

PA Ball Hawks

Travel Fastpitch Organization



Player/Parent Handbook

MISSION STATEMENT

The PA Ball Hawks Softball Club is a non-profit corporation developed for athletes to engage in quality, competitive experiences. A competitive athletic experience can produce a good work ethic, enhance social development, contribute to mental and physical health, as well as teach values of personal responsibility, self-discipline, self-motivation, and teamwork. Participation in fast pitch softball also improves the athlete's opportunity to realize the goals of playing at the HS and collegiate level. The travel team experience is becoming a must have in order to compete at the collegiate level especially for those hoping to obtain an athletic scholarship.

PHILOSOPHY

The most important consideration in forming a team is developing a philosophy. What is the motivation behind forming this team? Will it be a "participation team" where everyone gets equal playing time or a "performance team" where playing time must be earned? The PA Ball Hawks is most definitely a "performance team." Another critical component of team philosophy includes, "How are new players found and included as regular team members?" The answer to this question is not as easy.

Excess turnover in any organization is very corrosive; no turnover means the team is possibly not growing. Every player must tryout each season. Tryouts are typically held in August of each year. Making the team in August only qualifies a player for the team for that season. It is not a guarantee that they will be on the team for the next season or future seasons. Additionally, other players may be added throughout the season as needed.

PABH BOARD of DIRECTORS

The purpose of the Board is to provide direction for the Organization. The Board will aid in the decision making of the Organization, provide ideas, structure and assistance in fundraising, team structure, tournaments, uniforms, hotels and promotion of the PA Ball Hawks. The Board has no authority on the softball field.

A successful team and organization requires communication. The parent reps are available to hear concerns and relay them to the coach, parent, player or Board Member. If satisfaction is not achieved, then the player, parent or coach can discuss the situation with BH President, Howie Merriman. If you still have problem or concern, the player, parent and coach may request a hearing with the Board. The Board's decision will be final in all cases.

The PABH Board Members include:

President/Director -- Howie Merriman
Director of Apparel, Sales and Marketing -- Deidre Stone
Treasurer -- Deanna Ashenfelter
Secretary -- Mike Beamesderfer
Coordinator of Camps and Clinics/Field Maintenance -- Chris Ashenfelter
Event and Fundraising Coordinator -- Linda Merriman
Director of Communications and Social Media -- Kristina Gartrell

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

To take part of the administrative load off of the coach, parent representatives will be selected for each team. They will be responsible for coordinating team lunches for tournaments, travel arrangements, team clothing orders, fees and any other assignment the coach may designate. The parent representative is the primary communication link regarding all administrative matters between the players, the coach, and the PA Ball Hawks Board.

STANDARDS of CONDUCT

There is a lot more expected of our players aside from their softball skills. Players are expected to participate in all scrimmages/practices as scheduled. Failure to do so may result in less playing time in the next tournament. It is the player's responsibility to notify the coach and parent representative if they cannot attend. If a player needs to miss several practices because of extra-curricular commitments, they are required to provide the coach with a schedule to allow for proper practice planning.

Players are expected to sign up for the full "season" and to make all tournaments. All players will be given ample playing time in tournaments – especially during pool play. However, during bracket or championship play where the objective is to advance as far as possible, players will be played at the discretion of the coach based on strategy, current tournament stats and team needs.

The following standards must be observed by our players to continue as an active member of PA Ball Hawks Softball Club. A violation may result in suspension. Standards marked with (**) may result in the immediate dismissal from the organization.

1. **The use of alcohol and drugs.
2. **Smoking.
3. **24 Hour rule. If you disagree with the coaches' decisions or coaching methods, you must wait 24hrs before approaching any coach to discuss the situation. You may arrange to meet the coach or have a phone conference, but never approach a coach about a disagreement during practice or game play. Approachment of a coach during a practice or game play in what is deemed to be a confrontational manner will result in immediate dismissal from the team.
4. Excellence in academic performance is required. All players must meet the requirements of the public school system with a "No Pass/No Play" policy.
5. Players must be on time for all team commitments. Violations will result in loss of playing time.
6. Players must call their team coach and parent representative when they are going to be late or absent from a practice or tournament.
7. All players are required to pursue all physical conditioning activities and drills unless excused by a doctor or the coach.
8. Players must report all physical injuries or illness to their head coach immediately.
9. Players are required to take proper care of practice equipment, keeping in mind that the equipment is the property of the PA Ball Hawks.
10. Each player will keep their coach informed of their presence at tournaments.
11. Each player is expected to treat all other players, teammates, coaches, referees, and fans with courtesy and respect.
12. If players are involved in a dispute, they must immediately work out problems between them. If they are unable to resolve their problem immediately, they must meet with the coaches until their problems are resolved. Problems between players must never be left unresolved.
13. During any overnight travel, the coach will determine curfew. Violations will result in suspension for games.
14. If players choose to participate in social media forums (i.e...Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, etc...), any posts found to be unbecoming of the player standards set forth by our Organization will be reviewed by the coaches and/or BH Board. Violations will result in loss of playing time, suspension for games and/or dismissal from the team.

