or helmets, the league will provide equipment for their use.

All players must wear the League approved uniform for all games. If worn under the uniform, t-shirts or long sleeves must be black.

All coaches, on the field or in the dugout, must be similar and professional in dress for all games. This includes the Miss Scotties coach's shirt. If worn, a hat must be a Miss Scotties hat. No denim or cutoffs are allowed.

PLAYING TIME

Coaches will to the best of their ability involve all players in tournaments, provided players are healthy and willing to participate. It should not be expected that all players will receive equal playing time. The Head Coach makes all decisions regarding playing time and positions. These decisions could be effected by ability, effort, attitude, attendance, roster size and other. The Head Coach will make their policies clear at a preseason meeting. Playing time for players who miss a practice or games are subject to the decision made by the Head Coach. They will look at every situation and make the best decision based on what is best for the team.

Any questions about playing time should never be addressed during game or practice times. Please approach the Head Coach off the field and not during stressful or emotional moments.

VACATIONS, ABSENTEEISM OR LATE FOR PRACTICES OR GAMES

As an organization we highly discourage family vacations during the summer travel season. Missing players from games makes it tough and puts a strain on the entire team. The Head Coach will try and schedule out the season well in advance to alleviate these situations.

When missing practices and games during the season, it must be understood that the time missed can affect personal conditioning, the learning of team concepts or systems and team chemistry. Players who miss practices or games for any reason may have their positions or playing time adjusted by the Head Coach with a focus on what is best for the team.

It should be understood by all parties that during the school year, academics, school sports, and school functions come before Miss Scotties Softball. Any other sports, activities or commitments need to be first discussed and worked out with the Head Coach. A player should not be disciplined if it has previously discussed. During the travel softball season and when school is over, there should be no conflicts.

All rules related to absenteeism or tardiness will be discussed and determined by the Head Coach. Disciplinary actions will also be determined by the Head Coach on a case by case basis.

TRAVEL AND LODGING

Teams will generally travel with parents in automobiles to and from games and tournaments. A team's players will oftentimes receive transportation from individuals involved with the team who are not their parent or guardian. The Miss Scotties League or their coaches will not be held responsible for any accident and the injuries or damage that could result from said event.

Accommodation (block hotel) arrangements for players are reserved by the team coaching staff or team parent. Parent(s) are responsible for making individual hotel reservation for their player/family by the appropriate deadline date. The Team or League is not responsible for player/parent lodging/expenses.



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REGISTRATION FEES

Our current registration fees are set \$275 per player for 12U-18U and \$250 for 10U. The registration fee allots the team \$1500 toward tournaments plus registration in the Hudson Mohawk League or \$2000 towards tournaments. Additional Fees will be paid out of pocket.

For the each Travel Season, a non-refundable \$75 deposit will be required by September 1st along with a signed Travel Contract.

Payment #1 – due January 31st \$100 or remainder

Payment # 2– due March 31st \$100 or remainder

Final Payment – due June 1st Remainder

Our 8U fees will be determined each year.

All checks should be made out to: Miss Scotties Softball

All registration fees are non-refundable, unless a permanent injury occurs that prevents a player from playing out that season minus the deposit. At that point a refund will be pro-rated and determined by the Board of Directors.



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SOCIAL MEDIA AND NETWORKING

Miss Scotties recognizes and also utilizes social media and networking in order to promote the organization and the game of fast pitch softball. It is important to know your daughter's photo images, videos, and audio recordings of her voice may be used on our website, Facebook page, a blog, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, newspapers, or other forms of social media ties and publications. By signing off on the rules you are giving us consent to utilize the above media outlets. If you do not wish to allow your daughter's image to be used, please indicate below.

The organization respects the rights of players and parents use of social media as a means of self-expression and communication. We highly encourage that the use of social media be used to represent Miss Scotties in a positive manner. It is prohibited to use social media to be negative toward teammates, coaches, other organizations, or Miss Scotties Softball.

I do not wish for my daughters' image to be used.

_____ (print name)

_____ (signature)

_____ (date)



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Player's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ Town _____

Home Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____

Emerg. Contact Name: _____ Emerg. Ph: _____

E-Mail: _____

Known Medical Conditions / Allergies: _____

Medications: _____

In case I cannot be reached, I authorize the Miss Scotties Softball, Inc. representative in charge to obtain the medical treatment by a doctor of medicine or dentistry. I also authorize a trained responder or licensed physician to provide immediate and necessary care. I agree to accept responsibility for the insurance deductible and/or uncovered medical, dental, hospital and doctor bills that may incur from participation of my child in the softball program. I will not hold Miss Scotties Softball Inc. inclusive of its Board, Directors, Managers, and Coaches responsible in any way.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) Signature Date

Witness Name (Print) Signature Date



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RECEIPT OF MISS SCOTTIES SOFTBALL RULES

I have received, read, and understand the Miss Scotties Team Rules. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations contained therein. I agree to review the rules with my (our) daughter so she fully understands them and abides by them. I understand that the rules contained in the Miss Scotties Team Rules are to protect not only the organization, its board members, and coaches, but also the parents and players of the organization as well. It is my understanding that failing to abide by the rules set forth in the Team Rules, may result in disciplinary actions which may result in dismissal of my daughter from the organization. I also understand if this were the result, that there would be no refund required to be paid by the organization. All terminations from the organization will be determined by the League Board of Miss Scotties Softball.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Malta Parks & Recreation Department, The Town of Malta, The Malta Athletic Association, Miss Scotties Softball, its employees, personnel, independent contractors and volunteers from any and all liability for injuries or damages which may arise as a result of participating in this activity. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to participation on behalf of myself or my child and recognize my child is physically and mentally fit to participate and have not been advised otherwise by a physician. I also understand that I am responsible to determine whether it is safe for my child to participate in this program and assume the risk by enrolling my child in the program. I do hereby waive, relinquish, release, discharge, and hold harmless from any and all liability, for any physical or mental injury or aggravation of any pre-existing illness, handicap, death, loss of enjoyment, or any other harm or loss of nature which may be sustained by me or my child while participating in this activity. I further agree that the coaches or Board personnel may act in an emergency as best fits the situation in the event my emergency contact cannot be reached.

(Date)

(Player Name Print)

(Signature)

(Mother/Guardian Name Print)

(Signature)

(Father/Guardian Name Print)

(Signature)

(Head Coach Name Print)

(Signature)