

2016/2017 Mid-Michigan FireStix Player & Parent Rules of the Season

In order to provide a positive environment in the Mid-Michigan FireStix organization, players and parents need to understand the idea of sportsmanship and true teamwork. The following is a list of player/parent rules for the season.

Practice is the foundation for a successful softball season

Practice time is coaching time. Practice is when and where players learn. Practice is important for team building. Practice should be taken seriously. If you cannot be at practice, the coach needs a call before practice time.

Team players serve as positive role models and always respect others

Win with dignity and modesty, and lose gracefully. Demonstrate respect for your teammates and coaches. Demonstrate respect for the opposing players and coaching staff. Cooperate with the coaching staff and parent volunteers. Show respect for the umpires at all times. The coach should be the only person to interact with the umpires.

Parents & players must be encouraging and positive towards others

Players & parents will encourage all players at all times. Players & parents will always acknowledge great plays and great effort from all players.

Softball is a team sport

No one person wins or loses a game. We need team spirit and team focus to be successful. Every player should feel welcome and included in team activities. Players not playing in the game will sit in the dugout area at all times. The team always comes before the individuals.

Parents must respect pre-game preparation and game time focus

Parents are not permitted to be in the dugout unless specifically requested. Positive praise and cheering from the sidelines are always appreciated. Parents need to let the coach's coach. Parents are not to coach, direct or instruct players during game time. The on-deck circle and dugout areas are for players to continue to focus on what they need to do next. Please do not distract the players at these times. If a player needs more to drink or more cool down towels, the team parent should help and/or the team parent or coach will ask the parent to provide assistance. Players should be prepared before the pre-game warm-ups and games with such items.

Parents should be team players and be encouraging to all the players, coaches and other parents

Demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, parents and umpires at every practice and game. Place your child's emotional and physical well-being above your own personal desire to win or for her to be successful. Let the fail, so they can learn to deal with them. Provide transportation and respect the starting times of the practices and games that is set by the coaching staff.

Distributing playing time is the responsibility of the head coach

Questions about playing time or positioning should be discussed respectfully. A 12 to 24 hour cool down is highly recommended. A negative attitude in any aspect of the game will effect playing time. Playing time and positions are earned with hard work and performance in practices and game as judged by the coach. Playing time and positions may not be equal, nor is it the goal of the coach or club. The head coach will make decisions based on what is best for each player and the team.

Nobody is perfect. We all make mistakes along the way; even coaches. We learn from our mistakes, do not dwell upon them and move forward.

Please acknowledge that both you and your daughter have read and understand the Mid-Michigan FireStix rules and expectations for the 2017/2018 season, and agree to abide by them by signing below.

Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Name : _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Player

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature : _____

Date: _____