TOURNAMENT PLAY

Because the length of softball matches can be unpredictable and tournament formats and management varies, it is difficult to pinpoint the time a tournament may end. Also, exact tournament schedules or final confirmations are often not available until just before the tournaments begin (often the night before play starts). Common reasons for schedule variance are due to weather, field conditions, late team entries and team withdrawals all of which impact the actual tournament playing schedule and match-ups.

The PA Ball Hawks have no control over the administration of these tournaments. Team entry fees must be paid weeks in advance, and with the large amount of planning required for travel and/or lodging, it is extremely important that the team coach is notified as far in advance as possible of any tournament if a player cannot attend.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time is very important to everyone. It is important to apply those skills and fundamentals taught in practice in a game situation. Only then can a coach and player truly realize which skills the player is proficient at and which skills require more training. Nevertheless, every player should have an opportunity to play during pool play. **Your team fees go toward practice time and instruction by qualified, experienced coaches, NOT playing time in tournaments. Playing time in tournament play is earned.**

More playing time is earned by being at practice and working hard to improve, as well as, executing the skills when given the opportunity to play. The coaches are advised to give everyone opportunities to contribute their individual skills and abilities to the team during pool play matches.

The PA Ball Hawk Board has decided to add the *Reserve System* for players. The *Reserve System* is designed for players that are not ready or do not want full time responsibility for tournament play. The reserve players get to attend all of the practices, team clinics and events. The reserve player **does not** have to pay dues, but they are required to buy a uniform(s). The reserve players are not a part of the starting lineup. Therefore, they should not expect playing time, but they must be ready to play when called upon. If the coach feels that the reserve player(s) gives the team a better chance to succeed, the coach does have the option to play reserve player(s) over the starters.

OUT of TOWN TRIPS

All regulations previously listed above (under "Standards of Conduct") apply to out of town trips. Board members are to assist coaches in enforcing these requirements.

Players are representing the PA Ball Hawks Organization at all tournaments and will not do anything to embarrass himself/herself or the Organization. Use of any illegal substance will result in the player being suspended from the tournament, sent home at her parents' expense, and may result in dismissal from the team.

Any player caught doing any illegal activities will be suspended from the tournament, sent home at her parents' expense, and may be dismissed from the team.

If either parent is unable to attend an out-of-town trip with their daughter, the parent must designate **in writing** who is responsible for their daughter. That parent then becomes the designated parent for the tournament. The player's parent(s) needs to provide an insurance card, description of health problems, a medical release and contact number to the designated parent in the event of an emergency.

PRACTICE RULES

1. Players are required to be ready to begin practice at the designated start time, begin practice mentally prepared and have personal goals for all practices. A good time to think about goals is during warm-up.
2. If a player must miss a practice, a telephone call to the coach and parent representative is mandatory before practice. Each practice session is very important to the development of our athletes. Players need to make every effort to be at every practice so they don't miss too much instruction that could affect their performance at tournaments. Also, the coach prepares practice plans according to whom and how many players are attending.
3. Practice time missed must be made up unless a player misses practice due to playing in League games, attending softball clinics or similar softball activities. Players are expected to consistently work on their own to raise the levels of their physical condition and skill.
4. Please bring your own drinks to practice and tournaments.
5. There will be no jewelry allowed at practice. Please leave your jewelry at home. You will not be permitted to wear it on the field, and your coach/team is not responsible for it when you take it off.
6. Cell phones are not allowed on the bench or dugout, and they may not be used during practice hours.
7. Jog instead of walking, at all times during practice, especially when shagging.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Softball Season

The fall tournament softball season for PA Ball Hawks begins on September 1st and typically concludes at the beginning of November. Indoor practices at our training facility (Backyard University) will resume after the holiday season (January – March). Outdoor practices and the spring/summer tournament season continue from March through July/August..

