

Silicon Valley Fusion
Player/Parent Expectations

1. Support the organization, the team, and your daughter. Parents can help by volunteering with scorekeeping, putting up team tarps, practice stations as requested by the coaching staff, field crew, hotel accommodations, coordinating meals/snacks at tournaments, or end of season party planning. Please let your head coach or manager know what you can do to assist.
2. Parents are to refrain from coaching the players during practices or games. Sideline coaching only serves to confuse the player and distracts from the game or practice. Coaches will ask you to cease, if it continues, it may affect your daughter's playing time.
3. Parents are expected to maintain a positive attitude and refrain from making derogatory or coarse comments in the stands, Fusion coaches, opposing coaches, players, officials, etc. during a game, practice, or event involving the team. The organization wants to be recognized as a respectful opponent. Respectful behavior is also expected at hotels, restaurants, airports, etc. and especially if you are wearing Fusion attire.
4. Players' practice attendance will be recorded and **will** determine play time. Players are to arrive 15 minutes early for practice to be ready to go at practice start time. Arriving at the practice start time is considered late.
5. Players are expected to be at the tournaments at least one hour and fifteen minutes before game time. Players who arrive late will not start the game and may not play the game depending on arrival time.
6. Playing time or any concerns should be discussed between the player and coaches. If a parent has a concern, one can arrange to speak to coaches during an appropriate time, generally the 24-hour rule (24 hours after a game or tournament). The topic of these conversations will be confined to your daughter and your concerns.
7. Fees need to be paid in full by the designated time in order to play. If there is a special circumstance, please notify the coach in advance to see if arrangements can be made. If no communication occurs, then the player will not play until paid in full. If past the deadline, the roster spot will be vacated.
8. Players are not to be solicited for private coaching lessons by their Fusion coach. If a parent seeks out the coach for additional coaching, the Program Director needs to be notified.
9. Players should not miss any tournaments unless the absence has been excused. Excused absences from tournaments are generally confined to school functions. Plan on attending all tournaments and practices. Coaches will notify the Program Director of any player absences to tournaments
10. The team will have a player-only huddle after each game to recap highlights. Parents are asked to give the players and coaches' approx. 10 mins after a game for the huddle.
11. Please communicate to coaches if your daughter is leaving practice early or arriving late. Also keep the manager informed if your daughter will be leaving with someone other than her parents after games or practices, or driving herself home in the case of some older players.
12. A female chaperone must be in attendance for all practice and games. A practice may not start unless a female chaperone is present and must end if the chaperone leaves. Please note that if a parent is late in picking up a child, a female chaperone must wait with the child until the parent arrives.
13. The team will use Team Snap as its communication tool. Please check the site frequently to update availability and to view changes. Please record reasons for missing practices or games. If you prefer, you may contact the Coach directly to discuss. It is also a tool to mass email parents and coaches. Text message capability is also available.

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14. Food is not allowed in the dugout during games. Please discuss with the Team Manager if there is a specific need due to health concerns. Good nutrition plays an important part of the player's health and energy. Energy bars, Gatorade, or nutrition bars are acceptable.
15. Players are to remain in the dugout during the game. The team manager may excuse players to use the restroom but we need to know the whereabouts of all the players for their safety. If a player is out of the dugout without permission, she will be removed from the game.
16. Please report any, and all injuries from softball or outside activities to the coaches. Let the coaching staff or team manager know of any issues that may affect the player so we can respond accordingly. If a player suffers an injury that causes her to miss practice/game time, a medical release is required before she will be allowed to participate in practices/games.
17. It is important for team bonding for players to share time off the field during tournaments. Players are encouraged to participate, whenever possible, in team events such as group lunches and dinners.
18. Please encourage your daughter to speak to her coaches herself if she has concerns or questions, rather than having you do the talking for her. We strive for an environment in which players and coaches can communicate with each other easily.

Parent signature

Date

Player signature

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