We play the majority of our tournaments in PA. However, teams do play in MD, VA, NJ and DE, as well as other states. Teams also attempt to qualify for Nationals and World Series which is typically held out of state.

Annual Teams

Each year the organization expects to field teams at the following age groups: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U. Some age groups may have multiple teams at a particular level depending on the overall player pool for an age group.

Insurance Coverage

As part of their individual membership fees, all players are covered by a supplemental insurance policy from Bollinger Insurance (preferred carrier for ASA and USSSA Softball). This is a million dollar liability policy that covers all club activities and injuries that may occur during an event. An event can be either practice or a tournament. The policy also insures players against any loss that may be incurred while traveling to or from an event. Please note that this is a supplemental policy to your own hospitalization policy. Specimen policies can be found on the web at the Amateur Softball Association website.

Uniform\Equipment

PA Ball Hawks players are required to purchase a uniform (as designated by the Ball Hawks Organization) and use their own equipment (helmet, glove, bat, catching gear). The cost of the uniform(s) and/or any other additional equipment is **not** structured into the dues. While the BH Organization does not require 100% uniformity among all teams members with respect to equipment bags, bats, etc...it is expected that additional equipment beyond the team uniform match our organizational black and red colors. The decision on uniforms and cost is solely left to the discretion of the BH Board. Information regarding to uniform requirements and/or costs will be communicated to all families in a timely manner.

Per discussion at the June 2016 board meeting and all-in vote favoring this decision, ALL players within the BH Organization must abide by the following in regards to wearing facemasks:

- Corner Infielders (1st/3rd) and Pitchers **must** wear a facemask at all times (even during practices)
- Middle Infielders **must** either wear a facemask and/or protective mouth guard (even during practices)

The primary goal with putting this policy in place is to protect our girls. Our insurance policy dictates that our players are wearing facemasks as a preventive injury measure. Players and/or coaches who choose not to enforce nor abide by this policy face suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

Fundraising

The PA Ball Hawks Organization holds an Annual Bull Roast to raise funds and promote our Organization (to be held March 2018). Proceeds are used towards organization and operating expenses. **For the 2018 season, NO tickets will be included in each player's dues.** However, each player family is required to sell a minimum of two (2) tickets and volunteer in some capacity as needed. Additionally, we encourage everyone to sell additional tickets to make the event a success.

No age group will be permitted to schedule a tournament on the weekend of the Bull Roast.

Periodically, at the discretion of the parents, additional fundraising activities (such as pizza sales, sandwich sales, etc.) may be organized. Participation in these fundraisers is **optional**. From such fundraisers, each participant will be credited a percentage (TBD) of the **profit** from the items sold. This credit will be applied to individual and/or team dues/fees. The remaining percentage will go towards the improvement of the Organization.

Sponsorships

The PA Ball Hawks encourage each player and parent to obtain Organizational sponsors. This may include local businesses and/or private donations. If a sponsor is obtained, 50% of the sponsorship money will be credited toward the player's dues/fees. The remaining 50% will go toward the improvement of the Organization.

For sponsorship, a sponsor will receive advertisement on the PA Ball Hawks website and inclusion on a "Game Day" t-shirt distributed to players and available for purchase by fans. Sponsorships must be obtained by February 1, 2018 to be included on the shirts for that season. Sponsorship forms can be obtained on the BH website under the "Forms" tab.

Coaching/Parent Volunteers

Per PA law (ACT 153), all volunteers of the PA Ball Hawks Organization who intend to have direct contact with the players during practice and/or game days must obtain the following clearances:

- PA Child Abuse History
- PA State Police Criminal History Report
- FBI Criminal History Report (only required if you have lived outside PA within the past 10 years).

Volunteers will be required to renew these background clearances **every 60 months** (unless otherwise revised by PA lawmakers).

Information, instructions, and links to apply for these background checks may be found on the [Keep Kids Safe PA website](#).

Approximate costs:

- Department of Human Services clearance statement: \$10
- State Police criminal history report: \$10
- FBI report (if applicable): \$27

Volunteers are responsible for the costs of these background checks, although the BH Board may opt to monetarily assist head coaches and assistant coaches with any fees incurred as a result of obtaining these clearances. **Clearances are to be forwarded to each team's head coach and/or emailed to:** PABHBoardofDirectors@paballhawks.org.

PLAYER/COACH/PARENT RELATIONSHIP

Softball can teach many good traits such as the spirit of cooperation and the regard for physical fitness, but it is difficult for these and other desirable traits to take root in young players when the adults around them fail to set a proper example. We ask that parents refrain from criticizing opposing players, other parents, coaches, officials, umpires, and/or teammates. In spectator enthusiasm, we are often prone to issue several instructions to the players that may be contrary to those of the coach, leaving the players confused and upset. Please let these athletes follow their coach's instruction and leave the coaching to the coach!

Each team manager and head coach will be provided with guidelines that detail the expectations of the coaches by Organization for all Ball Hawks teams. It is the responsibility of the team manager and head coach to follow these guidelines.

The coaches are giving their time, energy, and best efforts to teach your child the sport of fastpitch softball and the PA Ball Hawks Organization will not tolerate condemnation of the coaches. Understand that you will not agree with or like every coaching tactic, comment, or suggestion that is made by the coaches, but this does not warrant criticism or rudeness. This is certainly not intended to reduce spectator enthusiasm. Please continue to cheer and encourage the actions you like and ignore those you don't. Please do not interfere with your child's coach, especially during play, or do anything else that will detract from the enjoyment your child deserves to get from softball. Parents are strictly forbidden to enter the dugout or onto the field unless instructed by one of the coaches to do so.

Parents must ally themselves with the coach in teaching their children how to cope with the frustrations of being a member of a team. Sports provide an excellent opportunity to teach young women about the realities of highly competitive situations. They must be taught how to be a cooperative team member, how to make use of both positive feedback and constructive criticism, how to cope with adversity, how to achieve 'mental toughness,' and how to be a gracious winner.

The following steps **MUST** be taken if any player/parent has a concern with the coach:

1. The player should discuss the concern with the coach and try to arrive at a solution. The coach should not be considered unapproachable. He/she is willing to listen to a player's concern and try to arrive at a mutual solution. Until the coach is made aware of the concern, nothing at all can be done to alleviate it. Do not wait until the end of the season to voice your concern.
2. If, after time, the concern is not resolved, the player and parents may make an appointment to meet offsite to speak with the coach.
3. Please **do not approach a coach** in the dugout or on the field to discuss a concern at practice or a tournament. **Failure to abide by this policy will result in immediate dismissal from the team.**
4. If satisfaction is not achieved, then the player, parent or coach can discuss the situation with BH President, Howie Merriman. If Howie Merriman is the coach in question, the player and parent can request a hearing with the Board. The Board's decision will be final in all cases.

No player shall be on the roster of another tournament team without the permission of the coach and/or the PABH Board. Without such permission, the Organization may be in jeopardy of forfeiture of games, etc. if not done through the appropriate channels. Violation of this policy will result in the player's immediate release from the Organization without refund.

PA BALL HAWKS FEES

The PA Ball Hawks remains a self-funded, non-profit organization. Funds are obtained through either player dues or through contributions and donations. Individual player fees cover (but are not limited to): tournament registration fees, practice field rental, indoor practice facility rental, insurance, field maintenance costs, team equipment/supplies, and ASA, USSSA, Pony, and/or NSA sanction fees.

The PA Ball Hawks fee structure is as follows:

Tournaments -- The PA Ball Hawks is a non-profit organization. We are funded solely by player dues, sponsorships and fundraisers. We have been very fortunate to have had minimal dues increases over the past several seasons, but just as the cost of living is increasing, so, too, are the fees associated with playing travel fast pitch softball. **Player dues are structured at \$120/tournament (based on a 10 player roster).** It is estimated that each team will play 10 tournaments (with 10u playing in approximately 6 tournaments or less as determined by player skill level). More or less tournaments may be played at the discretion of the coaching staff. Fees will be adjusted accordingly. The BH Treasurer and/or coach will communicate to their team the dues structure for the season. The final number is at the discretion of each team manager and head coach and based on team budget. **Please note that Showcase tournament entry fees are generally higher and for individuals playing on those teams, tournament dues may be calculated at a higher rate (to be determined by the BH Board).**

Uniforms -- Each player must purchase a uniform package. The costs of the uniform packages will vary based on bulk pricing we are able to obtain from the uniform vendors. Uniforms will be paid separately outside of the standard dues structure (as noted above). Uniforms may vary from year-to-year based on style availability. If uniform styles are discontinued or vendors can no longer match uniforms from prior years, it may be necessary to change the uniform package. **Payment for the uniform package (and due dates) will be provided to parents in a timely manner.**

League Fees -- For league play, the player must pay the current league registration fee and purchase a uniform that is determined to be the Organization's "league uniform." PLEASE NOTE: The PA Ball Hawks Organization will not sponsor league teams at age groups above 12U. 10U and 12U teams may still register for league play under the PA Ball Hawks name.

PA BALL HAWKS WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

The PA Ball Hawks Organization has a website (www.paballhawks.org) that will display important information regarding the Organization as well as each individual age group. Relevant PA Ball Hawks documents (Current Version of the Hand Book, Sponsorship Forms, etc...) will also be available on the website.

In addition to the PA Ball Hawks website, please "Like" us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/paballhawksoftball) to stay up to date with organizational notifications, events, and team postings.

ACCEPTANCE TO PLAY

Upon accepting the offer to play, the PA Ball Hawks **require a \$100 non-refundable deposit** (within 48 hours) per player to secure a player's roster spot. In addition, a \$300 dues payment per player as well as any uniforms fees (to be determined by the BH Board) is due on or before September 1st.

Additionally, all players are required to complete, sign and return the following documents to their coach or team representative on or before the first team practice:

1. Player/Parent Consent Form
2. Financial Agreement Form
3. Medical Release Form
4. Parental Waiver, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement Form
5. Public Relations/Showcase Release Form

For players new to the Organization, we will also require **TWO copies of the player's birth certificate.**

For the remaining balance, families will have TWO financial arrangement options from which to choose from (as outlined on the Financial Agreement Form) to pay off any remaining balance of dues (which can vary based on number of tournaments and number of players on a roster; to be communicated by the BH Treasurer and/or Head Coach) **by March 1st.**

Regardless of your payment choice, all payments must be made **on time** to remain eligible to attend practices and/or to play in tournaments. **Players are not eligible to play or practice if there are outstanding dues or fees owed to the BH Organization.** If a financial situation arises or a player becomes injured, the BH Board and our Treasurer will work with families to determine the most feasible payment options.

Any payments made to the PA Ball Hawks are **non-refundable.**

It is possible that some teams may play fewer tournaments (i.e., 10u). For those teams, the payment structure and due dates will be individually defined.

Online payment via bank/credit card is available using the PayPal feature on the BH website. The link to using PayPal can be found at the top of the website. If making a payment via PayPal, please be sure to follow the directions provided on the PayPal Payment page.

If paying by check (preferred method of payment), please make checks payable to the PA Ball Hawks and send them to:

Deanna Ashenfelter, PA Ball Hawks Treasurer
3758 Cherry Court
Stewartstown, PA 17363
deannaashenfelter@paballhawks.org

PA Ball Hawks Player/Parent Agreement & Consent Form

Player Agreement and Consent

I have read, understand, and agree to the policies, procedures and obligations set forth in the PA Ball Hawks Player/Parent Handbook. As evidence by my signature, I certify that I have read and understand all of the foregoing and consent to abide by the rules as set forth herein.

Signature of Player

Date

Parent(s) Agreement and Consent

I have read, understand, and agree to the policies, procedures and obligations set forth in the PA Ball Hawks Player/Parent Handbook. As evidence by my signature, I certify that I have read and understand all of the foregoing and consent to abide by the rules as set forth herein. In addition, I certify that as Parent or/Guardian of this participant, I have explained to my daughter the aforementioned stipulated conditions and their ramifications. I consent to her participation in the programs conducted under the appropriate National Sanctioning body of softball that the team may play under. I agree to pay the fees set forth by the team, allowing my daughter to participate in the program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

Relationship (Mother/Father/Guardian)

Date

PA BALL HAWKS MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Player's Name/Team

Date of Birth

Player's Address

Home Phone Number(s)

Father/Guardian Name

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Mother/Guardian Name

Work Phone

Cell Phone

In an emergency when parents cannot be reached, please contact:

Name/Relationship to Player

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Name/Relationship to Player

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Player Health Insurance/Treatment Information

Known Allergies

Daily Medication

Additional Information

Medical Insurance Carrier

Policy Holder Name

Policy #

Insurance Contact Phone #

Player's Primary Care Physician

Phone #

Consent for Medical Treatment

I, _____, am the parent/guardian having legal custody of the above player. I authorize all medical, surgical, diagnostic, and hospital care or procedures which may be performed or prescribed for my child by a licensed physician or hospital, when efforts to contact me are unsuccessful and when deemed immediately necessary or advisable by the physician to safeguard my child's health. I waive my right of informed consent to such treatment.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PA BALL HAWKS PARENTAL WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FORM

I, the undersigned, as the parent or legal guardian of the minor child named below, do hereby give my full consent and approval for my child to participate as a member of the PA BALL HAWKS girl's fast pitch softball team.

I understand that there are certain risks of damages and injuries, including death, inherent in the practice and play of softball, as well as in traveling in other related activities incidental to my child's participation, and I am willing to assume these risks on behalf of my child. These risks include, but are not limited to, those hazards associated with weather conditions, travel, playing conditions, equipment and other participants.

I understand that sliding into base is dangerous to my child and to other players and may result in serious injury or death.

I understand that the very nature of the game of softball is hazardous and risky, including, but not limited to, the acts of throwing, fielding and catching of the ball, the swinging of the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to my child and to other players.

Further, I agree that in consideration for the right to allow my child to participate as a member of the PA BALL HAWKS and in consideration for permission to play on the fields arranged for by the team:

1. On behalf of my child and myself, I do voluntarily elect to accept and solely assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by my child (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member during practice or play by other teams or by other players on my child's team, and (c) while on or upon the premises of any and all of the fields arranged for by the PA BALL HAWKS for practice or play.
2. In addition to giving my full consent for my child's participation, I do hereby release, discharge and agree not to sue the PA BALL HAWKS and/or its officers, coaches, the team sponsors, the owner or operator of any field the team practices on, ASA, USSSA, Pony, NSA, or their owners, officers, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any person or entity connected with the team, league, field for any claim, damages, costs including attorney fees, or cause of action which I have or may in the future as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by my child from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of the parties hereby released.

I hereby certify that my child is fully capable of participating in the designated sport and that my child is healthy and has no physical or mental disabilities or infirmities that would restrict full participation in these activities, except as made known to coaches and officers of the team.

I further agree on behalf of myself and my child listed below, that I shall hold harmless and fully indemnify the parties hereby released from any and all claims, damages, costs including attorney fees, and causes of action which may arise from any cause of action made by me or by, through or on behalf of my child, even if the damages, injuries or death are caused in whole or in part by any of the persons or entities hereby released.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND THAT I UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE PROVISIONS IN THIS WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Name of Player (Please Print)

Team/Coach

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Public Relations/Recruiting Release Form

2017 - 2018 Season

All Players

The PA Ball Hawks Softball Organization has numerous opportunities throughout the season to post and/or release pictures and news information about our players via our organizational Facebook page and website. This information is shared strictly for the sole purpose of promoting our softball program and goals.

Please initial below if player information may be posted to the PA Ball Hawks website and/or Facebook page. This will be kept on file for each player and update annually.

_____ The PA Ball Hawks Organization **is granted** my permission to use photographs, images and/or the name of my player listed below in any public relations materials.

Showcase Level Players (16u/18u)

The PA Ball Hawks Softball Organization has the opportunity to post and/or release pictures and personal information about our Showcase Teams' players via our organizational website and/or during tournaments. This information is shared strictly for the sole purposes of college recruiting. Basic information including player name, high school, graduation year and college commitment will be included on the website. In addition, players may opt to have Player Profiles and/or links to individual websites or videos posted on the PA Ball Hawks website. However, because some of this information is confidential, parent permission **is required** for before the Organization is permitted to post/share this information with potential recruiters.

Please initial below what (if any) personal player information may be posted to the PA Ball Hawks website and/or shared with potential recruiters. This will be kept on file for each player and updated annually.

_____ Player Profiles (which may include address, phone number, SAT scores, GPA, email, etc...)

_____ Player Websites and/or Player Videos

Player Name (Please Print)

Coach/Team

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

